

Baker Branch AAUW

1/12/2013

The AAUW January meeting and program was held in the Presbyterian meeting room beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 12th. There were fourteen women in attendance. Refreshments were served by Wanda, Debby, and Sue.

For the program part of the meeting, Charlene Chase showed a dvd that gave background information having to do with the book *Half the Sky*. The title comes from a Mao Tse-tung quote, "Women hold up half the sky." The presentation dealt with the exploitation of women (sexually and otherwise), their educational and economical deprivation, and the cruelty dealt them in some countries.

A discussion followed the presentation about women helping women. Some money, \$500, coming from the women's celebration will be donated to Kiva for women to start their own businesses. Then they pay the money back which keeps the money circulating to help other women. We will give our money to the state AAUW to disperse.

The theme of our women's celebration event is *International Women Helping Women*.

Wanda passed around a note from the Elkhorn Adolescent Group thanking AAUW for supporting their students and for the bowling event.

Opportunities coming up:

- need a co-president
- one more nominating committee person
- one program person
- two membership

Dates to remember:

- On January 31st, there will be a meeting at the La Grande Library to discuss forming a AAUW group in La Grande.
- AAUW has the window at the Baker Co. Library reserved for March. Since it is International Women's month, a suggestion was made to use that theme and include something to do with *Half the Sky* in it.
- Women's Celebration on March 12th – "Women Helping Women"
- Board meeting at Wanda's on Monday, January, 14th at 6:30 p.m.
- Next regular monthly meeting on Saturday, February 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Karen Zimmer