

Baker Branch AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

February 1, 2021

Call to Order: The ZOOM board meeting was called to order by President Wanda Raffety at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, February 1, 2021. Those present were Wanda, Katie Bomberger, Betty Palmer, Dr. Heather Rudolph, Darlene Scheler, Debby Trapp Roehm, and Karen Zimmer. The meeting opened with an ice-breaker activity – *Did You Ever Win a Contest?*

Program Vice President: Debby Trapp Roehm

- ✓ Debby enlightened us on what is to come at the February 13 regular meeting which will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. Gretchen Stadler will present information focusing on Neighbors of Baker. Gretchen says, “NOB is a joint project of the Baker County Safe Communities Coalition and Baker Community Justice Project. We just launched our website and social media accounts on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.” Gretchen is, also, involved with the Baker County Justice Project.
- ✓ Debby suggested we might want to revisit the Royal Artisan Virtual Tour “on down the road” for a longer presentation when it is available.
- ✓ March 8 – International Women’s Day. Debby is working on having a presentation by someone who has been an immigrant and has gone through the immigration/citizenship process.
- ✓ Equal Pay Day is April 2, 2021.

Finance Vice President: Sasha Gazley (emailed report)

Our current checking balance: \$ 5771.17

Our current savings balance: \$2981.99

Minutes: Karen Zimmer

January 4th Board Meeting Minutes were emailed to all members. Minutes approved.

Membership Vice President: Darlene Scheler

- ✓ Welcome to new member, Betty Palmer.
- ✓ Darlene reported another new member will be joining soon.
- ✓ Tax slips have been sent out.
- ✓ Membership dues forms will not go out until April but do not have to be in until June.
- ✓ Darlene will get directories to new members.

Facebook/Webmaster: Heather Rudolph

Heather will add updates for February meeting.

Public Policy: Katie Bomberger

- ✓ Prior to the meeting, Katie sent us an email with information about the 2021 Legislative Meetings and these Public Policy topics - Virtual Lobby Day, Look at the AAUW of OR website, What's Made it Into the Legislative Hopper So Far.
- ✓ Two primary bills – H.B. 26238 (an age discrimination task force bill) and a H.B. requiring publicly traded corporations whose principal offices are in Oregon to have a minimum number of women and people from underrepresented communities on their boards of directors.

Committee Reports: Jen Albright and Dixie Driggers (nominating committee)

Wanda Reported:

- ✓ Heather was nominated for co-president with Wanda.
- ✓ Mickey Edwards is willing to be nominated for Programs V.P. if someone will replace her on AAUW Funds Committee.
- ✓ Dixie is working to find someone to replace Sasha Gazley as Finance V.P. Sasha has diligently and professionally done this task for a number of years.

Unfinished Business

- ✓ Branch Strategic Planning Meeting – ZOOM, February 24th at 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- ✓ Wanda said to hold off on **officers' reports** until she gets more information.

New Business

- ✓ Should we use Instagram? Katie will do some checking on ways it may or may not be a good tool for us and get back to us.
- ✓ Special Project Fund. Wanda's board term is expiring June 30th and is looking for someone to step up.
- ✓ Oregon Annual Meeting is April 18th and 20th. An item agenda of interest is *Preschool for All*.
- ✓ Big Read is in March (Dr. Seuss Month). Betty will get more information to send to Heather.

Announcements

- ✓ President's Counterparts #2- Membership How to Build/Rebuild a Branch
- ✓ Mission-related Branch Programs, Anti-racism Series; Bias and Hate and What OR DOJ is Doing to Address It.
- ✓ Understanding the Digital Divide in PreK-12 Education - webinar -National
- ✓ Branch Bulletin Board for posting branch programs, etc. Contact person is Ilga Ross.
- ✓ Only about 20% of National AAUW Budget is financed by members' dues.
- ✓ Let the Pendleton Branch know if you want to watch their program, "Oregon Women as Non-Citizens Enemies" on first Thursday of the month.
- ✓ Next regular meeting (program) ZOOM – Saturday, Feb. 13 at 9:30 a.m.
- ✓ Next Board Meeting ZOOM – Monday, March 1 at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by: Karen Zimmer, Secretary