

MINUTES OF THE JULY 24, 2019 BOARD MEETING JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

All current Board members were present with the exception of program VP Doris Leidy.

President Pat Grzybicki called the meeting to order at 1:10 pm. The minutes of the May, 2019 Board meeting were approved as presented following a motion by Ann Furlong and second by Deanna Haddle.

As the Board continues to consider involvement with the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies, member Heather Brice discussed her experience with the Foundation as a Board member of the Johnstown Community Concert Series. She graciously answered questions from Board members and her time was certainly appreciated.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat Grzybicki reviewed the status of submission of Committee and Special Project Report Forms. There is no report from Books for Babies and the report from Write, Read, Write is incomplete. As the member who chaired Books for Babies did not rejoin the group, Pat will ask Deb McKenzie if she is interested in taking over.

Pat Grzybicki, Paula Tomko, Laryssa Duncan, Mary Lou Wyandt, Georgia Yeager and Deanna Haddle will be attending the summer retreat July 27th in Lewisburg.

Mark your calendars for the PA State convention which will be held April 24-26, 2020 in Harrisburg.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Laryssa Duncan will be ordering materials for archiving our current documents and is looking into having our collection moved to the Pennsylvania Room. She still needs minutes of branch meetings from 1990-1995.

TREASURER'S REPORT

No updates since the May report.

PROGRAM VP'S REPORT

Written report from Doris Leidy was circulated. All program and hospitality information was submitted to Georgia Yeager for the 2019-2020 Yearbook. The committee has been investigating meeting locations. The YWCA would love us to use their rooms for business or board meetings at no cost.

MEMBERSHIP VP'S REPORT

Georgia Yeager reported that our branch membership count stands at 71 total with 62 paid members and 9 life members for the 2019-2020 membership year. Seven new members joined for 2019-2020 at the Shape the Future rate. Georgia will contact the members who have not renewed. The next Shape the Future Event will be at Ethnic Fest, August 30, 31 and September 1.

Georgia is planning a casual "meet and greet" on August 5 or 6, possibly at her home.

The Yearbook will be ready for distribution before the September meeting.

FUNDRAISING VP'S REPORT

Outgoing Fund raising VP Deanna Haddle presented the report. The committee met May 29, 2019 and chose jewelry for the Bead for Life sale at Ethnic Fest totaling \$414.36. \$257 worth of jewelry remains from last year. A tent and weights purchased at \$114, booth space reserved at a cost of \$125.

Possible profit \$432.36. Some of our used books will also be on sale. Should some of the cost be borne by the Book Sale Committee? The Trivia Blast will be held September 12, 2019 from 5:30-10:00 pm at the Windber Ambassador Room.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAUW Funds: No report

By-Laws: No report

Book Sale: Profit this year was \$8,763. Upcoming collections will be September 30-November 2, 2019 and April 20-May 23, 2020.

Communications: Chair Deanna Haddle reports that the committee agreed to purchase a Flickr Account. Judy Petrusic is archiving all photos on an external hard drive. Our website can no longer be accessed by Explorer. You must use Edge, Chrome or Firefox browsers. It was decided to find an AAUW member who could handle "marketing" the AAUW brand and to work with Billie on Facebook. Jessica Clifford agreed to take the position.

Education: Chair Nancy Miller reported that this year's scholarship recipients will be from Forest Hills, Richland and Conemaugh Township. The banquet will be held on April 26, 2020. Deanna asked that the committee consider Johnstown Vo-Tech be added to the rotation separate from the cooperating school districts.

Finance: No report

Public Policy: Chair Paula Tomko reminded board members that the 100th Anniversary of the 19th Amendment occurs in August of 2020. The committee is also considering a D.A. Candidate debate with the League of Women Voters but so far only one candidate has agreed to participate.

Special Projects Reports:

STEM: Our final STEM event will be held October 5 and 12 at FWA Gym in conjunction with the Gym's after school program. Providers have been contacted and supplies ordered. We are hoping that FWA can provide 30 girls on each day.

Task Force: No report

Old Business

A strategic planning committee meeting is scheduled for Monday September 9 at the Library from 9am to 3 pm. Jessica Clifford volunteered to prepare a survey for the members to complete before the meeting.

New Business:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42 following a motion by Jessica Clifford and second by Paula Tomko.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Howanek, Branch Secretary

