

HEALDSBURG AAUW BRANCH MEETING

January 18, 2016

Ronnie Devitt's home

PRESENT: Ronnie Devitt, Janet Hoehn, Winky Merrill, Lynda Guthrie, Andi Michelsen, Violet Nelson, Deana Fusco, Michele St. Clair, Sue Campbell, Nancy Haiston, Lynda Guthrie, Linda Clark, Heidi Blumenthal, Judy Edmonds

The AAUW Branch meeting was called to order at 4:48 pm. The minutes of the November 16, 2015 meeting were approved. Sue moved and Judy seconded.

Treasurer's Branch Report and Budget Report: Winky reviewed both reports and no changes were noted.

President's Report: Updated Leadership Team list was distributed prior to the meeting.

Nominating Committee Report: Nancy is working setting up a committee to work on filling positions for next year. Was an article in the Chronicle recently regarding Healdsburg. Named Grant Honoree program to be investigated and Nancy will come back to the Board with a proposal.

Involvement in Positive Aging Workshop: Sue to let Carol Hazlett know that she is welcome to write an article for the Grapevine to look for volunteers.

Communications/website update: Response time is not as timely as we'd like for the website. Linda is working on this.

Public Policy Report: Michele wrote and distributed an article to CA branches regarding the issue of human trafficking. A flyer was distributed re: Amazing Women Pilots During WWII luncheon on March 12. Lynda suggested we set up carpools to go to the luncheon in Santa Rosa. Michele still needs more committee members.

Membership update: Currently we have 190 members with 4-5 more pending. Both the Membership Directory and the Personal Information Roster will be updated and online by the end of January.

Community Services:

Our Professional Women's Night in October was very successful. *Attendance:* 7 GEMS girls; 6 professional women in science and technology, including Hala Alshahwany; Nancy, Julie, and Judy.

At the end of the evening one mother who drove 4 girls said she had been impressed by the speakers. Later she emailed that on the way back, she was even more impressed as the

girls raved about the evening – even the two girls who hadn't really wanted to come in the first place.

One girl, a junior at Windsor HS, put in an application to be a dorm mother
GEMS planning is underway for the year.

Reading Rocks

Running smoothly with 11 volunteers and 4 substitutes.

In December we handed out **202** books for the holidays at both Healdsburg Elementary and West Side School.

Book gifts were stories (including photos) in *Hbg Tribune* and *Hbg Patch*

Future Prep: Career Choices and Life Skills

Cloverdale – the library was standing room only with students who heard professionals talk on *Technology*. Liz Loebel facilitated that panel.

Healdsburg –

- o We provided 3 days of volunteers to participate in Eric O'Connor's civics class on community service projects. This was written up in *Tribune*
- o Several of us had fun with Adrienne Brounstein's culinary classes as we helped judge crudités and dips, based on presentation and taste.

Speakers Series: No report.

Social Activities: Lynda brought up that we should consider whether we might charge for some social events (e.g., happy hours, holiday party). Will confirm same venue (Oriental Grange Hall) next year for the holiday party.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary