

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 25, 2017 MEETING
JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

PROGRAM

Prior to the start of the business meeting, Susan Huber from the Cambria County Historical Society presented a program entitled "Recent Discoveries at the South Fork Dam Site." The program was well received and enjoyed by the membership.

CALL TO ORDER

The business meeting was called to order at 7:23 pm by President Pat Grzybicki. 17 members were present.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Barb Zaborowski made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Deanna Haddle seconded the motion. The motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

In July the summer retreat was held in Williamsport. Paulette Solomon and Georgia Yeager represented the Johnstown branch. Featured presentations were on mission based programming, public policy approaches and membership recruitment ideas. A summary of the meeting, written by Paulette is in the September-October newsletter. There will be no district meetings this year.

As decided at the National Convention in June, there will be a \$10 dues increase for 2018. Dues will be \$70 per year.

A special branch board meeting was held on August 13, 2017 to hear a presentation by Mike Kane, Executive Director for the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies. Mr. Kane presented a rationale for our branch investing our money with the Foundation. Since not all board members were present, the issue will be re-visited at the January board meeting and then presented to the membership.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The profit and loss report for the period ending 8/31/2017 was distributed by treasurer Barb Zaborowski and is attached. Doris Leidy made a motion that the report be accepted and Paula Tomko seconded. The motion carried. Barb also gave a demonstration on the use of Amazon Smile.

PROGRAM REPORT

Paulette Solomon reported that the program at the Christmas luncheon will be a performance by Lisa Pierce, violinist with the Johnstown Symphony Orchestra. The luncheon will be held on Saturday, December 9 at noon at Sunnehanna.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

On behalf of Georgia Yeager, Doris Leidy presented the membership report, a copy of which is attached. A Shape the Future event will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at 6:30 pm at the Bottleworks.

FUNDRAISING REPORT

Deanna Haddle reported that not only was the Shenandoah Trip sponsored by Epic Journeys a delightful experience, but also raised \$300 for the branch. A list of possible future trips and dates will be emailed to the membership.

Members were again reminded to order through our Amazon Smile account; .05% of purchases profit the branch and are deposited quarterly into our account.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale: The committee has moved the sorting venue from Ace Hardware to dedicated space in the FWA Gym on Lincoln Street downtown. The rent is less expensive and the access is more flexible. Members were given a “virtual tour” of the area and given maps of the gym showing the location of our space. Book collection will run from October 1 through the 28th. Ann Fattman has contacted members and prepared a schedule for the collection. Ann Furlong has a schedule for sorting and members are asked to sign up.

By-laws: no report

Communications: Please read the branch newsletter and look for the Keystoner (state newsletter) which is forwarded to all members.

Education/Scholarship: no report

Historian: After book collection, Kathy Howanek will deliver archived material to Jo Romani to weed.

Public Policy: No report.

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT

Books for Babies: Additional books have been ordered.

Dining Group: The dining club will meet on Sept 29th 5:45 PM at The Elks Lodge, 330 Teaberry Lane, 15904. The Oct. 27th meeting will be held at, 5:45 PM at Anthony's 725 Scalp Ave.

Second Tuesday Book group: schedule is in the newsletter.

STEM: This year's event will be held on October 21 at the Allegheny Portage Historic Railroad and is titled: STEM in the Nineteenth Century. Deanna explained the program and asked for volunteers.

Voter Education: no report

Write-Read-Write: We will be exchanging letters and buying books for five fourth grade classes at Richland Elementary School. The committee hopes to have letters in October and have distribution earlier than in previous years.

OLD BUSINESS

The AAUW -PA State Conference will be held April 13-17, 2018 at Seven Springs. We are the host branch which means that we are responsible for registration and gift bags. In addition to general sessions, there will be at least 12 concurrent “best practices” sessions presented by various Pennsylvania branches. All members are asked to consider participating in this event.

NEW BUSINESS

As a part of celebrating the 95th anniversary of our Branch, we can become part of the Cambria Memory project. This involves scanning our archives. The project is coordinated at Penn Highlands by Barb Zaborowski. Historian Jo Romani is interested in being involved

As a result of the opioid problem and resultant sex trafficking, there is a dramatic increase in women being incarcerated in Cambria County. The jail is in need of reading material and Barb Zaborowski suggested that we donate some of our excess book sale books to the jail. The membership agreed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ann Furlong announced that Georgia Yeager is this year’s recipient of the Named Gift Award. Congratulations and thanks to Georgia.

The next business meeting will be on Saturday, February 17 at 12:30 pm in the Cambria County Library Community Room.

ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Barb Zaborowski and a second by Jo Romani, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Howanek
Branch Secretary

Here are some bullet points to cover at the September 25 meeting that coincide with the papers enclosed in this envelope and there is an extra copy of this paper for the secretary.

- Sign-in Sheet Please make sure that everyone in attendance signs the sheet because their names go in for the free membership drawing at the end of the year. (There are lots of sheets there - for future meetings and in case you need an additional one. We can only hope that many attend the meeting!)
- Meet and Greet Donations Please ask members to sign up to bring things on the list. Of course if someone wants to bring an appetizer or special thing not on the list, that is fine, too. Whatever isn't covered, I will get. **I already have plates and napkins.**
- Committee/Activity Sign Up If people are interested in serving on committees or participating in activities, they can sign up. We need volunteers for the Membership Committee to act as buddies to new members and to greet at the start of each meeting. We want to portray ourselves as welcoming and inclusive.
- Membership Report **We currently have 62 paid members; 10 members have not renewed and do not appear to want to remain** members. We can't lose that many members each year. Granted, AAUW is not for everyone, but we should be able to retain at least 50% of those 10 members. That's why we want to start greeters and new member buddies - someone to remind new members of meetings and activities and to greet them and make sure they have someone to sit with. If not, invite them to sit with the buddy.
- Member Directory/Handbook It will be published after the meet and greet

We have sent 23 invitations for people to attend the meet and greet. Thanks to Kathy, Deanna, Barb, Eloise, and Billy for suggesting members. I think Nina deserves thanks also, since I received two inquiries from people at **UPJ**. We hope to have a good turnout at Bottle Works. Again, it is important to prospective members to see lots of us at this event. **We must appear to be an organization that is active, vibrant, and welcoming.** See you at Bottle Works on October 17 at 6:30 pm unless you are bringing food or drink which we would like to have at 6:00 pm.

- Nametags Someone from the Membership Committee will have the nametags to pass out at each meeting or event. If you have your nametag today, please leave it and we won't have to reprint it for next event in October.
- Don't forget: Bring a book - get a book at Bottle Works! If you have extras to put out for prospective members, please bring them. Any left overs will go into the sorting bin for the book sale.

Treasurer's Report
 2017-2018 Profit and Loss Report
 Period ending 8/31/17

2017-2018 Budget
 July1, 2017-June 30, 2018

	Budget Amount	Received	Variance
Net Ordinary Income			
Book Sale	\$7,900.00	\$0.00	\$7,900.00
Fundraising	\$1,500.00	\$334.39	\$1,165.61
Grants/Donations (STEM)	\$1,000.00	\$5,450.00	-\$4,450.00
Donations			\$0.00
Dues (Active members x \$60)	\$3,720.00	\$1,662.00	\$2,058.00
Local Dues		\$27.00	\$27.00
Interest		\$8.17	\$8.17
Miscellaneous			
Totals	\$14,120.00	\$7,481.56	\$6,708.78
Expenses	Budget Amount	Expended	Variance
President	\$1,325.00	\$4.00	\$1,321.00
Membership	\$600.00	\$485.20	\$114.80
Programming	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
Fundraising	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Communication	\$150.00	\$14.49	\$135.51
Education	\$5,250.00	\$0.00	\$5,250.00
Treasurer	\$900.00	\$83.00	\$817.00
STEM	\$6,000.00	\$3,048.34	\$2,951.66
Book Sale	\$3,400.00	\$1,326.83	\$2,073.17
Special Projects	\$400.00	\$157.12	\$242.88
Dues	\$3,720.00	\$1,662.00	\$2,058.00
Totals	\$22,995.00	\$5,118.98	\$17,876.02
Net Ordinary Income	\$14,120.00	\$7,481.56	\$6,708.78
Total Expense	\$22,995.00	\$5,118.98	\$17,876.02
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$8,875.00	\$2,362.58	\$11,167.24