

MINUTES OF THE May 21, 2018 MEETING
JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm by President Pat Grzybicki.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Following a motion by Paula Tomko and I second by Barbara Zaborowski, the minutes of the February 17, 2018 meeting were accepted as presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pat Grzybicki reported that the 89th AAUW State Convention at Seven Springs was the best attended in the history of PA conventions. The PA state board has decided to hold summer retreats in alternate years with the state convention. Therefore there will be no summer retreat this year. The next summer retreat will be in July of 2019. The next State convention will be held in the Spring of 2020. As Doris Leidy was not able to attend the awards banquet, Pat presented her with the branch Outstanding Woman 2018 Award. Doris was recognized for her service to the branch and the community.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Barbara Zaborowski presented the quarterly finance report (attached). Following a motion by Paula Tomko and a second by Georgia Yeager the report was accepted as presented. Barb then presented the 2018-19 budget as recommended by the branch board (attached). Following a motion by Paula Tomko and a second by Jo Romani the budget was accepted as presented. Barb then spoke about the dues increase and stated that there are 26 members who joined before 2010 and are eligible for a \$10 subsidy by the branch. Some of these eligible members have opted to refuse the subsidy but Barb will only honor that option if she has received it in writing. If you are eligible and want the subsidy, you need do nothing. Barb will be recruiting two members to serve on a finance committee to be in compliance with 501 c(3) regulations. Finally she reminded members to designate the branch as the recipient of Amazon Smile donations and shop, shop, shop!

PROGRAM VP REPORT

Paulette Solomon has decided not to stand for re-election to this position. The membership applauded Paulette for her service over the past terms as Program VP. President Grzybicki reported that the board recommended that if the program committee wants to schedule programs during business meetings, these should be informational and done by members. In this way the programs can accommodate the business schedule without insulting invited guests. The committee might also consider a program meeting in October. The board came up with a tentative schedule for the year and it is in the minutes of the January, 2018 board meeting.

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT

Georgia Yeager reported that our current membership is 78, but not all have renewed for the upcoming year. She will accept checks today but dues must be in to national by June 30. The membership committee has decided to have our Meet and Greet by mid-September, so now is the time to send Georgia the names and contact information of any potential members that you would like to invite. The letters of invitation will hopefully go out at the end of July. After meeting with other Membership V. P.s at the state convention, Georgia learned that most branches hold their Shape the Future events in the Spring and will discuss this option with the Membership committee. She also thanked Doris for her

serving as membership assistant.

FUNDRAISING VP REPORT

Deanna Haddle reported that the book sale extras this year will be a Pittsburgh basket raffle and a raffle on three gift card trees. All members received letters which they can use to solicit donations of gift cards from businesses or members may donate gift cards themselves. The committee has also decided to sponsor a Johnstown Scavenger hunt on October 20 and have secured a venue at no cost. They will also schedule a Trivia Night for November 1st and are considering a 5 K walk and having a booth at Ethnic Fest.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAUW Funds: No report.

Book Sale: Currently we have 726 boxes packed; 656 at our storage space and 70 in Windber. Carol Burnworth who is donating the books from Windber is also having her employees deliver the boxes to the Galleria at no cost to us. We owe her a huge thanks. There are more to be donated so we estimate 750 boxes this year. Last year we had 831 boxes which included 212 boxes from the Book Rack Store donation. We raised \$8,042 last year. In 2016 we had 576 boxes and raised \$5,333 and in 2015 674 boxes raised \$6,727. The community service workers will assist with unloading at the Galleria and Rita King is circulating the sign-up sheet for members to work at the book sale. She will phone all members to fill in the schedule. All are encouraged to participate in our largest fundraiser.

By-laws: No report.

Communication: Deanna Haddle has book sale fliers for members to take and post. She will also email the flier to all members to use.

Education/Scholarship: Nancy Miller reported that the awards luncheon went very well and that the scholarship recipients were very appreciative and were good representatives of our program. The scholarship recipients were: Katie Csehoski from Greater Johnstown; Izabella Hauger from Ferndale; Abigail Steinbeck from Windber; Lindsay G. Geiser and Krystin N. Jeffries from UPJ and Timothy Borish from Penn Highlands.

The branch awards presented were: Outstanding Woman: Doris Leidy; Member Making a Difference: Cynthia Watters; Gateway to Equity Award: YWCA of Greater Johnstown. The Named Gift Award was presented to Georgia Yeager.

Nancy is asking for suggestions for next years Gateway to Equity Award.

Treasurer Barb Zaborowski received thank you letters from two of our scholarship recipients, Claudia Sheffler from ??? and Timothy Borish from Penn Highlands.

Historian: Jo Romani is prepared to weed through our archives and contribute to the Cambria Memory Project, however the secretary has not yet delivered the material to her from the library and will not till after the book sale.

Public Policy: Paula Tomko reported that the AAUW State continues to focus on Pay Equity and has added concerns about PA SB 2 which diverts funds from public schools to charter schools. They are also supporting House Bill 563 which has replaced 722 which was gutted by Representative Daryl Metcalfe. A Public Policy meeting will be held Thursday May 24, 7pm at Tap 814. All are invited.

SPECIAL PROJECT REPORTS

Books at the Boulevard: In June the group will meet on June the 7th at 6:00 at the Boulevard Grill. The book is “The Last Suppers.” Thereafter the group meets every second Thursday, same time and place. In July the book will be “Rules of Magic.” any member interested in joining should contact either Georgia Yeager or Pat Grzybicki.

Books for Babies: No report

Dining Group: The May dinner will be at Balance Restaurant. Anyone wishing to attend should contact Rita King.

Second Tuesday Book Group: Continues to meet at 1:00 on that date. List of places and books is in the newsletter. If interested, contact Jo Romani.

STEM: There is \$2,000 in the budget for future STEM programs.

Thirsty Thursdays: Two have been held thus far and were very nice. One event was at B&L Winery and the other at Asiago's. Nothing is scheduled for over the summer, but watch the Newsletter for their renewal. The events are held the first Thursday of every other month and are just a chance for members to socialize and perhaps enjoy and adult beverage!

Write-Read-Write: Marie Olshefski and Paulette Solomon reported that books were delivered today to 133 students at Richland elementary school. They thanked the members who participated and promised that the committee will meet to develop specific guidelines. In addition to giving books, the members give a talk about reading as a lifelong habit and how to use the library. If you have any suggestions for the program or more importantly would like to serve on the committee, please call or email either Marie Olshefski or Paulette Solomon. Next years school district will be either Ferndale or Black Lick Valley.

OLD BUSINESS

State by-laws: Voting for the changes in state by-laws ends on June 9, 2018. If you are voting online and did not receive an email with your code, just go onto our branch website, click on the link to the national website and on the page there will be a huge “Vote Now” icon. Click on that, enter your member number (located on the front of your yearbook) and you will be given a code and directions to vote. All branch board members who attended the state convention were convinced that dropping the educational requirement is very good for the organization. Before listening to the national president and state officers our board had been adamantly opposed but to allow the organization to be eligible for grants and avoid future dues increases we must be inclusive. It will also allow us to spread our advocacy efforts to a larger audience.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers: President Pat Grzybicki presented the slate of candidates assembled by the nomination committee of Ann Furlong, Paula Tomko, Deanna Haddle and Georgia Yeager. Their nominees are: President: Pat Grzybicki; Vice President of Programming: Doris Leidy and Secretary:

Kathy Howanek. She then asked for nominations from the floor. Receiving none, Following a motion by Barb Zaborowski and a second by Eloise Romano, nominations were closed and the nominees were elected by acclamation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 24, 2018 at 6:30 pm at Penn Highlands.

Drawing was held for the three free memberships that the branch earned via Shape the Future. Winners may transfer the free membership if they wish. Winners were: Doris Leidy, Kathy Howanek and Paulette Solomon.

Following a motion by Eloise Romano and a second by Rita King, the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Howanek
Branch Secretary

Treasurer's Report

2017-2018 Budget
 July1, 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
Totals	\$14,120.00	\$8,409.06	\$7,636.28

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
Totals	\$22,445.00	\$11,386.33	\$11,058.67

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

Proposed Budget 2018-2019

2018-2019 Budget
July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019

Net Ordinary Income	Budget Amount
Book Sale	\$7,900.00
Fundraising	\$500.00
Grants/Donations (STEM)	\$2,400.00
Donations	
Dues (Active members x \$70)	\$5,460.00
Local Dues	\$78.00
Interest	\$24.00
Miscellaneous	\$1,873.00
Totals	\$18,235.00

Expenses	Budget Amount
President	\$325.00
Membership	\$600.00
Programming	\$500.00
Fundraising	\$150.00
Communication	\$50.00
Education	\$4,700.00
Treasurer	\$250.00
STEM	\$2,400.00
Book Sale	\$3,400.00
Special Projects	\$400.00
Dues	\$5,460.00
Totals	\$18,235.00

Net Ordinary Income	\$18,235.00
Total Expense	\$18,235.00
Net Profit (Loss)	\$0.00