

**AAUW STORRS/WILLIMANTIC  
REGULAR MEETING  
NOVEMBER 5, 2008**

**I. Welcome**

Lesley Kirschenbaum welcomed members and guests.

**II. Speaker-Marita McComiskey and students from the UCONN semester in So. Africa Honors program-Joelle Budzinsky, Lauren Donais, Amanda Ploch**

Marita McComiskey said this is the 4<sup>th</sup> year of the program in Cape Town. It is a study abroad program in which 25 students from Eastern and UCONN work in non-profit organizations.

**III. Dinner-Introduce guests**

Susan Huard said QVCC will become a member.

**IV. Announcements**

- a. To read a bit more about the study abroad program with Marita McComiskey, you can check the blog <http://www.marita4peace.blogspot.com/>  
And view pictures at:  
Cape Town pictures at <http://picasweb.google.com/marita.mccomiskey>
- b. **Joan Goba-Wili Ray of Sunshine award**  
This award was given by WILI Radio Station  
**Jean McCarthy-Ct Democratic Women's Leadership award**  
Jean was honored with a breakfast. Rosa DeLauro spoke about women's issues.
- c. Janis Fausey and Andrea Rosenstein have agreed to be on the Scholarship Committee with Chair- Carol Williams.
- d. **AAUW gets STEM research grant from NSF**  
Science , Technology, Engineering and Math.
- e. Ellen Marshall recovering from hip replacement surgery  
She will be at Douglas Manor.
- f. Carol Virsotek, past AAUW state president, has had a reoccurrence of inoperable cancer.
- g. Minutes to be posted on website from last month.
- h. **A person is needed to do publicity, person to do brochure**  
If anyone is interested in doing publicity or a brochure, please let Lesley know.
- i. **Teresa Younger presentation-Buchanan Center Oct. 23**  
The Teresa Younger presentation received a lot of publicity. Teresa did a great job. Four people from the community came.
- j. Corrections to the Membership Booklet will be in the newsletter, which will be out soon.

k. Donations for student dinners would be welcome.

l. **Other**

No increase of AAUW dues at the National or State level.

Charlotte Hunter was successful in school projects in Tarzania and is going to school in Vermont.

This was a historic election: McCain's Speech was wonderful, More people voted, Whole process was positive and the World was watching and it was a historical moment.

The book raffle was not held, Gifts will be held for next month.

**V. Dates to remember**

Nov. 20 Movie Nite at Ellen Marshall's 7PM-Whale Rider

Dec. 3 Next meeting

Jan 7 Board meeting at Karin Randolph's house

**VI. Adjourn**

Kay McNabb made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Joan Goba. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Betty G. Urban