



WENATCHEE BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN

Meeting Notes March 16, 2016

Welcome and Introductions

Our President, Reimi Marden, called the meeting to order. Our mission, vision and objectives were reviewed. Evergreen members were introduced: Virginia Murphy and George Riggleman. We read the BPW Collect. New members and guests were introduced. Susan Lipson, President of Washington BPW, and Rosalyn Vasquez, Membership Committee Chair, Washington BPW were introduced.

Meeting Sponsor

Our sponsor is GWATA, the Greater Wenatchee Area Technology Alliance. Jenny Napier, Executive Director of GWATA, described the purpose of GWATA. Its focus is technology, entrepreneurship, and STEM education. Jenny encouraged nominees for and attendance at the upcoming Innovators Awards Luncheon on March 29, 2016, from noon to 1:30.

Approval of Minutes

February minutes were approved with one correction: Kelly Allen is newly elected Chelan City Council Member, not County Council Member

Treasurer's Report

Wenatchee BPW Treasurer Marie Gooch reported \$9,210.32 in checking account and \$5099.38 in our savings account.

Program

In recognition of Women's History Month, Wenatchee BPW presented books to the local high school libraries. This year we presented copies of *When Everything Changed, The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1980 to the Present* by Gail Collins.

Young Careerist Program. Our Young Careerist, Elizabeth Garcia, was introduced by her mentor our an YC Chair, Carissa Blair. Elizabeth spoke to us about the role of women and we mix personal and professional ambitions. Elizabeth is a Personal Banker for Washington Trust Bank and is pursuing her BA degree at Wenatchee Valley College. Elizabeth will represent Wenatchee BPW at the YC state competition in a few weeks. Great job Elizabeth!

Committee Reports

Membership Committee – Stefanie Clift, Chair

- Committee fair is next month.

Program Committee – Kate Taylor

- Let Kate know of any ideas for speakers

Nominating Committee – Debbie Feist

- We have nominees for President (Wendy DelPaz), Vice President (Kate Taylor) and Treasurer (Marie Gooch) and Secretary (Debbie Smith). Darlene Leenders is nominated to chair the Nominating Committee.

Scholarship Committee – Diana Haglund

- Mature Women Scholarship applications are available on our website. They can be mailed or emailed to us. Applications are due by May 23, 2016.

Other Information

BPW Wenatchee Board Meeting – April 6, 2016 noon at Pybus

Next General Membership Meeting: Wednesday, April 20, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen McNalty
Secretary