

**AAUW STORRS/WILLIMANTIC
REGULAR MEETING
DECEMBER 3, 2008**

I. Welcome

Lesley Kirschenbaum-President welcomed members and guests. The Mission Statement, Vision Statement and Value Promise were displayed at each table.

II. Speaker-Pamela Thompson-Going Green to Reduce our Carbon Footprint

Pamela Thompson talked about Going Green. She spoke about how important it for our personal health and for the welfare of our future generations. She gave information on products that can be used for cleaning, such as Baking Soda and Distilled White Vinegar.

III. Dinner-Introduce Guests-Story The Keeping Quilt, Drawing Tickets

Dinner was served. Lesley Kirchenbaum called the meeting to order at 7:20P.M.

IV. Announcements

a. Women's and Girls Fund Meeting-Nov 11 New Twist for Grant Application

Lesley Kirschenbaum, Ellen Lang and Pamela Thompson attended a Girl's Fund meeting on November 11, 2008. The Grants were suppose to be a starting point, and we have received Grants for four years. Lesley is not sure if a Grant will be received this year. Our Branch will need to come up with a new idea for the application. If any members have an idea, please let Lesley know.

b. Legal Advocacy Fund

Karin Randolph gave information on Legal Advocacy. The money collected is used to support court cases and legal aid for women. The amount is at least \$5.00 per member and needs to be received and sent in by the end of December.

c. Donations for Student Dinners

If anyone wants to donate toward student dinners, give the money to Sally Medeiros.

d. Public Policy

Kathy Labadorf said that changes in the Family Medical Leave Act would take effect on January 16, 2009. These changes will make it harder for workers to get this benefit, due to increase of requirements and less time to give notice.

Members were urged to contact Nancy Palosi. There is a case before the Supreme Court that gives rights to former Domestic Batterers to bear arms.

Pamela Thompson gave information on the Educational Foundation. International and Domestic Scholarships are given out to Women. Donations from members need to be in by the end of December. Tonight, thirty one dollars was collected on the drawing for the Book Award.

e. QVCC Membership

QVCC membership is in the works at this time. The application has been filled out and filed.

f. Other

Sally Medeiros said monthly dinners cost \$19.00 and she prefers checks.

On January 7, 2009 a Board Meeting will be held at Karin Randolph's house. Everyone is welcome to attend.

On January 8, 2009 Movie Night will be held at the home of Ellen Goldberg at 7:00P.M. The movie will be Maquilapolis, a documentary about NAFTA and women in Mexico. If planning to attend, let Ellen know.

The next monthly meeting of our Branch will be held on February 4, 2009 at the President's Dining Room at Eastern Connecticut State University.

On May 8, 2009 a Women's and Girl's Fund Breakfast will be held at the Willimantic Country Club. Grants will be awarded.

Tonight's winners of the drawing are: Laurel Rae, Joan Goba, Kay McNabb, Betty Urban and Shelia Siegal. These winners should bring gift items to the February meeting.

VI. Adjourn

Joan Goba made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Pamela Thompson. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betty G. Urban