**BOARD MINUTES OF AUSTIN, MN BRANCH AAUW**

A meeting of the board of the Austin, MN Branch of AAUW was held at 4:30 p.m. on July 10, 2019, at the Austin Public Library. Members of the board in attendance included Carolyn Bogott, Jennifer Lawhead, Jenni Braaten, Barb Hunter, Nicole Cizik, Rae Dawn Rao, Carolyn Rugg, Kerry Bartlett, Evelyn Guentzel and Peggy Benzkofer.

As an introduction, members were asked to give their name and a word that represented what they were feeling.

Nicole presented a proposed budget which shows a positive balance of $4,615. The budget will be presented to the entire membership.

Jeni and Barb presented the programs planned for our 2019-2020 year.

They include:

September 10 Pot Luck Christ Episcopal Church

October 10 Tori Miller, Victim’s Crisis Center

November 12 Speakers on Islam

December 10

January 25 Mary Kunesh Podein Austin Country Club

Equal pay/Violance against women

February 11 Chief McKichan of APD

March Dinners in members’ homes

April 14 Mark Raymond, Austin Public Schools

May Dinner

We have 51 paid up members with two people not renewing. Board members took names of people to contact about rejoining.

Discussed Women’s History Month speakers at Austin High School with several board members making suggestions. The notable woman column will continue in Austin Daily Herald. Members supported continuing the mentoring of scholarship winners. Several vacancies will be coming up on the Pillars of the Community committee.

Carolyn Bogott talked about the book **Waking Up White** and suggested that there could be a special meeting to discuss it. The evening book group has it on the list and all members are invited to attend.

A discussion of the house tour was held. The tour will take place on September 29th. Rae Dawn and Carolyn Rugg are the chairs and one house chair is still needed. Tickets will be $15 each and each member will be expected to sell four. Every member will need to help to staff the houses and ask friends to help as well. There will be an on-line sign up to participate.

A new fund raiser – Story Show – will be held on January 11. People will tell their stories centered around a common theme. Jenni Braaten and Jennifer Lawhead are the chairs.

Thanks to Carolyn Bogott and Jennifer Lawhead for providing delicious snacks for our meeting.

Respectfully submitted: Peggy Benzkofer, Secretary