

The Gunnison Branch did not set any goals that aligned with the National Strategic Plan for this year so it is impossible to fill out the report in the required format. However, we did have some successes this year so I will try to group them in categories that make sense to me.

MEMBERSHIP

All 19 of our members renewed and were listed in the member data base by June 30, 2021

AAUW FUNDS

The branch contributed \$700 to the fund for an average of \$37 per member; with additional contributions by individual members the total from Gunnison was \$991 or \$52 average.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The branch voted to award four \$600 scholarships to WCU nontraditional students this year without a fund raiser; we had to dip into our reserve. An effort was made to work with the University to expand the promotion of the availability of the scholarships and there was an increase in interest this year. We look forward to being able to offer the recipients memberships in AAUW next year.

PROGRAMS

We were not successful in setting up branch zoom meetings. However, our Program Vice President did forward opportunities offered by other branches and the National webinars were promoted.

The book group did meet in person outside when the weather permitted following the very strict Gunnison County Covid guidelines and via zoom the rest of the year.

STATE MEETINGS

A third of our members attended Public Policy Day, many for the first time. They were pleased with the experience and hope to have the opportunity to continue attending next year via social media.

The convention was another opportunity for members who normally can not afford the time or expense of actually traveling to an onsite meeting to participate. They were pleased and were inspired by the experience. In fact our new diversity chair volunteered to serve after the convention session.

FUND RAISER

Gunnison County has vaccinated 97% of the population needed to reach herd immunity; restrictions placed on activities out of doors have been removed. This will allow us to hold our 47th annual Art in the Park on Sunday July 25, 2021.

PROMOTING AAUW

The Gunnison Country Times is publishing a booklet listing the county's nonprofit organizations. The Gunnison Branch will be listed with a copy of our logo, AAUW purpose, local contact information, and our aauwartinthepark@yahoo.com email for information on Art in the Park. The Colorado and National websites are listed. We have not seen the product and will have to evaluate the expense for any future issues.