

Baker Branch March Regular and Program Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 8, 2021

The Baker Branch AAUW met on ZOOM at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 8, 2021. Members present were: President Wanda Raffety, Jenn Albright, Judy Baker, Suzanne Fouty, Lucy Hutchens, Karen King (from Pendleton branch and district rep), Heather Rudolph, Darlene Scheler, Debby Trapp-Roehm, Gretchen Stadler, and Karen Zimmer. Glendi Luna, a Baker High School senior, attended as guest speaker.

Wanda started off with an ice breaker *What's Your Craving?*

Debby gave the group a little historical information on International Women's Day before the program commenced.

Glendi started her presentation by giving some biographical information about herself having been born in the United States to immigrant parents. Her family moved back to Mexico at some point where Glendi could not attend school because tuition was too expensive having not been born there. The family returned to the United States about the time she was ready to start high school where she is working toward becoming a teacher through the Oregon Teacher Pathway Program.

After the program, there was a short business meeting.

Wanda gave information on the convention – AAUW State Annual Meeting to be held on April 18 and April 20 via ZOOM. Baker Branch has two delegates, President Wanda Raffety, and upcoming nominee for co-president, Heather Rudolph. Anyone wishing to be an alternate needs to contact either Wanda or Heather as soon as possible. While any member can attend, only delegates can vote.

- Multnomah County Commissioner Jessica Vega Pederson, former legislator and author of a groundbreaking report, will give a presentation “Pre-School for All” on April 20.
- The AAUW Funds part is on April 18.

Other Discussions:

- Katie Bomberger sent out an email about a top priority bill (House Bill 3110) which was been scheduled to be heard Thursday, March 11 at 1:00 pm. The bill requires publicly traded corporations doing business in Oregon to have a minimum number of women and people from underrepresented communities on their boards of directors.
- Our branch strategic plan has been written and is ready to be sent out to membership to vote to accept or not. (Thank you, Betty Palmer, for formatting it.)
- Darlene Scheler says dues forms will be sent out soon. Send checks to Darlene.
- Fund-Raiser for general funds will be a yard sale at Wanda's at the end of June. Karen made the motion; it received a second from Lucy. Motion was voted on and accepted.
- To vote on officers at April meeting (co-president, finance, and programs)

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by Karen Zimmer, Secretary