

Baker Branch AAUW Board Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2022

The board met at 6 p.m. via ZOOM. Members in attendance were President Heather Rudolph, Katie Bomberger, Mickey Edwards, Betty Palmer, Wanda Raffety, Darlene Scheler, and Karen Zimmer.

Candidates' Forum - Mickey

The meeting began with updates from Mickey Edwards regarding the Candidates' Forum to be held on Thursday, October 20th, 6:00-8:00 pm at BHS High School Commons. Mickey and Aletha will facilitate the forum with Dixie Driggers being the time-keeper. Ads will be published in the paper, and Wanda and Bruce will put fliers around town.

Candidates who have indicated they will be participating at this time:

- All county commissioner candidates
- Three city council candidates
- Unopposed county treasurer candidate who will explain her position and why she should run again

The County Clerk will be attending and will explain how voting takes place in Baker County and the transparency in the process

The participating candidates have been sent the questions they will be asked. Wanda moved that these questions be printed and available to the audience, also. Karen seconded the motion. The motion was voted on and approved.

Programs – Betty

Deon Strommer will be the presenter at 6 pm on Monday, October 3rd at the Future Center (BHS). His presentation will be about his humanitarian effort following disasters (such as Katrina and COVID-19 in New York) dealing with the bodies in a decent, sensitive, and professional manner. Nicole Sullivan is working on fliers for this program.

Corrected Minutes from the August 30 board meeting were approved.

Finance – Heather reported in Aletha's absence

Aletha wishes to hold-off on finalizing the budget because she needs to wait for the “actuals.” Group consensus was to wait for the “actuals.”

Public Policy – Katie

- Public policy information will come through AAUW Communications.
- Heather will forward state directory.

Membership - Darlene

- Resending dues forms to a couple of members
- Darlene is going to make contact with party now living here who used to belong to a Michigan chapter of AAUW.
- Darlene will make contact with a another interested party, also.

Unfinished Business – Wanda

Discussed:

- Raffle for the *Guardian of the Valley* painting if not sold by Nov. 1st
 - Display and sell raffle tickets at the Christmas Bazaar discussed
 - Consensus of the group: mail 5 raffle tickets to all members to sell
- STEM/STEAM email from Dixie. Tabled further discussion until next meeting
- Directory – working on it. May be available at October 3rd meeting
- Time to pay ZOOM
- Sandy Lewis’s Series – next meeting is Thursday, Oct, 27 at 6 pm, *Potatoes, Cattle, and Technology*
- Next board meeting will be on October 24 to avoid having it on Halloween evening.

Adjourned at 7:11 pm

Minutes submitted by Karen Zimmer, secretary