**Minutes of the July 27, 2018 AAUW Meeting**

at the home of Kathleen Wilson

**Attending: Betty Weber, Linda Jaster, Beth Franklin, Karla Marroquin, Chris Wertheim, Jean Clune, Jody Shattuck-McNally, Stell Barrett, Ellen Thomerson, Carol Fortin, Margie Johnson, Wanda Marker, Judy Pitcher, Kathy Wilson, Martha DiCicco**

This meeting was held to talk about the future of our branch since we did not have a president for the next year. We went around the room giving everyone a chance to give comments, ideas, etc. and they are listed in no particular order except for the fact that **Karla and Wanda volunteered to be co-presidents for the next year!**

Carol Fortin volunteered to host the September membership meeting which will be September 17 at 6:30 pm. (Loveland Loves to Read author Anthony Doerr is speaking on our regular meeting night.)

Kathy Wilson will continue to keep up the web page and Facebook page. Betty Weber will be the treasurer next year and Di Worner will be secretary. Claudia will continue on membership but those at the meeting weren’t sure about Linda.

Need to have a system to contact members who don’t rejoin or new people to attend meetings to tell them more about the organization. Do we still have a guest book?

The group agreed that we had excellent programs last year. Margie Johnson volunteered to again be co-program chair with Martha for the next year. If you have program ideas please contact one of the co-chairs soon.

Ellen mentioned Conversations with Authors will be Saturday, October 13. Publicity bookmarks are available. Karla has some and some are at the library. If you are in another book club, please get some to give to those people.

We talked about a possible Fashion Show Fundraiser in the room above the Rialto possibly next March with clothes from stores owned by women downtown. Wanda wants to help with this if it happens. Other suggestions were celeb models and a downtown hair salon doing hair. High school girls may want to help.

Jody suggested a “Leadership 101” for new members and/or new officers.

Each officer should be given a list of duties of that office – also suggested national website as good resource.

Next year we need to have a nominating committee.

Jody mentioned that there are some local artists talking about doing a big event with the collaboration from other groups to celebrate the anniversary of the passing of the 19th amendment (June 4, 1919) and we may want to be part of that.

We talked about ways new members could get to know other members. Estelle volunteered to put together some social events. She mentioned a possible questionnaire to determine interests. She also talked about MaidenName.com which she will be starting soon – a way you can find the location and current name of people you knew by their maiden name. She even sees ways this could be a fundraiser for national AAUW if she gave part of the subscription price to national for their publicity.

We will see if we can again meet at ArtSpace. Also, Lenina offered the Lincoln Gallery as a possible meeting space for a program next year.

Beth volunteered to chair the Scholarship Committee but will be gone the first three months of the year. She will be doing research in Spain as part of her sabbatical.

Jody invited us all to the We Will Rise event on Saturday afternoon at 1:30 in the room above the Rialto and/or Saturday evening, August 11 at 6:00 – during the weekend of the Sculpture Show. Jane DeDecker was one of four finalists for a sculpture in New York City commemorating the 19th anniversary of the 19th amendment, and a tour of her studio is scheduled as part of the 6:00pm portion of the day. There is a group of people crowd sourcing the possibility of putting her sculpture up in Washington D.C. There will also be some candidates for office at these events. Jane will be showing and talking about the model of her sculpture during the afternoon and in the evening she is opening her studio behind the Muse Coffee Shop for guests to see. (Kathy also sent everyone a link to the information about this event.)

Martha volunteered to put together a master schedule of the year for the officers.

At the first meeting of the AAUW Loveland Book Club please select a new person coordinate the group. LaDonna Palm will not be assuming that role in the coming year. Please let Kathy Wilson know who will head the Book Club, so she can update that information on the website.

Minutes compiled by notes taken by Martha and Ellen as the secretary was out of town.