AAUW Board Meeting – October 3, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Present: Terri Bawden, Patricia Griffith, Linda Hendrick, Shelli Parfitt, Bonnie Underwood, Trish Wilson

Patricia called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and the agenda and minutes were approved. Fundraising discussion will be included if time permits.

1. October meeting: Trish has been in contact with campers and two have confirmed so far and she has left messages for the others. Potentially we have six campers. Trish has contacted some additional guests with Tech Trek experience and is looking forward to attending a Tech Trek Visioning meeting soon. She will introduce the students who will arrive around 6:45. We decided to serve light refreshments: Bonnie will make coffee and tea; Linda will make cookies. Bonnie will contact Bunny to ensure the calling committee reaches out to encourage members to attend and show their support for this program. Patricia will show Tech Trek videos in lieu of a Power Point presentation. Although the new camera technology has been ordered, we may wait to use it when there is more time to get acquainted with the equipment.
2. November meeting ideas were discussed. Bonnie and Trish will reach out to Days for Girls author, Celeste Mergen; Trish will get contact information for a woman in Jazz speaker; Artists Jennifer Bowman and Kailey Anderson were also considered as potential speakers; Patricia will give a branch status report if none of these speakers is available.
3. Website update: Patricia is working with our existing website and will report on progress at the next board meeting. She is using the Seattle website as a model.
4. Calendar sales are behind our projection and Patricia is trying to get a spot at the Holiday Farmers Market. We still have 174 calendars to sell. Trish suggested looking for a location at the tree lighting event. Shelly submitted her report prior to the meeting. We currently have $14,600 in mermen funds.
5. Membership: Terri reports that we currently have 34 members.  Two more have expressed interest and she and Patricia are meeting with them to explore membership. The State AAUW Membership group is working on a Google Drive page featuring a Toolkit that would provide samples and templates in several subject areas such as:  Brochures, Expertise, Fundraising, Graphics, Media, Newsletters, Program Suggestions.  It would be a central site for branches to get ideas and share ideas. They are also trying to figure out how to support sister branches. The Lewis County branch has a committee called Sunshine Group that matches up Branch Buddies for new members.  They also send out birthday cards and call members who need support.
6. WorkSmart program: Patricia is working with Kelsey and Trish to create a trial program with help from Pam Collins.
7. Fundraising ideas: Gather artwork from local artists to create Christmas cards for sale. A car show and Walk-A-Thon were also mentioned.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Underwood, Secretary