

## **Baker Branch AAUW Regular meeting Minutes**

March 14, 20015

The regular monthly meeting was called to order by co-president, Dixie Driggers, at 9:40 a.m. on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Iron Gate Theater. Twelve members and two guests were present. Dixie introduced district rep, Renee Struthers from Pendleton, who was one of the guests.

**Minutes** from February were read and accepted.

**Finance:** Sasha was not present.

**Membership:** Wanda reported we have thirty-three members, one of which is a dual member. Ontario has five. A student can join as a student affiliate. In order to collect dues for next year, a stamped envelope with the appropriate form will be sent out in April. Dues need to be collected before June 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Bylaws:** Roxanna had nothing new to report. The bylaws are available on the local web site. Co-president, Sandy Lewis, has a copy for anyone needing to read them.

**Nominating Committee:** Dixie and Wanda are on this committee. We need to nominate members for co-president, a co-chair for Patty on programs, and a secretary. Other positions that may need to be filled are public policy, communications, directory, historian, newsletter, and parliamentarian/bylaws. Wanda and Debby have volunteered to co-chair membership. Debby has volunteered to continue with AAUW Funds. Karen will continue to maintain the local web site and has volunteered to work on programs with Patty. Nancy Peyron will be asked to chair forums.

**AAUW Funds:** February's fund raiser brought in \$424.00. Fundraisers for 2014 brought in around \$1,591.00 which allows us to recognize three members. Some suggestions for next year's fundraisers are Thanksgiving, Eleanor Roosevelt's birthday, or the December auction.

**Directory Updates:** Jeanie Bakker's name has changed to Jeanie Bakker Ulman. Wanda suggested we add a page to directory on how to support AAUW programs.

**Pay Equity Day** is April 14<sup>th</sup>. We will be putting together Pay Day candy bars with pay equity information attached at our April 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. These candy bars will be distributed at various locations around town.

**STEM:** Baker AAUW helped fund and advocated for two programs. The *Edison to Lasers* program was in Baker. It was held on Friday, March 13<sup>th</sup>. Ten girls and ten boys attended. *Dinner with a Scientist* is scheduled for April 30<sup>th</sup>. Each school chooses two teachers and each teacher chooses two students. Half the teachers are women.

**Garage Sale:** This sale will be our major fundraiser and will be at Raffety's on May 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Set up will be on Thursday before the sale. Dixie has storage for those needing it. A sign-up sheet was circulated.

**Discussions:** There was not a regular program at this meeting. This time was used for discussing plans for the future of our local branch. Another discussion centered on whether we want to have a spring forum. Boards mentioned were school board, water board, and library board. Wanda will talk to Andrew Bryan about the necessity for a forum.

## Announcements

- State Convention – Eagle Crest, April 17-19<sup>th</sup>. Wanda, Debby, Jill attending and taking raffle basket.
- Special Election – May 19<sup>th</sup>, School Board. Roxanna passed around her petition for signatures.
- Patty Bogart has a new granddaughter born on March 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Lynne Burroughs announced upcoming events at Iron Gate.
- Board meeting 6:30 on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at Earth & Vine. All members welcome.
- Next meeting at 6:15 on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at Baker Public Library. *Women and Fair Trade* by Chelsa Mitchell.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Karen Zimmer, Secretary