

Baker Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes
Monday, September 9, 2013

The AAUW met at 6 p.m. at Zephyrs on Monday, September 11th for the regular monthly meeting. Twelve were in attendance including members, a guest, and guest speaker.

A tasty meal of an Oriental type salad, cookies, and ice cream was prepared and served by Barbara McNeil.

The meeting began with an ice breaker activity in which members and guests gave a brief description of an interesting summer event, trip, or vacation.

Nanette Lehman, Oregon's Teacher of the Year, was the guest speaker and talked to the group about some of the exciting experiences and travels she has had since being given that honor. She has traveled to Washington, D.C. where she met and visited with the President and had lunch at the home of the Vice President with his wife. Nanette was allowed to award a full-ride University of Phoenix scholarship to an honor student from Baker High School. In addition to this, Nanette was given a grant (from Walden University) which she will use to work on her doctorate.

Nanette told us many changes are coming on rather quickly in the educational arena. From her travels and discussions with other educators and legislators, Nanette feels Baker schools are ahead of the game in many areas.

Debby Trapp Roehm gave us information on tuition dollars at work and encouraged us all to make a charitable donation to AAUW Funds. This donation can be sent to Debby and needs to be received by her by Friday, September 20th. "The AAUW awarded \$4.3 million in fellowships and grants to support 278 women in their professional and academic careers in 2012," Debby explained.

For guests and prospective members, Amy Micka gave a brief talk on some of the accomplishments of our local chapter in the past year such as raising funds for Mr. Mitchell's B.M.S. Kiva group, hosting the school board candidates' forum, supporting suits against discrimination, and building awareness of pay equity.

Other items discussed:

- No book sale this year. Need to come up with a different fundraiser idea.
- Sandy Lewis has volunteered to write the newsletters.
- Aletha Bonebrake did an audit for our branch and said everything looks right.
- Need one more person to volunteer for calling tree.
- Sign-ups for refreshments
- March 11th has been set as Women's Celebration date.
- The October 5th meeting will be in La Grande.
- The next **board** meeting is at Barbara Warner's home at 6:30 p.m., Monday, September 16th.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

By:

Karen Zimmer, Secretary