

Greater Naples Branch of AAUW

Annual Meeting

The Strand

Saturday, April 6, 2013

The meeting was called to order at 12:37 p.m. Ellen Granger, president, welcomed all of those in attendance.

Rose DiBiasi, local scholarships chair, introduced the winners in attendance: Renee Marie Crivello, FGCU, Special Education; Debbie Forges, ESC, Health Information Technician; Jennifer Hiscock, St. Petersburg College, Veterinary Technician; Irene Lopez, ESC, Education; Irene Mursoi, ESC, Nursing; Nayibis Pachero, ESC, Education; Yosiel Viller, ESC, Nursing; and Jennifer Wheeler, ESC, Elementary Education. Darita Jaimes, ESC, Business Management, and Sparkle Simmons, FGCU, Psychology, could not be in attendance.

Vi Steffan gave the treasurer's report for Michele Martin, Director of Finance, who could not be in attendance. The checking account has a balance of \$7,569, and the money market has a balance of \$12,048. Income to date is \$7,907.13, and expenses to date are \$5,539.35 with a positive net balance of \$2,367.78.

Donna Walker reported on Educational Opportunities on a national level of AAUW.

Janet Welch reported on the legal advocacy efforts of the national AAUW.

Karen Clegg and Mary Schell were acknowledged for their volunteer efforts on behalf of AAUW and the community.

Ellen Granger introduced Jackie Pierce, parliamentarian, for the installation of officers.

First to be acknowledged were retiring officers: Kathy Ryan, program; Karen Clegg, membership; Nancy Palvino, membership; Janet Welch, legal advocacy; and Rose DiBiasi, local scholarships.

Next were those in new or continuing positions: Susie Mehas, vice-president and program; Nadine Wells, school and community relations and local scholarships; Lisa Brice, finance; Rose Ford, membership; Robin Birnhak, legal advocacy; and Vi Steffan, communications.

Next were those continuing: Ellen Granger, president; Glenda Struthers, recording secretary; Florence Chandler, public policy; Donna Walker, Educational Opportunities; Michele Martin, treasurer; Judy Simoni, corresponding secretary; and Jackie Pierce, parliamentarian.

Jackie Pierce announced the vote on whether to continue with the Women of Achievement Benefit. The vote was 30 No, 11 Yes, and 2 abstentions.

Kathy Ryan announced the continuation of the summer monthly dinner get-togethers. Those interested should contact Kathy or Jean Candy.

Harriett Lancaster announced the first Collier County Conference on Aging April 10, 2013.

Susie Mehas requested program ideas for 2013-14 be sent to her.

Ellen Granger announce equal pay day April 9, 2013.

Karen Clegg announced receiving a grant for RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) from Macy's. This will allow the continuation of the program this school year and into the next.

Ellen Granger asked if there was interest in a group cruise on the Naples Princess. There was. Ellen also commented on National AAUW's Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), May 30 – June 1, 2013.

Vi Steffan asked if there is interest in continuing with the adopt-a-precinct program sponsored by the Supervisor of Elections Office. There was none.

The meeting adjourned at 1:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Ryan