

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 14, 2019 BOARD MEETING JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

All board members were present with the exception of Valerie Grash. Branch member and chair of the ad hoc Building Committee/Task Force, Jessica Clifford was in attendance.

President Pat Grzybicki called the meeting to order at 5:37 pm. The minutes of the July 24, 2019 board meeting were approved as presented following a motion by Paula Tomko and a second by Ann Furlong.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Pat Grzybicki asked if the Board was still interested in supporting the Clara Barton Forum. Deanna Haddle moved that the Branch sponsor two students at a total cost of \$50. Georgia Yeager seconded and the motion passed. Claire will send a check.

Pat asked if board members were still interested in ordering t-shirts. All were positive, suggesting v-neck in light gray with the AAUW logo. Georgia will email Barb Zaborowski for information on past order and Pat will investigate options.

Brad and Jen Hindman donated a \$1,500 scholarship. Deanna Haddle made a motion that the fourth scholarship go to a senior girl at Johnstown Vo-Tech. Paula Tomko seconded. After discussion the motion was amended to read: Due to a donation from Brad and Jen Hindman this (2019-2020) year the Branch will award four scholarships, the fourth scholarship will go to a senior girl from Johnstown Vo-Tech. Deanna then moved we accept the motion as amended, Doris Leidy seconded and the motion passed.

Pat brought up the possibility of increasing local dues. After discussion, it was decided that the Finance Committee will investigate.

The State AAUW Convention will be held April 24-26 2020. Members are encouraged to attend and the branch will cover the registration costs.

Board members joined President Grzybicki in congratulating Paula Tomko on her appointment by the Board of Directors of AAUW to serve on the AAUW National Governance Committee from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Claire Montoya distributed a current financial statement. The branch balance on deposit on July 1, 2019 was \$53,159.92, with year to date income of \$6,729.65 and expenses of \$4,825.35 for a balance on deposit as of 9/30/19 of \$55,064.22.

PROGRAM VP REPORT

Doris Leidy reported that the October meeting will be held at the Community Room at the Galleria.

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT

Georgia Yeager reported that the branch membership for 2019-20 stands at 80; 70 paid and 10 lifetime. Nine members did not renew. Of those, four gave no reason, one is moving, one is more politically active/less time, two have increased family responsibilities, and one too busy with work. An informal meet and greet between the new members and the Board was held on August 27. A recruiting Meet and Greet for new members has been moved from the fall to the spring and will occur in March, 2020.

FUNDRAISING VP REPORT

Although Valerie was not present, Deanna presented the summary from the committee's May and August meetings. Approximately \$270.17 in profit was made from the Beads for Life sale at Ethnic Fest. There are a few pieces of jewelry left. If we do this next year the committee may consider a

different product from another women's group. The Trivia Event earned \$1688.36 profit. 11 teams participated and thank you notes have been sent to all donors and a survey will be sent to team captains. Applebee's Dining to Donate event will be the site of October's thirsty Thursday on October 10.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

AAUW Funds: Ann Furlong announced that Mary Ann Minihan will be the Named Gift Awardee this year.

Book Sale: 181 boxes of books have been sorted. The committee will investigate participation in the Christmas Market at the Galleria.

By-Laws: Paula Tomko reported that while there are no by-law changes at National AAUW this year, there will be changes next year.

Communications: Deanna Haddle reported that the committee met on May 2, 2019. The ad for book collection will be published on September 28. Articles for Nov.-Dec. Newsletter are due on Oct. 15th. The Flickr account will be up and running as of December 14.

Education: No Updates

Historian: No Updates

Public Policy: No Updates

Special Projects

STEM: As only seven girls signed up for the program scheduled at FWA, the program was canceled and the committee has decided to use the funds to purchase STEM kits which will be available to schools and other groups through the Cambria County Library.

Write, Read, Write: The letters from Windber fourth graders will be distributed at the October meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

UPJ Affiliate Status. UPJ has re-sent a check to the correct address but have heard nothing.

Community Foundation for the Alleghenies: The Finance Committee will keep this on their agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat will contact board members to schedule the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Kathy Howanek, Branch Secretary

