



**General Meeting
September 13, 2018
Fairway Community
Center**

Members Present: There were 23 members present.

Welcome New Members & Guests:

Co-president Patricia Watters welcomed everyone, introduced guests, and new members. Carol Eyre introduced our speaker April Shackelford, a forester at North Lake Tahoe Fire Protection District. April shared a power point/slide presentation on the topic of Living in a Fire Prone Ecosystem and how Smart Defensible Space practices can make our communities safer and our forest healthier. April reported that our forests are unnaturally dense and unhealthy which increases their demand for water and nutrients, causing more bark beetles and diseases. A forest that has the brush/scrubs and dead trees removed is a much healthier forest. April also reported that the majority of fires are caused by human negligence.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Call to Order: Co-president Patricia Watters called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. Patricia thanked Rachael Swift for the refreshments. Patricia also called on Cheryl Allen, membership co-chair to make a report. Cheryl Allen announced that the printed directories were available to purchase for \$10.00 to members and were free to all new members. Cheryl also announced that our branch is part of Shape the Future program which means there is a free membership available for every 2 new members that join our branch.

OLD BUSINESS:

President's Report -

Co-president Patricia Watters reported that a Leadership Planning Workshop had been held at her home in June. Members of the Leadership Team discussed ideas to make our AAUW Branch more relevant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Truckee Fourth of July Parade Participation - Co-president Ann Yuhas asked if any members would be interested in participating in the Truckee 4th of July parade i.e. driving an old car with AAUW Banner.

Mentoring at Sierra College – Co-president Ann Yuhas asked members to let her know if they were interested in mentoring college students from Sierra College.

Winter Party - Co-president Patricia Watters announced that the winter party will be on December 13th at a restaurant yet to be determined.

INTEREST GROUP REPORTS:

Book Group – Mary Koons reported that the September meeting would be in Reno with author Kjerstin Gruys, Ph.D. of Mirror, Mirror off the Wall.

Great Decisions – Sharon Filardo reported that there would be a change of venue for the September meeting. Great Decisions will be at Dana Loury's home on September 18th from 10:00-12:00.

In-Stitches – Nancy Cline reported that the September meeting would be at 2:00 on September 19th at her home.

Gourmet – Pat Castellucci reported that they have 31 members and are still taking signups.

For all the other Interest Groups, see the Newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:33 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. Meri McEneny reported that she had attended a Tahoe League for Charity luncheon and received a grant in the amount of \$850 for Tech Trek.
2. Ellen Magnani and Nancy Cline announced that past president Margy Arthur has been diagnosed with cancer.

Respectfully submitted by
Sharon Filardo, Recording Secretary

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