

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2018 MEETING JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:32 pm. by President Pat Grzybicki. 29 members were present.

### PRESENTATION

Prior to the business meeting, Mrs. Samaah Izmirli-Sbeitan presented a program called "Islam: One Woman's View." The program was well received and prompted many questions and much discussion.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Barb Zaborowski made a motion to accept the minutes of the September, 2017 meeting. Paula Tomko seconded and the motion carried.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat Grzybicki announce the 2018 Branch Awards. Named Gift: Georgia Yeager, Outstanding Woman: Doris Leidy, Member Making a Difference: Cynthia Watters and Gateway to Equity: YWCA of Greater Johnstown. Articles about the Awardees are in the Branch Newsletter. Certificates awarded to our branch by AAUW PA for Notable Advocacy Efforts and Increased Membership will be added to our archives.

Pat then called on Barb Zaborowski to give an update on the State Convention to be held April 13, 14 and 15 at Seven Springs and hosted by our branch. As the host chapter we should encourage attendance especially at the Friday evening session as we have the AAUW CEO, Kimberly Churches giving the Keynote Address. We are also responsible for one raffle basket which Georgia Yeager and Ann Furlong are assembling. "Goody Bags" which will serve as the favor for attendees are our responsibility. Members are asked to get donated items for the bags, such as pens, tablets, key chains, munchies or other promotional items from local businesses or community leaders. 80-100 attendees are expected with a final count available by March 30, but members who are asking for donations should have donors prepared for up to 100 items. Kathy Howanek will coordinate the collection. Barb will be asking for volunteers to work the registration desk.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

The treasurer's proposed budget is attached. Please review and be prepared to vote at the May meeting. If you have any questions as you review, please send them to Barb Zaborowski.

2018-19 brings a dues increase. Annual dues will be \$70. A sustaining fund had been

set up years ago to cover a potential dues increase. However as membership increased and income did not, the membership voted in 2011 that, "Any person who becomes a member after October 17, 2011 will have to personally pay any increase in AAUW dues." Members who are eligible for partial dues subsidy will be canvassed by mail and asked if they wish to accept the subsidy or not. A copy of the letter is attached.

#### PROGRAM REPORT

Paulette Solomon is meeting the March speaker for dinner prior to the meeting at 5:00 at Hoss's and welcomes anyone who wishes to join them to let her know. There was discussion about next year's business meetings either have no program or have a member with a special interest do a short presentation.

#### FUNDRAISING REPORT

Deanna announced that there will be a Fund raising committee meeting on February 28. No sponsored trips via Epic Journeys are scheduled. We are never able to fill half a bus, therefore Cyndi Watters will make a monetary donation based on the number of members or people referred by members who use Epic Journeys.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

In light of the dues increase and the fact that paying the entire \$70 may be a hardship for some members, Georgia Yeager has volunteered to coordinate a "payment plan." Members who want to pay their dues in increments may send partial payments to Georgia. For example a member may send a \$20 check in March, a \$20 check in April and a \$30 check in May. The payment checks are still made out to AAUW Johnstown Branch, but will be held by Georgia and sent together to the treasurer in June who will forward to National by June 30.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

By-laws: no report

Communication: no report

Public Policy: We are still working with Fair Districts regarding gerrymandering. The committee is investigating holding a candidate forum for the Lieutenant Governor candidates prior to the November election.

Education/Scholarship: The three scholarships that were awarded last year were dispersed. All three girls are doing very well. This years awardees will be from Johnstown, Windber and Ferndale high schools. We recently received a thank you note from the recipient of the Penn Highlands endowed scholarship. Sunday April 8 is the date of the Awards Luncheon. All are encouraged to attend as it a great event and reminder of why we work so hard at the book sale!

Historian: no report

AAUW Funds: Please remember the AAUW national organization as one of your charitable donations. The 2018 campaign is underway.

Book Sale: Spring collection will be from April 9 through May 12. Ann Fattman will be canvassing the membership for volunteers. This year the committee will give coupons for \$1.00 off book purchase to each of the fourth graders in the Write-Read-Write program.

#### SPECIAL PROJECT REPORTS

Books for Babies: No report

Dining Group: Meets the last Friday of the month

Second Tuesday Book Group: Has a regular group of 12 who meet

Books at the Boulevard Group: This is a new group that meets at the Boulevard Grill the second Thursday of the month at 6p.m. Anyone interested in joining may contact Georgia Yeager.

STEM: no report

Voter Education Campaign: no report

Write-read-write: There are still letters available at today's meeting. Please consider taking one or more and returning the books in March.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Cambria Memory Project: Barb Zaborowski has provided specific guidelines for the Historian and Secretary to follow. There is no time limit to the project.

#### NEW BUSINESS

The nominating committee consisting of Ann Furlong, Deanna Haddle, Paula Tomko and Georgia Yeager presented the following slate of nominations to be voted on in May:

President: Pat Grzybicki

Secretary: Kathy Howanek

Vice-President Program: TBA

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next business meeting will be held Monday, May 21, 2018 at Hoss's Restaurant. 2018-19 budget and elections will be on the agenda.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Following a motion by Jo Romani and a second by Ann Furlong the meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Howanek  
Branch Secretary

## Treasurer's Report

2017-2018 Budget  
July 1, 2017-June 30, 2018

Net Ordinary Income	Budget Amount	Received	Variance
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		\$927.50	\$927.50
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$14,120.00</b>	<b>\$8,409.06</b>	<b>\$7,636.28</b>
Expenses	Budget Amount	Expended	Variance
President	\$1,325.00	\$43.21	\$1,281.79
Membership	\$600.00	\$565.19	\$34.81
Programming	\$1,000.00	\$1,023.35	-\$23.35
Fundraising	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Communication	\$150.00	\$14.49	\$135.51
Education	\$5,250.00	\$4,500.00	\$750.00
Treasurer	\$900.00	\$332.80	\$567.20
STEM	\$5,450.00	\$3,048.34	\$2,401.66
Book Sale	\$3,400.00	\$1,701.83	\$1,698.17
Special Projects	\$400.00	\$157.12	\$242.88
Dues	\$3,720.00	\$1,662.00	\$2,058.00
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$22,445.00</b>	<b>\$11,386.33</b>	<b>\$11,058.67</b>
Net Ordinary Income	\$14,120.00	\$8,409.06	\$7,636.28
Total Expense	\$22,445.00	\$11,386.33	\$11,058.67
Net Profit (Loss)	-\$8,325.00	-\$2,977.27	-\$3,422.39