

## MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 22, 2020 MEETING JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUE

### CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 12:40 pm by President Pat Grzybicki. 36 members were present.

### PROGRAM

Prior to the business meeting, Branch Historian Laryssa Duncan gave a presentation on the status of the AAUW archives held at the downtown branch of the Cambria County Library. The archives are in the Pennsylvania Room and members are encouraged to visit. Laryssa also reviewed the evolution of archiving from scrapbooks to digitized documents.

Branch marketing coordinator Jessica Clifford also addressed the members on the use of social media, particularly Facebook. She encouraged members who have Facebook accounts to add other members as Facebook friends. Members can invite all Facebook friends to our public events. Any members wishing to have a branch event publicized should contact Jessica.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Paula Tomko made a motion to accept the minutes of the September, 2019 business meeting as presented. The motion was seconded by Eloise Romano and accepted.

### PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Pat announced the 2019-2020 awards recipients:

Named Gift: Mary Ann Minahan and Ann Furlong: This is the first time that our Branch has donated enough to earn two awards.

Outstanding Woman: Pat Grzybicki

Member Making a Difference: Laryssa Duncan

Gateway to Equity: Hope 4 Johnstown

These awards will be presented at the State Convention which is to be held April 24-26 in Harrisburg.

Three members have registered thus far: Pat Grzybicki, Deanna Haddle and Kathy Howanek. The Branch will pay registration for two additional members to attend.

The status of the UPJ affiliate group is still in limbo. We hope that it will become active in the fall of 2020.

Committee and non-social Special Projects report forms are due June 30.

Pat distributed and presented the updated Strategic Plan and Branch Restructuring which had been approved by the Board on February 1, 2020. Documents are attached.

The Nominating Committee of Ann Furlong, Deanna Haddle and Paula Tomko submitted the following slate of candidates: President: Kathy Howanek; Program VP : Doris Leidy and Secretary: Sandy Pagano. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Paula Tomko made a motion that nominations be closed. Jessica Clifford seconded the motion which passed.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

January Financial Statement indicated a balance on deposit in July 2019 of \$53,159.92. Year to date income totaled \$10,559.18 and expenses to date of \$14,506.45 for a balance on deposit to date of \$49,212.65 .

The Board is recommending keeping the \$1.00 from each member's dues which normally goes to National, in our local account and adding another \$5.00, so that our local dues will be \$6.00 per member. This increase will take effect in the 2021-22 membership year.

Claire Montoya presented the proposed 2020-2021 budget which will be voted on at the May meeting.

## PROGRAM VP REPORT

Doris Leidy reported that the March 23 meeting is open to the public and will feature the program "Nancy Drew: the History of the Mystery." The April 20 public meeting at the Discovery Center has a new program. Brad Clemenson from Vision 2025 will present on the Johnstown Area Freedom Trail and Conemaugh Valley Conservation.

## MEMBERSHIP VP REPORT

On behalf of Georgia Yeager, Pat Gryzbicki reported the the annual Meet and Greet will be held on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 at 6:30 pm at Bottle Works in Cambria City. Come for wine, food, and fun, and welcome our prospective members.

We grow our organization by reaching out to others who might be interested in joining AAUW. Last year 9 new people joined AAUW and we are currently at 80 members. Let's shoot for 115 new members this year. Please send to Georgia Yeager the names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses of those you would like to refer. Georgia's email address and phone number are in the AAUW Directory.

There are sign up sheets today for donations for the event. We need wine, snacks, ice, soda, water and anything else you might like to make or bring.

## FUNDRAISING VP REPORT

The 2020 Book Sale is scheduled to be held from October 14-17 at the Galleria. Ann Furlong will schedule sorting dates and Ann Fattman will coordinate collection times.

## COMMITTEE AND SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

AAUW funds: Due to increase in our branch member giving, we are able to have two Named Gift awards.

By-Laws: The Board recommends the following changes to the by-laws:

### 1. Current

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Proposed:

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Current:

ARTICLE IX. OFFICERS Section1. Officers. The elected officers for the branch shall be President, Program Vice President, Membership Vice President, Fundraising Vice President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Officers shall serve for a term of two (2)years or until their successors have been elected or appointed and assume office. Term of office shall begin on July 1. No officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office.

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office at a time and no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than three (3) consecutive terms in the same office. THE PRESIDENT, UPON COMPLETING THEIR ELECTED TERM SHALL SERVE ON THE BOARD AS THE PAST PRESIDENT FOR A PERIOD OF TWO (2) YEARS.

#### Public Policy

The Public Policy Committee met and established three priorities: 1) Voter Registration which will be held at libraries and Sunday Market in Cambria City; 2) Fair Districts event on 2/27 which is funded via a \$500 grant from AAUW; 3) Celebration of the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment with an event in Central Park in August . The next committee meeting will be March 8.

#### Communication

Deanna Haddle reports that committee member Jessica Clifford will serve as Marketing Director. She will manage our Facebook calendar and again, members should let her know if any events need to be posted.

Education/Scholarship: Nancy Miller encouraged member participation at the April Awards Banquet where we honor our student scholarship awardees as well as branch award winners.

Historian: Laryssa updated the branch during her program.

Books for Babies: There are sufficient books available and Deanna Haddle has a contact at the hospital. A new project chair will be needed for next year.

Write-Read-Write: Paulette Solomon reported that Elise Cameron is the teacher at Windber Elementary whose class is participating. There are 77 students. Some books have not been turned in and the committee will make calls and collect them before the distribution date of March 9. She expressed thanks to committee members Doris Leidy , Nancy Miller , Heidi Staib and Betty Zahurak.

STEM: Deanna Haddle reported that the events which were to be held in October at FWA Gym did not happen as the gym staff were unsuccessful in recruiting participants.

#### OLD BUSINESS

None

#### NEW BUSINESS

President Pat Grzybicki asked the membership to give thought to the reorganization and expansion of the Education Committee. Please also consider membership on two Ad Hoc committees; one of which will work with UPJ students on creating a video featuring women in non-traditional occupations and the second committee working on the AAUW Start Smart initiative.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next business meeting will be Monday , May 18, 2020 at 6:00 pm at Nyko's Restaurant on Scalp Avenue.

There will be no Thirsty Thursday in April.

Following a motion to adjourn by Ann Furlong and second by Rita King, the meeting was adjourned at 2:13 pm.

Kathy Howanek, Branch Secretary

