

AAUW
Eastern Connecticut State University
October 2, 2013

Co-President Catherine Sampson called the meeting to order at 5:45. She stated that we now have 45 members who have paid their dues. Sixteen members were present at the meeting.

Pamela Thompson, who is chairing the nominating committee, stated that the positions open for the forthcoming year are: President, Program Chair, and Corresponding Secretary. Francine Hodovan has agreed to continue as Recording Secretary. Voting on these positions will take place in April and urged members to volunteer to take over these positions.

Co-President Sampson stated that the Holiday program will be at Susan Meisler's home. Details will be forthcoming. The Holiday program will benefit the soup kitchen, and baby items are especially needed. Terry Brown stated that the Holiday Program will also benefit the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Pamela Thompson spoke that the Book Author Event to benefit the Educational Opportunities Fund will be on October 12, 2013. Christine LeClair will be the speaker. We need to raise \$25.00 per member for the E.O.F., which is tax deductible.

Pamela also spoke about the Elizabeth Jordan scholarship. The \$1,000 scholarship is for a woman entering her junior year of college from either Eastern or UCONN. Application of the scholarship must be made by the middle of March.

The four young women from Coventry and E.O. Smith High Schools which we sent to Girls' State, were invited to attend the meeting, but could not.

Denise Bachand stated that the newsletter would be on the website. Kay McNabb stated that announcements for the AAUW meeting were in the Reminder and The Chronicle.

The raffles were won by Terry Brown, Peggy McKleroy, Denise Bachand, Joan Goba and Kathleen Gagnon.

After dinner, Co-President Sampson introduced the speaker, Shannon Sullivan, the Assistant Director of the Connecticut Girl Scouts.

Ms. Sullivan stated that the Girl Scouts is the largest organization serving girls in the state. There are five councils across the state, with 3,000 troops, and its mission is to promote courage, confidence and character. The organization is over 100 years old and incorporates 2 ½ million girls in the U.S.A. It was started in 1912 by Juliette Gordon Lowe. The highest award a girl can reach is the Gold Award obtained by doing a sustainable project. Only 4-6% of Girl Scouts achieve the Gold Award as it takes 80 hours of researching issues, assessing community needs and resources, building a team and making a sustainable impact in their community.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully submitted by
Ann Lojzim for Francine Hodovan, Recording Secretary. .