

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 16, 2018 BOARD MEETING
JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

Present: President Patricia Grzybicki, Membership VP Georgia Yeager, Fund Raising VP and Communications Chair Deanna Haddle, Treasurer Barbara Zaborowski, Secretary Kathy Howanek, AAUW Funds Chair Ann Furlong, Education/Scholarship Chair Nancy Miller and Public Policy Chair Paula Tomko. Program VP Doris Leidy was absent.

President Pat Grzybicki called the meeting to order 1:37 pm. The minutes of the July 2, 2018 Board Meeting were corrected to indicate that there was a report from the education Committee which had been misplaced under Old Business and that the discussion of branch awards will be held at the October meeting. Following a motion by Deanna Haddle and a second by Paula Tomko the minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report: As there is nothing new and the agenda is full there was no President's Report.

Treasurer's Report: The 2018-19 budget and the current balance sheet were printed in the September/October Newsletter.

Program Report: Nancy Miller indicated that there is a change in the Holiday Lunch program. Sam Coco will present a musical program. The Scholarship Banquet will be held on April 7.

Membership Report: Georgia Yeager reported the meet and greet event brought in 12 new members and the return of Susan W. Kelly Martin as a member. We have 79 paid members as of this date, two verbal commitments. The Membership Committee will review the event.

Fund raising Report: Deanna Haddle reported that 26 people forming seven teams have registered for the Scavenger thus far. \$425 in sponsorships have been collected and \$250 in gift cards were donated to use as prizes for the Scavenger Hunt and Trivia Night. Three teams have registered for the Trivia Night. The Beads for Life sale yielded a profit of \$525 with \$200 worth of merchandise left to sell at other events. The bus trip to Gettysburg is a program event and not a fund raising event.

AAUW Funds: Ann Furlong announced that Nancy Miller will receive this year's Named Gift Award. Nancy has been a branch member since 1989, is the current Education/Scholarship Chair, has served as Book sale chair and volunteers tirelessly in other branch activities. Nancy was congratulated by the board members.

Book Sale: Collections are going well and 179 boxes have been packed thus far. The committees current concern is the disposal of unwanted or unsold books.

By-laws: No Report

Communications: No Report

Education: Nancy Miller pointed out that the date of the Scholarship Luncheon is April 7, not 9 as listed in the yearbook. The Schools receiving this year's scholarships are: Westmont, Bishop McCort and Conemaugh Valley. She will be contacting the Guidance Counselors in January.

Historian: Laryssa Duncan has volunteered to accept the Historian position left vacant by Jo Romani's

re-location. Barb Zaborowski is digitizing all minutes.

Public Policy: Paula Tomko reported that the planned debate between Pennsylvania Congressional candidates Bryan Barbin and Jim Rigby has fallen through as Mr. Rigby had no time available. The Board will not publicize this outcome. The Public Policy committee is considering an event in March regarding Title IX. Three voter registration events were held, two in Johnstown and one in Ebensburg. FDPA handed out cards with information on which candidates support ending gerrymandering.

Special Projects:

A new shipment of books has been ordered for Books for Babies.

The Second Tuesday Book Group has no decision as to who will chair the group in the coming year.

The next Thirsty Thursday will be held at Applebees on November 1 from 5 to 7 pm.

Write-Read-Write chair has contacted Ferndale School District to be the recipient of this year's program. The committee hopes to have the letters to hand out at the October meeting

Old Business:

A decision has never been finalized on the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies proposal. The Finance Committee will review and recommend.

95th Anniversary Commemoration: We will have a cake to celebrate at our October meeting and invite Johnstown Mayor Janakovic to commemorate the anniversary with a proclamation our Meet and Greet. A group photo will be taken at the Christmas luncheon. A group photo of past presidents who are still members will be arranged.

New Business:

Branch Awards:

This year's Outstanding Woman Award will go to Jo Romani. the Member Making a Difference Award will go to Eloise Romano. Several suggestions were made for Gateway to Equity including Amy Bradley, Marie Mock, Corey Eisenberg, Rosalie Danchanco and Penn Highlands Community College. The decision on this award will be made at the January board meeting.

Brad Hindman, Financial Adviser for Wells Fargo Advisers in the Johnstown Area, but more importantly, a long time supporter of the AAUW STEM programs asked to speak to the Board to gain a better understanding of our mission. He and his wife and family value education and are considering ways in which they might be able to be involved with our efforts.

Business plan for purchase of property for a Used Book Store: Barb Zaborowski read the proposal which was also distributed to the Board. There was brief discussion but due to the lateness of the hour and the importance of the subject, a special board meeting will be held on November 1 for the purpose of acting on this proposal only.

Announcements: The next regular Board Meeting will be held January 3 at 1:00 at Penn Highlands.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Howanek

Branch Secretary