

MINUTES OF THE MAY 1, 2019 BOARD MEETING JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

Present: All current Board members were present with the exception of Membership VP Georgia Yeager. Members Valerie Grash and Laryssa Duncan were also in attendance.

President Pat Grzybicki called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm. The minutes from the last Board Meeting were presented and following a change in word order under the book sale report, were approved. The motion to approve was made by Deanna Haddle and seconded by Paula Tomko.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat Grzybicki distributed two committee report forms. Form A must be submitted to the President once a year, reporting on committee membership and activities. This year it must be submitted by June 30. Form B is a meeting by meeting report for for use by the committee chairs to note attendance and activity.

Pat also reviewed the questionnaire sent to her in preparation for the Branch Conversations with our State board representative.

The strategic plan for the national AAUW organization may be found on the front page of the national website, a link to which is available on our website. Another link is to the State website where the PA AAUW 2018-2020 Strategic Plan can be found. Our branch will be developing a new strategic plan in 2019.

The summer retreat will be held Saturday, July 27 at Best Western Plus Country Cupboard Inn in Lewisburg. The branch will reimburse registration costs for those wishing to attend. Pat Grzybicki, Paula Tomko and Deanna Haddle expressed interest. The next State convention will be held April 24-26 in Harrisburg.

TREASURER'S REPORT

As outgoing treasurer, Barb Zaborowski will put all fiscal information on a thumb drive for the new treasurer. Barb reviewed and distributed the expenditures in 2018-19 fiscal year. 2019-2020 proposed budget was reviewed and adjusted with net Ordinary Income and Total Expenses balancing at \$19,350.

PROGRAM VP REPORT

Doris Leidy reported that the committee will have the programs finalized and to Georgia for publication in the yearbook by July 31. September's member program will be on Fair Districts PA presented by Deanna Haddle.

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT

Georgia Yeager submitted a written report reflecting the following: our membership count stands at 80 total with 71 paid members and 9 life members for the 2018-2019 membership year. Two new members are joining this month at the Shape the future rate of \$40.50. They are Francine Keifer (recruited by Pat Grzybicki) and Madeline Gyure (recruited by Eileen Tweed and Kenna Raymond). They will be registered as new members for 2019-2020 year. As of today, we have 19 paid, renewed memberships for the 2019-2020 year. More are anticipated at the May 20 meeting. Multiple Shape the Future events are permitted so we will recruit at Ethnic Fest as one Shape the Future. Our main thrust for new members will be in the spring when members can pay the reduced rate in March and enjoy all the benefits from then until June 2021. The committee is tentatively planning a large recruiting event at the March 2020 meeting celebrating Women's History Month.

FUNDRAISING VP REPORT

Deanna Haddle reported that the committee will meet on May 9th. We will participate in the Ethnic Fest selling Beads for Life again. The cost of the site is \$125 and the committee is considering purchase of a tent for general branch use. This years Trivia Night will be either September 12 or 19th. Deanna has currently received \$400 in sponsorship and \$455 in donated gift cards. A total of \$800 worth of gift cards are needed. 50/50 raffle and Basket raffle will also occur at the Trivia Night.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAUW Funds: No report.

By-Laws: No report

Book Sale: The committee has decided to hire movers to get the books from storage to sale site as well as scheduling the Community Service workers. Signs directing people to the sale will be placed around the Galleria.

Communications: Deanna Haddle reported that the committee is scheduled to meet May 15th. Flickr was taken over by another company and the posting of our photos will no longer be free. We would be charged \$49.99 annually. Deanna will recommend to the committee the purchase of a thumb drive to download our current photos before they are removed. Everything will then be moved over to our gmail account and could be monitored via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter.

Finance: No report

Historian: Barb Zaborowski reported that the minutes are all digitized with the exception of those from 1990-95. The yearbooks need to be done. They will be located on Pa Docs.. Laryssa Duncan reported that the files will be moved to a more secure site at the library, possibly the Pennsylvania Room. She will be purchasing supplies for professional archiving of our materials.

Nominating: Doris Leidy reported that the committee will present the following slate of nominees at the May meeting: Treasurer: Claire Montoya; Membership VP : Georgia Yeager; Fund raising VP: Valerie Grash.

Public Policy: No report

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

STEM: Deanna will be working with FWA gym to coordinate summer STEM workshops there.
Task Force: No report

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: Copies of the last Strategic Plan for the branch were distributed in preparation for doing a new plan this membership year.

Kathy Howanek presented a motion that by unanimous consent the the Board of the Johnstown Branch AAUW commend Dr. Barbara Zaborowski for her many years of service on the Board during which she spearheaded strategic planning efforts, established an online presence for the Branch and offered many innovative programming opportunities to the Branch. The Motion passed unanimously.

Kathy Howanek suggested that the Branch recognize the support of Penn Highlands over the years by adding to the AAUW endowment at Penn Highlands. The motion “In appreciation of the 10 year affiliation with and support of the Penn Highlands Community College to the Johnstown Branch AAUW that a one time addition of \$500 be deposited to the AAUW endowment at Penn Highlands.” was made by Deanna Haddle, seconded by Paula Tomko and passed.

Laryssa Duncan reminded the group that 2020 is the 200th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment. The archivist at Meyersdale Public Library is planning an event and Laryssa suggests that we schedule some recognition of the event as well. Paula Tomko, as Public Policy chair volunteered to handle our celebration of that event via that committee.

As Barb Zaborowski will no longer be a board member, the branch will not have free use of space at Penn Highlands. The libraries and the room at Panera are suggestions for board meetings. The Program Committee will investigate space for general membership and program meetings.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The next board meeting will be Wednesday July 24 at 1 pm at the Community Room of the Library downtown.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53

Respectfully submitted

Kathy Howanek
Branch Secretary