

AAUW BOARD MINUTES

November 21, 2013

Home of Ronnie Devitt

Present: Sue Campbell, Charlene Luks, Cher Frechette, Karen Danielson, Nancy Haiston, Ann Allan, Gail Wright, Phil Wright, Cathy Chiminello, Ronnie Devitt, Yvonne Hyatt

Absent: Rita Minkin

There were no corrections to the minutes of the October meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Phil made a minor adjustment to the budget regarding Tech Trek. There is now \$1,311.00 under Tech Trek revenue. Phil has an insurance form he can e-mail to those who need to fill it out for an event. There should be a 2 weeks' notice for the form to be filed with the insurance agent.

Holiday Party/School Supplies: Cher said that 50 people have responded they are coming to the holiday party so far. She reminded us it is important to RSVP so they will know how many paper goods will need to be purchased and glasses will need to be rented.

Sue will get a list of school supplies needed from the elementary school principals and will include the list on an e-mail blast to the membership, as well as include the information in the president's letter in the December Grapevine.

Homes Tour Update: Three thousand "save-the-date" postcards are available to be distributed. The important positions for heading up the committees have been filled. There is still a need for a secretary to help Diane Bartleson on the publicity committee and a need for someone to chair a Facebook page and up-date it regularly. Someone Ronnie met with suggested the use of a blog. That would also require an interested person to write and maintain it regularly. A suggestion was made to Gail that the AAUW membership form which new members fill out be updated to include questions about social networking skills.

Since raffle tickets cannot be sold on-line, the Homes Tour committee chairs are discussing ideas for sale of the tickets and how to increase the revenue in creative ways. Two-thirds of the ticket sales last year were to AAUW members. Four homes have been confirmed and two are close to being confirmed.

Tech Trek Fund-Raising: Charlene reported our goal has almost been met. The question was asked, "If we raise more than our goal, should the money be rolled over?" Sue will bring before the board at a future meeting what the new camp director will need to purchase new computers.

Membership Badges/New Buddy Chair: Gail said we now have 164 members and 39 have ordered new badges. We have gained 16 members since July 1. The new Buddy chair is Pat Bertapelle.

Public Policy E-mail Blasts: Ann discussed the policy issues that come from the National AAUW. She asked if we thought they are core to our mission and goals as a local organization and if she should send out an e-mail blast regarding specific issues. Sue suggested Ann write an article for the Grapevine and list the issues succinctly, providing a link that would provide more complete information to anyone interested. Nancy mentioned she wrote two articles about the Great Decisions discussion group for the Grapevine and now the group has reached maximum capacity. A new group will be formed when there are a total of 20 members between the existing group and the waiting list.

Recruitment: In order to let the membership know about the need for a social media chair and a person to help with the Homes tour publicity, an article should be written for the Grapevine. Gail will also add a line on the membership form regarding social media interests and skills.

New Business: The decision was made to make the board meeting minutes available on the web site for the general membership after the minutes are approved. About ½ of the members have had their pictures taken for the directory. We made the decision to have a photographer available twice a year, at the kick-off meeting in the fall and at the new member coffee. A back-up person for Al Loebel is a good idea.

Items for Next Board Meeting: Sue reminded us the next meeting is on January 16 at the high school. The items to be discussed will include the Bulletin Board evaluation, the state convention and the Sally Lyle fund. As a reminder, the March meeting will be at Cher Frechette's home on March 16.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Hyatt, Recording Secretary