

## Baker Branch AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

March 27, 2023

The Monday, March 27 board meeting was held via ZOOM. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. Those attending were Heather Rudolph (president), Katie Bomberger, Betty Palmer, Wanda Raffety, Darlene Scheler, Debby Trapp Roehm, and Karen Zimmer.

**Minutes:** Karen had emailed the February minutes to members prior to the meeting. Minutes were accepted without corrections.

**Finance:** Heather reported for Aletha Bonebrake. Items to note are:

- ✓ Tax exemption has been filed.
- ✓ Aletha is already working on next year's budget.
- ✓ Gross fund stands at \$2,982.67 and checking at \$7,285.82.
- ✓ Expenses outstanding are \$20 to El Erradero and \$100 to Soroptimist Walk-a-Thon.

### Programs:

Betty reported the April program meeting will be at noon on April 12 in Nicole's room – The Future Center at Baker High School. Two or three students from other countries will talk. Pizza will be served.

There was a brief discussion of the March program at which Beverly Calder was the presenter. About 12 people attended and it was described as a "lively conversation and extended meeting."

**Public Policy:** Katie Bomberger reported that an Oregon Public Policy newsletter will be sent out each month now. Katie gave us information on the need for writing letters of support for House Bills members support to State (AAUW).

Katie forwarded an email questionnaire from Claire Berger asking these questions:

1. Is there anything going on in your community that you think should be addressed like regulations, school budgets, city council actions, etc?
2. Is your branch interested in public policy issues?
3. Are there any public policy activities organized in your area? If so, what are they?
4. Do you need any assistance in planning and/or executing public policy in your community?

Betty, Heather, and Wanda were among those who responded.

**Membership:** Darlene reported we have a prospective new member to whom she will be sending a dues form. Darlene will be sending members their dues form very soon noting that dues may be going up a little bit.

**Scholarship:**

- ✓ Dixie was not able to attend but has sent out an email request for volunteers for a scholarship committee. Darlene volunteered. Debby is interested. Betty suggested Nicole but said she could help if Nicole could not. Dixie would like to have around five members.
- ✓ Wanda questioned whether we want to use the term “scholarship” or “award.” Dixie’s input will be valuable.

**Old Business:** The convention is April 14-16 in Ashland, and Heather will be attending.

**New Business:**

Branch Vote:

- ✓ An email will be sent out for voting on the nominations for president and membership vice president for the 2023-2024 year.
- ✓ Bylaw changes for voting at the annual meeting were discussed.

**Announcements:** Wanda has sent out an email to Sue Klumpf of the Grants Pass Branch for information on *Girls Power*.

**Meeting adjourned:** 7:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Karen Zimmer, *Secretary*