AAUW Meeting

Sept. 2018

Carol Fortin hosted the AAUW Kick Off Social. The meeting was held in her beautiful backyard and we were able to reconnect with people while enjoying food and beverages. A special thanks to Carol for a wonderful evening!

Meeting Minutes:

Introductions:

Martha Worner introduced Nicole Pedraza. She works in audiology for Sam’s Club. She recently moved her from Arizona. She graduated from UNC, in Greeley.

Karla reiterated the Mission of AAUW: To advance equity for women through research, advocacy, and education. Karla and Wanda shared some of the information they gained by attending the National AAUW Leadership Conference this summer. One of the goals at the national and state levels is to increase membership by emphasizing the AAUW mission. We are encouraged to invite anyone member or not, college graduate or not to attend our meetings. We want people to be able to hear our presentations and to become more familiar with AAUW. We want people to know that AAUW is an organization for women supporting women’s issues.

**Social Events**

Estelle Barnett is organizing some social events for our members and guests to participate in throughout the upcoming year.

She is calling it “Let’s Get Social”

She surveyed the group to see what events they would be most likely to attend. Some of the events suggested were:

* Happy Hour- West End will supply appetizers for free as long as we plan an event on a weeknight.
* Pot luck dinner at member’s homes
* Coffee
* CBD Event

**Programs**

Martha and Marjie reviewed a view of the programs that are planned for the year.

* Sam Betters will talk about the future of affordable housing in Loveland.
* Alexandra Lessem (scholarship recipient) will speak about the benefits of a plant-based diet, which was here thesis presentation.
* Ronnie Johnson Boggart will share her love of aviation and passion to see females explore aviation as a career path.

**Budget**

The budget was proposed, amended, and voted on by the committee.

We currently have $3075.00 in the bank.

**Conversations with Authors**

Conversations with Authors will take place on Oct. 13 from 9-12:00AM. It will be held at the Best Western Crossroads Inn and Conference Center.

Kaia Anderson and Charlotte HInger will be the authors who will be speaking. A Brunch will be served at the event.

You can purchase tickets now from Betty Weber. The deadline for purchasing tickets is Oct. 6th.

Some members are also planning to attend the Loveland Art Show in the afternoon of Oct. 6th.

**Announcements**

Jody McNally shared information about the sculpture that Loveland sculptor, Jane DeDecker created in honor of the women’s suffragette movement.

Jody talked about the efforts to get the sculpture placed in the National Mall in Washington D.C. Jody emphasized how very few sculptures nationwide focus on women or women’s issues.

There is talk about forming a book club to bring attention to the issue of women’s suffrage. It could be a virtual/ face to face or both.

Karen Danbaum volunteered to be responsible for the Sunshine committee responsibilities.

There was a proposal made to put together a transportation schedule to organize rides for our members who cannot drive to the AAUW meetings and events.

The meeting was adjourned.

***The next meeting will take place on October 22, from 6:30-8:30PM. It will be held at the Artspace.***