

Seaside AAUW Branch Meeting
January 20, 2018
10:00 a.m.

The meeting was preceded by a panel discussion featuring various community agencies that serve local at-risk youth. Members of the panel included Meghan McKee (Clatsop Behavioral Health), Georgina Jones (VOCA), Alexis Baska and Isaiah Paloma (Foster Club), and Julia Mabry (CASA).

The meeting was called to order by Lorrie Morris, acting president, at the Foster Club in Seaside. Thirteen members were present. Carol Brenneman introduced Cheri Folk and welcomed her to the group.

Minutes:

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer, Gini Dideum, reported that there is currently \$3,905.95 in the treasury.

Membership: Pat Rowland shared that she will continue as Membership VP for the remainder of the year. Members were also informed that Majestic Deluz, H.S. student supporter who shares enthusiasm for the mission of AAUW, may be as active as she wishes in the organization.

Foundation:

Foundation treasurer, Linda Schaeffer, reported that the Scholarship Foundation currently has \$18,497.14 in the money market account and \$22,256.96 in a Franklin-Templeton investment account. Assets at the end of 2017 totaled \$44,040.88. An End of the Year Report of 2017 income and expenditures was distributed to members in attendance.

Helen Gronquist reported that mass mailing for donations were very successful and brought in over \$4,000 for the Foundation. Linda Schaeffer told us \$480 has been received so far for the Bowling Party fundraiser which will take place on Sunday, January 28. Carol Brenneman reminded us that the Fashion Show will be held on Saturday, May 12.

It was announced that Sheila Roley, nominated by Carol Brenneman, will be the 2018 recipient of the AAUW of Oregon 2018 Breaking Barriers Achievement Award. Sheila had previously received the Seaside Branch Breaking Barriers Achievement Award at our 2017 Fashion Show.

WINGS:

Karen Beck thanked everyone for posting WINGS flyers in the community. Letters also went out to area churches. Karen asked for additional AAUW members to assist with registration and childcare at the conference. At least one additional volunteer is still needed to help with morning registration on February 10.

Public Policy

Gini Dideum reported that all state officers have been asked to give presentations in their communities on Equal Pay. Gini has recently presented to the Seaside Downtown Development Association.

Interest Groups:

Book group will discuss *Long Way Down* by Jason Reynolds on Tuesday, February 6. The group will meet at Dooger's for lunch at 11:45 and the book discussion will begin at 1:00.

Movie group will be reviewing *Brooklyn* from 3:00-5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 20 at Nancy Kruger's home. Pat Rowland will moderate.

Walking group meets every Friday at 9:30. Last week they met at the Cannery Pier Hotel in Astoria, where many spent the night, and walked along the Columbia River to the Maritime Museum. Since places for the walking vary, it is suggested that anyone interested in joining the group contact Diana McLoughlin to be receive the weekly emails.

Birthday lunch bunch will next meet at Gearhart Crossing at noon on Monday, January 29.

New Business

Sarah Dailey informed us that a record 949 tickets were sold for the Wine Walk last fall. In response to feedback on ticket sales for the fall SDDA event, a few changes are being planned for the spring Wine Walk. Plans include an additional location for wine glass sales and credit/debit card capabilities at all sale locations. Presale tickets will be available for purchase on February 1. The spring Wine Walk will take place on Saturday, May 19.

Carol Brenneman presented Linda Schaeffer with a bouquet of paint brushes for Trails End on behalf of the Seaside AAUW in appreciation of hosting and leading the art activity at the December meeting.

Libby Allen and Pat Lehman distributed a state AAUW survey regarding state conventions, retreats, and trainings. Members are asked to bring completed surveys to the February meeting on February 17 at Nancy Kruger's home.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Submitted by Lila Moore
Acting Secretary