AAUW 2017-2018 SURVEY FOR THE FUTURE ACTIONS AND ACTIVITIES

 See questions and answers below.

1. Currently, our branch meetings are the second Monday, each September-May. No meetings June-July-August. Format: Dinner at 6:00. Program t 6:45, followed by a shot business meeting/announcements

Format is good. Interesting and Informative. Request for legislative issues. Possibly fewer meetings.

1. An alternative suggestion for branch meetings may be of interest. This will be called the Serendipity Method. Branch members rotate the program duties to include picking a program and month the member would like to see program presented, arrange for the speaker, introduce the speaker, and the invitation would be announced as usual.

Much in original format. 1 or 2 want to change format.

1. Currently branch enjoys three interest groups:

Great Decisions, 2nd Tuesday, 10:00 at Meadowlark

Book Talk, 2nd Friday, 10:00 at Manhattan Public Library, Friendship Room

Serendipity, 4th Tuesday at 11L30 & includes lunch/program at various local restaurants (often at

 Meadowlark)

Bridge, wine and cheese, Times don’t work well with most. Stress to members to read newsletters. Mentors? Help to transition new members into activities-nurturing. Time is critical (scheduling)

1. How concerned are you that Manhattan Branch continues to be and active and engaged unit?

In your opinion what changes could be made to continue as an active and engaged unit?

Moderately concerned. One-on-ones, small groups encouraged. Unsure how to get involved and engaged. Simple involvement, e.g. introduction of speaker, name tags, greeter. What is the expectation of mentors? Feeling of belonging. Fun networking events - wine events, etc.

Bridge, cheese and wine. New members should have a mentor. Each interest group take a program.

1. Currently we are organized by elected officers and board – of – directors. What if we organized in another manner, such as committees? In your opinion how should members decide the leadership of the branch activities?

What are the advantages you see with your choice?

Elected Officers preferred. Job duties specific. They get the job done. More defined role. Small time frame of jobs. Get a lot of work done. Members are not always clear on what they can do. Encourage interest groups. We need expectations for new members. Fill expectations better. Seek volunteers. Make short term committees. People will not commit to a long term assignment but people will commit to short term projects.

1. How interested are you in state and national AAUW missions and policies?

Moderately interested and very interested in State and National missions and policies.

1. Have you ever invited a friend/colleague to a branch meeting?

What are your ideas suggestions to help new AAUW members become more involved in branch activities?

Would you be willing to mentor a new member so they become acquainted with the branch.

Most invited a friend to a meeting. Provide mentors to new members to help them understand the branch. Many would become a mentor.

1. Board meetings are currently held at noon first Monday of the month. If the time moved to a more convenient hour, would you consider serving a term on the board?

Board meetings during day hard for some to make. We will try 4:00pm on Monday at Vista.

1. What do you enjoy most about ting a member of AAUW Manhattan Branch?

Meeting new people and meetings. More social networking events are needed. International Speakers event liked by many. Interest groups. Table topics.