

# **Baker Branch AAUW Regular Meeting**

## **Monday, May 12, 2014**

The Baker Branch AAUW held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Patty Bogart. Nine members were present. President, Wanda Raffety, called the meeting to order at 6 p.m.

Ice Breaker:

The meeting began with an ice breaker, "I met my partner when \_\_\_\_."

Program:

Jim Tomlinson, who is the school district literacy coordinator, talked to us about food insecurity in Baker County. He spoke of different groups such as the Backpack Program, the Bread Drive, and FEED: Feed Everyone Every Day who help feed the hungry. FEED's mission "is to facilitate food and literacy programs for children in Baker County."

Minutes:

The minutes from the April regular meeting were approved and accepted.

Finance Report:

Sasha reported that \$6,126.41 is in our bank account which is \$498.81 over expenses this year to date. Sasha reported Women's Celebration Event ticket sales put \$846.00 into budget. Raffle and Silent Auction brought in \$1,371.00 allowing us to fund a STEM project. Sasha, also, explained we will need to spend \$400.00 to IRS to get reinstated as a non-profit due to a mess-up at national AAUW level.

AAUW Funds/Convention Silent Auction Report:

- Wanda reported that the Baker Branch auctioned off a basket of wine, chocolate, and Mad Hatter's tea party hat for \$42.00 at the Convention fund raiser.
- Silent Auction final total was \$9,046.00. Oregon AAUW EF/LAF received \$6,405.00.

Public Policy Report:

Mickey didn't have anything new to report. Wanda mentioned that we need to learn more about SALSA and public policy since we do not have much information on SALSA at this time.

Bylaws Report:

Maryalys noted that we had to resend a copy of our bylaws to Mary Jo Mayer in case some part needed to be changed, but she has not heard anymore from Mayer. Our bylaws are available on our local branch's web site.

#### Candidate Forum:

Nancy, Dixie, and Mickey put the forum together and it was hugely successful and well attended.

#### Historian's Report:

Barbara was unable to attend this meeting. Wanda shared a notebook which is a history of all the Women's Celebrations. It has pictures of our latest events. Wanda, also, shared a display board made by Barbara.

#### Announcements:

- Dues are due - \$70.00.
- All Member Leadership Retreat will be July 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> at Willamette University.
- 2015 State Convention will be April 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> at Eagle Crest/Central District.
- Wanda has received information that we can no longer call our group Baker-Ontario Branch since Ontario must be referred to as a satellite – Baker Branch and Ontario Satellite.
- Danae has eye surgery May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- AAUW Cards (greeting type). If you don't want to receive these cards, go to the national AAUW site. There is a place where you can select to not receive them. If you keep them and make a donation, report this to Debby who keeps track of all our branch donations.
- Roxanna announced concert in La Grande with Grande Ronde Symphony and Student Symphony on June 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Lynne Burroughs will be in Portland in near future having to do with a health issue.
- Heidi is going to be a MAL member this next year.
- Sandy is planning to have a summer brainstorming session to plan for the 2014-15 year.
- Next meeting and program will be a potluck on Monday, June 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at 6 p.m. Topics will be Convention news and survey. Sandy has volunteered her place if the weather is fair enough to be outside. We will check for an alternate location in case of inclement weather. Karen will check with St. Stephen's as a back-up location.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Karen Zimmer, Secretary