

AAUW Johnstown Branch
Business Meeting
Saturday, February 20, 2016
Cambria County Library Community Room

President Barbara Zaborowski called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Donna Meineke from Somerset Trust Bank gave an informative presentation on identity theft protection.

Barb gave a bylaws update. Some chapter bylaws were amended to agree with the state bylaw changes. Other local changes included the addition of a vice president for fund raising and the elimination of the correspondence secretary. The duties of the correspondence secretary will be assumed by the recording secretary who shall henceforth just be called the secretary. The separate book sale account was eliminated, these monies were added to the operating account, and book sale line items were added to the operating budget. Barb presented a detailed comparison of the 2016-2017 budget to the 2015-2016 budget, noting these changes. It was suggested to get new insurance bids in May. The new budget has been presented at this meeting, in the newsletter and via email. Members will vote on the budget in May. Barb will move the Johnstown AAUW chapter website to a different platform since the current site does not have the capacity to support our website. Members will be notified of the new URL soon.

Linda Messer had a limited response to the interest survey she placed in the March newsletter. The Grand Hall event was a success with the addition of several new members. Linda reminded members that AAUW dues are due in May. You may mail the renewal form from the newsletter, renew on line or bring your renewal to the next meeting. The state AAUW convention is in Tannersville, PA from April 15-17, 2016. Linda is considering renting a van if enough members want to attend but not to drive. If interested, contact Linda.

Upcoming events include: Silhouettes-Fashion from 1890- 1990 on March 21 at Penn Highlands, a speaker at the Discovery Center on April 25 and the Peru presentation at Hoss's on May 23, 2016. Our awards dinner will be on April 10 at Sunnehanna at 1:00 PM. The cost is \$22 per person. Scholarship winners from Westmont, Conemaugh Valley and Bishop McCort will be recognized as well as several award recipients. In the future, we will partner with Goodwill Industries and host a tea for the girls in their program. Georgia Yeager is co-ordinating the tea.

Pat Grzybicki stated that there are 215 boxes of books for the book sale. Westmont High School is going to an electronic library so they are donating all their remaining library books to our chapter. Book sorting will be 1:00-3:00 PM (Wednesdays) at Ace's Hardware from April 19 to May 25. Book collection is April 11 to May 13, 2016. Book sale set up is June 6 and 7 and the sale is June 8-11. Contact Ann Furlong (sorting books), Ann Fattman (collecting books) or Rita King (working the sale) if you wish to help with this major fund raiser.

The nominations committee reported these nominations: Pat Grzybicki-President, Barbara Zaborowski-Fundraising Vice President and Paulette Solomon-Program Vice President. Nominations from the floor and voting will occur at our May business meeting.

Marie Olshefski is still collecting members' books for the Write-Read-Write project with the 100 students in the fourth grade at Westmont Elementary. She plans on a May visit to distribute the books. Marie needs four members to help distribute the books. If interested, please contact Marie.

Pat Grzybicki made a motion to close the meeting; seconded by Ann Furlong. The motion passed and the meeting ended at 3:02 PM.