

MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 23, 2019 MEETING
JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 12:34 pm by President Pat Grzybicki. There were 24 members in attendance.

GUEST: Guest Brad Hindman from Wells Fargo Advisors discussed a meeting that he had with the Branch Board in January. He was most interested in our mission and our focus on equity for women and girls especially in education. The Wells Fargo company is revising their charitable donation policy in June of this year. He and his wife Jennifer are hoping that a private donation that they make to our branch might be matched in some way by the company.

PROGRAM: Branch member Heidi Staib and her colleague Jen Smindek gave a presentation on the work done by the Cambria County Literacy Council. They thanked the branch for the donation made to the Council as a result of a collection at our Christmas luncheon. They operate solely on donations. Tutors are also volunteers and there is currently a need for those volunteers. It is not necessary to be a teacher in order to qualify. Anyone interested may contact Heidi.

SECRETARYS REPORT: Paula Tomko made a motion to approve the minutes of the September, 2018 meeting as presented. Valerie Grash seconded and the motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: President Pat Grzybicki reviewed the list of branch committees and distributed sign up sheets.

Branch Awards for 2019 as voted on by the Board are as follows: Named Gift: Nancy Miller, Outstanding Woman: Josephine Romani, Member Making a Difference: Eloise Romano and Gateway to Equity: Marie Mock.

The Western District Meeting will be held Saturday, March 30, 2019 in Clarion.. The theme is "Using Public Policy to Develop Programs." The branch will reimburse the cost of registration for anyone who attends.

The 2019 Summer Retreat will be held Saturday, July 27, in Lewisburg, PA. The theme is "It's All About the Mission."

There is no state convention in 2019. The next state convention will be April 24-26, 2020 in Harrisburg. Committee and non-social Special Projects report forms are due June 30.

The appointed nominating committee consists of Doris Leidy, Joy Skelley and Kathy Mandrgoc.

Positions up for election are Membership VP, Fund raising VP and Treasurer.

At the special meeting in November about the Property Ownership proposal, 10 members attended and expressed opinions, concerns and suggestions. They also offered that if the proposal failed, a task force will be formed to research their options regarding AAUW investment in property in the Johnstown area. Doris Leidy, Jessica Clifford, Paula Tomko and Kenna Raymond agreed to serve on the task force if formed. If anyone else is interested in joining, please see Pat.

Pat asked that when committee chairs schedule meetings, please copy Pat on the time and date and she will attend as many as she is able.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2019-2020 proposed budget was presented and discussed. There were questions about the dues and book sale budget. As Barb Zaborowski had to leave early, these questions will be resolved at the next board meeting.

PROGRAM VP REORT: No report

MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT: Dues are accepted starting March 15th and can be sent to Georgia Yeager. Anyone wanting to pay the \$70 in installments may do so by sending payments to Georgia Yeager. Dues must be paid in full by June 30. the Membership Committee has decided to move recruiting and the Meet and Greet to the spring starting in 2020. If you know people who would like to join AAUW, please send their contact information to Georgia Yeager. The next Meet and Greet will be in March, 2020.

FUNDRAISING VP REPORT: A trivia night fundraiser is planned for the fall where the basket raffle will be held. No baskets will be raffled at the book sale. We will use that space for collectible books.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Funds: Ann Furlong reminded members to donate to the national organization

By-Laws: no report

Communications: No report, but the membership applauded Deanna Haddle for the great job that she is doing with the branch newsletter.

Public Policy: No report

Education/Scholarship: Nancy Miller requests that checks for the Scholarship Luncheon be made out to Johnstown Branch AAUW for \$23 and sent to Georgia Yeager. Students from Bishop McCort, Conemaugh Valley and Westmont will be the recipients of this year's scholarships. Lee Rager and Rosemary Hagadus will receive 50 year membership certificates.

Historian: Laryssa Duncan continues to work with Barb Zaborowski and Kathy Howanek on reorganizing and digitizing records.

Write, Read, Write: Paulette Solomon reported that the books have been delivered and we are anticipating the thank-you notes. Next year we will work with the fourth grade classes at Windber.

Books for Babies: No report

STEM: Deanna reported that the event will be held this summer in conjunction with FWA gym in order to include more girls from the Johnstown School District.

Dining Group: Rita King invites all to join the dining group for dinner and wonderful conversation. The next two dinners will be at the Bistro and Jim and Jimmies respectively.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: The May meeting will be held at Jake's Pub and Grill rather than Hoss's . The meeting will begin at 6 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:53 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Howanek, Branch Secretary