Baker Branch AAUW Meeting Minutes, March 5, 2016

The Baker Branch AAUW met at Wanda Raffety’s home at 9:15 a.m. on Saturday, March 5th. Thirteen members and one guest attended.

Our guest speaker was Gina Perkins, owner and editor of The Record-Courier newspaper. Gina gave us information on the history of the newspaper and the role women have played in this history. The paper was originally in Haines and, years later, moved to Baker City. The Record-Courier office is once again in Haines, Oregon. It is in its 115th year. Gina, also, told the stories of other local strong women from a by-gone era (some form her husband’s family) and the interesting challenges they faced.

President Dixie Driggers called the business part of the meeting to order at 10:15. We discussed the Women’s Celebration – Women Minding Their Own Businesses – happening on Thursday, April 7th at Community Connections beginning at 6:30 p.m. We still need ticket takers and hostesses. Aletha and Sandy agreed to take tickets.

Sandy Lewis passed out tickets for members to sell.

Another item on the agenda was pulling together a nominating committee since we will need to elect co-presidents and a secretary. Volunteers for this committee are needed.

Funds report: Debby said our branch gave $1551 to AAUW Funds which allows us to honor three members as Named Gift Honorees. The deadline for contacting Debby about whom you suggest is April 1st. Debby, also, talked to us about Pay Equity Day and is working on pay discrepancy flyer.

Wanda has the food and refreshments lined up for the Celebration. Patty has kept members informed via email on the progress with the auction baskets, and there will be a work party at Patty’s on March 31st at 4:30 p.m. Amber is working on press releases.

Having a candidates’ forum for the May primary election was discussed. Dixie will contact the Baker City Herald to find out if they will co-sponsor. A moderator is needed. Dixie will contact Aletha and Mickey to see if they can help with this.

Karen will contact Malena Wirth about speaking at our May meeting.

A new member, Beth St. John, was introduced who spoke briefly about her endeavors with social currencies and Baker County Unofficial Tourist Bureau, LLC.

Announcements:

* Wanda Raffety and Lucy Hutchins (Ontario Satellite) will be attending Convention April 22-24. Others can go if interested.
* Sandy Lewis announced Best Friends membership drive through Zephyrs.
* Next meeting is at Maryalys Urey’s on Monday, April 4th at 6:15 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

Karen Zimmer, Secretary