**Minutes**

**AAUW Planning Meeting**

**Sept. 11, 2018 – home of Wanda Marker**

**Attending: Wanda Marker, Karla Marroquin, Kathy Wilson, Linda Jaster, Marjie Johnson, Linda French, Claudia Ward, Estelle Barrett, Martha DiCicco**

Karla shared about the Leadership Conference she and Wanda attended in August. Kim Churches, the AAUW CEO was there and spoke about emphasizing the mission of AAUW as a way of gaining membership. One of the big focuses now is pay equity. Start Smart – the former workshop of salary negotiation – is now available as a 75 minute on-line program. There was some discussion about having a program where there are computers available to invite women to find out about this program. Claudia was going to see if a computer room was available at AIMS.

Martha and Marjie shared about programs for the next year. There will be a handout given out at the September meeting. It was suggested that we meet again at Biaggi’s but make it a reservation lunch so that people have to pay if they don’t come. The group talked about providing programs that will appeal to younger women. There will also be information about the year’s programs on the website.

We will talk later about whether there is a charity we would like to support at our December meeting.

There has been a communication glitch in who gets information about new members. Linda or Claudia will make a form that includes the information we would like to have locally and the information national needs which will be available for new members to fill out. Copies can be made so that it is available for the directory and for the treasurer.

Wanda said she thought it would be good if we had a booklet of information about our branch including hobbies and jobs of members. She will ask a task force to work on this.

Wanda also talked about the sculpture Jane DeDecker submitted to a committee who wanted a sculpture in Central Park, New York City celebrating the anniversary of the 19th amendment. She was a finalist but not the winner of this competition. A group is now working to see if they can find space in Washington, DC where the sculpture could be. She suggested that we could put information out at Conversations or one of our meetings. Donations will also be needed in order for this to happen. Jane would also be a good program for next year 2019-20 as this anniversary is celebrated.

Betty Weber could not attend but will have a proposed budget for the September meeting. We have 32 members at this time.

We talked about Conversations with Authors. It was suggested that it would be good if people could register online. Stel suggested she had a nephew who might be able to help us with setting this up.

Fundraisers – The Flower Sale did very well this year. Conversations is coming up in October with some changes in time, number of authors, and cost. It was decided we will again donate books we have read to our regular meetings so that others can pick them up to read for a donation. We will again write letters to Santa and Claudia volunteered to get the letter templates ready.

Hospitality – There will be a sign up sheet at the meeting on Monday.

We will ask for someone to be the Sunshine person – sending cards to people. Perhaps that person could also coordinate asking members to help other members with rides.

Stel is working on planning some social events. She is looking at having a Happy Hour event once a month with the first one being at West End.

It was suggested that realtors might be willing to give out brochures about AAUW to people moving to Loveland. Someone was going to check on that. Perhaps we could also post on Next Door.

We are co-sponsoring a meeting on the Mental Health Initiative on September 24.

Submitted by Martha DiCicco, substituting as secretary