

Greater Naples AAUW Monthly Meeting
Saturday, November 2, 2013
Hodges University
Minutes of the Meeting

1. President Ellen Granger welcomed participants and introduced Susie Mehas

2. Susie introduced speaker, Dr. Allen Weiss of NCH whose presentation was titled "Creating Our Future: Innovations in Healthcare"
 - Dr Weiss stressed the need to embrace changes in health care system from the introduction of new technological devices through the use of online patient records
 - He stated the focus is now on prevention and there is tremendous work being done through community connections
 - Goal is to keep people out of the hospital and new technology can help with that process
 - Would like to see SWFL become a "Blue Zone" which indicates the healthiest of communities
 - Questions were addressed

3. Nancy Palvino introduced 6 guests and new members

4. Motion to approve October 2013 meeting minutes by Susie Mehas, seconded by Nadine Wells

5. Vi Steffan introduced the new GNAAUW website
 - A handout was distributed outlining the items under each tab
 - Vi walked through the tabs and explained where to find specific information
 - The members only section password is "women"
 - Pay Pal will be forthcoming along with a search capability to find members by name
 - Vi thanked Birgit Pauli-Haack for her time, knowledge and support in the development of the website

6. Donna Walker shared the Survey Monkey survey results
 - 49 members completed the survey
 - Results will be used as a guide in planning for GNAAUW

Trending comments:

Would like Talks and Tours

Donna asked for someone to be the organizer

Emphasis on bringing younger women into the organization

Personal contact from members to new members

More casual social events

7. Janet Welch shared information about RIF (Reading is Fundamental)
Janet was joined by Judith Blackburn and Jean Candy who both spoke about the program
Already this year 3200 students in 5 schools received a book
Schools selected based on free and reduced lunch count
Federal funding was cut last year
Private grant from Macy's allowed for funding this summer/fall
That grant is complete
Books are \$2.00 each, if members write a check should mark "RIF"
Will look for grants for the spring
8. Ellen announced that scholarship forms are available at each meeting
Still doing named scholarships
Scholar Bowl sign up sheets are at each meeting
Mary Schell is taking names for STEM volunteers
STEM Girls Count – February 8, 2014
9. GNAAUW was recognized for the largest amount of donations to national funds beating out Venice which has 350 members
10. Next meeting December 7, 2013
Christmas party will be at Grey Oaks December 13. Check website for pay forms