## AAUW STORRS WILLIMANTIC BRANCH

## MEETNG MINUTES - MAY 4. 2016

We met at the Labyrinth on the campus of ECSU at 5:15 p.m. and were introduced to the meaning of the Labyrinth by Nanette Tummers, Professor in the Health and Physical Education at ECSU. Members present walked the path of the Labyrinth and convened afterward in the President's Dining Room for more explanation of the Labyrinth. Carol Williams made all the arrangements for this program in advance with Dr. Tummers. She also had notebooks with the imprint of the Labyrinth as gifts to everyone. Members commented on their experiences until dinner at 6:30.

Business Meeting convened at 7:25 p.m.

President's Message: Iris Aldorf introduced her two guests, and Susan Eastwood introduced her guest.

By-Laws: Denise Bachand updated our by-laws and the following motions were made and voted on:

Motion to accept the changes to by-laws Article I-IV to conform to the mandatory changes presented by National AAUW.

Motion to accept the changes to by-laws X-XVII to conform to the mandatory changes presented by National AAUW.

Motion to accept the changes to the by-laws Articles V-IX to conform to the changes suggested by the National AAUW.

All motions were approved. Thank you to Denise for doing this mandatory work.

Public Policy: Catherine Sampson spoke about the importance of voting in the fall presidential election.

Other Business/Comments: Loretta Wroebel spoke about the work of the Windham Area Women & Girls Foundation. She also spoke about going to the Gorilla Girls event at UConn that focuses on women in the arts and is now on exhibit there.

Francine Hodovan announced that she is not going to take a second term as president. Denise Bachand thanked Francine for the two years she served as president.

The book drawing gifts were won by Susan Eastwood, Charlotte Pyle, Sandy Ferguson and Iris' guest Johnalyn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sue E. Harkness, Acting Secretary