

Minutes of AAUW for “Valdosta Women in Business” Meeting

April 21, 2016

IDEA Center

Guest Speakers: Victoria Copeland and Hope Brown (Valdosta SOLD Real State), Susan Mullis (Flower Gallery).

Officers’ attendance, Anita Ondrusek (Membership VP), Betty Paulk (Programming VP), Selenseia Holmes (Corres. Secretary), and Ericka Parra (Recording Secretary), and Beatriz Potter (president) presiding.

Members attendance, Inday Bauer, Diana Acero, Anna Hadbarny (MSW-VSU student), Martha Leake, Aaron Holmes (guest), Rosetta Coyne.

Beatriz called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m., and provided the agenda.

1. Welcome by the President (Beatriz Potter)
2. Members introduce AAUW and themselves. They talked to Anna the graduate new member about the scholarship opportunities. In the introduction, members shared their personal experiences and reasons why they joined AAUW.
3. Betty Paulk proceeded to introduce the guest speakers.
4. Victoria Copeland introduced herself, and her business Valdosta SOLD Real State. She talked about her goals and challenges as business woman. She offered a few guidelines for women in business.
 - a) Find the one thing one is good at.
 - b) Research as much as you can.
 - c) Balance time, family, and business.
 - d) Be yourself. Do not try to be a man.
 - e) Do not allow anybody to tell you who you are.
5. Members asked questions about challenges, management of time and family.
6. Susan Mullis talked about what embraces is needed to manage a Flower Gallery. She talked about her challenges in her field because of gender differences. Indeed, she learned from her struggles. Among her guidelines for a successful business woman she mentioned:
 - a) Do research
 - b) Have a talent.
 - c) Manage moneys. Plan ahead
 - d) Do marketing and advertising in magazines.
 - e) Create a network. She added she has international connections. But, also, she works one on one, locally. She gave the example of working with the Future Farmers of America.

7. Members asked questions about what inspired her to work on the flower business. Susan talked about personal challenges.
8. After the guest speakers left, members proceed to have a meeting.
9. Beatriz Potter and Anita Ondrusek updated information to members. Officers informed about the nomination of Officers Diane Holliman (Treasurer) Patti Barrett (Membership). Inday Bauer inquired an update about the money. Officers will track the past reports from last treasurer Deb Van Petten. Members suggested having a meeting for treasurers.
10. Anita Ondrusek and Beatriz Potter talked about the Doodle and the Social Meeting for AAUW members. Ericka Parra offered contacting the CIP office to arrange for a VAN to drive members to Lake Part. Selenseia Holmes and Martha Leake mentioned they are authorized to drive passengers for VSU.
11. Ericka Parra reported her personal experience about empowerment from the GA AAUW Convention held in April 16th, 2016 in Warner Robins, GA. In addition, she shared the importance of this event to learn more about the organization.
12. Beatriz Potter added information about the upcoming AAUW National Convention in November.
13. Members shared their opinions regarding to empower women.
14. Beatriz Potter retook the pending initiative to honor Betty Derrick in the Sister-to-Sister event. She recommended donating \$ 100 to a fund in her College. Other suggestion was to have a day to honor her by having A "Betty Derrick Award Reception." To be proposed to members.
15. Beatriz Potter retook the report from the GA AAUW Convention about the Title IX. Selenseia Holmes expanded the information. Beatriz suggested to create a Committee that promotes Title IX in High Schools and Libraries.
16. The theme of the treasurer was brought. Rosetta Coyne suggested that Treasurers were the ones that should hold a meeting to clear numbers.
17. Beatriz Potter talked about the bylaws. Anita Ondrusek suggested that a person should review the bylaws and make sure they are updated. Beatriz Potter recommended Rosetta Coyne and Inday Bauer. In conclusion, Beatriz Potter and Diana Acero will be review the bylaws.
18. Beatriz Potter informed about the House Bill Veto 859. AAUW encouraged members in the GA Convention to call the governor of Georgia to veto.
19. Anita Ondrusek gave a Certificate of Participation to Diana Acero for her participation in the Sister-to-Sister event.
20. Anita Ondrusek and Beatriz Potter will bring a package of the Sister-to-Sister event to the VSU president Dr. Staton.
21. The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully,
Ericka Parra