

Regular Monthly Meeting Minutes
Baker Branch AAUW
January 11, 2014

The AAUW met at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, January 11th, 2014 at The Little Pig for the regular monthly meeting. Ten members and three guests were in attendance.

Wanda Raffety, branch president, opened the meeting with an ice breaker activity, *My Hobby*.

January Program:

Gene Button, long time executive director of Step Forward, was the guest speaker for the program portion of the meeting. He explained how Step Forward was established for giving individuals with disabilities vocational training, employment, residential services, and support while giving back to the community. He, also, listed the products manufactured at Step Forward.

Minutes:

The December meeting minutes, which had been emailed to members, were approved.

Program and Membership Report:

There was some discussion about the upcoming Mad Hatter's Tea Party on Feb. 8th at Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall. There will be a hat auction at this event with hats donated by members. Tea service and refreshment sign-up sheets were circulated at the meeting. Although this is a membership drive activity, Danae Simonski encouraged members to bring guests even if they are not ready to become AAUW members at this point.

AAUW Funds Report:

AAUW Funds report was given by Debby Trapp-Roehm. \$995.00 was made at the Christmas auction bringing the total Funds account to \$1,945.00.

Public Policy:

Mickey Edwards, as public policy chair, talked to us about the role of ombudsman and the significance of guardianship. Mickey suggested a good idea for a future program could be, "How to get your stuff together while you still can."

Fund Raising Committee:

Barbara Warner reported that the hat auction will be a sort of “run through” for a future fund raising activity.

New Business:

Discussion centered around completing a nominating committee. Dixie Driggers and Maryalys Urey have committed to this, but one more is needed. Offices to be filled for next year are Finance VP, two Program VPs, Membership, and two Presidents. (Sasha will accept a nomination for Finance VP.)

Announcements:

- Board meeting on February 3rd at Wanda’s at 5:00 p.m. to work on Women’s Celebration.
- Ann Clark will be coming home to Baker on January 17th .
- Add Julie’s phone number to directory. # 541-519-4804
- A memorial book for Zona Clarke was donated to the library.
- Wanda will have surgery on February 26th.
- State Convention April 25th-27th .
- A Women’s Celebration meeting to follow right after this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Karen Zimmer, Secretary