**AAUW Board Meeting – June 4, 2024, 7:00 p.m. on zoom**

**Present**: Terri Bawden, Barbara Benson, Pam Collins, Linda Hendrick, Patricia Griffith, Bonnie Underwood

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and the agenda and May minutes were approved. Patricia made note that there will be a reference to Reading is Fundamental in the next newsletter.
2. **Board officers**: Pam Collins has agreed to be Co-President with Patricia in the coming year and Kim Waller has agreed to be the Program Chair.
3. **Open Vote**: Although there is some talk at national about issues with ballots and email addresses, currently the vote for dropping educational requirements did not pass.

* Terri made a motion, seconded by Paticia as follows: The branch will return to including a membership option called “Friends of the Anacortes Branch.” Branch dues will be collected, and participants will be allowed to chair committees, but not hold elected offices. The motion passed.

1. **Presidents’ Meeting**: Patricia reported that our national organization is endowment rich and cash poor. It was agreed we would reinstate having a potluck with the proceeds to go to the ‘greatest need’ fund at national. This would most likely increase our star rating from 2 to 3 stars. Patricia will check with Skagit Commons to see if there is a possible date.
2. **Community Outreach**: Patricia will check on possible dates in August for us to have a booth at Farmers Market. This is a good opportunity to increase our presence in the community as well as sell calendars. In the past we have done this in September, but Trish is trying to organize a volunteer event at the library in September.
3. **Summer Book Talk**: Patricia will check the library meeting room for a July Saturday with the theme of Summertime.
4. **Membership**: Currently we have 35 members with 15-17 needing to renew by June 30.
   1. A reminder will be in the June newsletter. Board members will make calls after June 30 to talk to members about their reasons for not renewing.
   2. Our September meeting will be another “State of the Branch” update and will include opportunities to survey members and discuss ways to encourage membership. It may include having a potluck or group dinner prior to the meeting.
5. **Tech Trek**: Trish reported to Patricia that we will have 3 students at camp this year as one dropped out. Kim Waller has shown interest in volunteering at the camp and several people are considering attending the visitors’ day event.
6. **June Annual Meeting**:
   1. STEM candidates just learned of their status, so we are not sure how many of the three chosen will attend. Barbara has contacted all 8 of the scholarship recipients, who have all agreed to attend either in person or on-line. No amounts of scholarships will be mentioned.
   2. There will be an election and installation ceremony for Pam Collins and the membership will also vote on the proposed changes to our bylaws.
   3. Linda will provide the script.
   4. Cookies and canned drinks will be provided by Linda, Bonnie, and Patricia.
7. **Board Retreat**: August 10 has been set for the retreat and we are waiting to see who will host it.
8. **Mermen**: All sponsors have made their payments, and we currently have 11 registered mermen with several more possibly registering before the deadline next week.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Bonnie Underwood, Secretary