

MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2019 MEETING
JOHNSTOWN BRANCH AAUW

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 6:20 pm by President Pat Grzybicki. There were 30 members in attendance.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Billie Zahurak made a motion that the minutes of the February 2019 business meeting be accepted as presented. Paula Tomko seconded the motion which passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Pat Grzybicki reported that the summer retreat will be held July 27, 2019 at Best Western Plus Country Cupboard Inn in Lewisburg, PA. The branch will pay for registration of members wishing to attend. The 90th State Convention will be April 24-26, 2020 in Harrisburg. The branch will pay for registration but not for travel or lodging. Over the summer the Board will be working on a new Strategic Plan and committee realignment. A UPJ Student affiliate is being formed. Valerie Grash reported that UPJ's student life department is paying the organization fee and the affiliate should start in the Fall. Several students have already expressed interest.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Branch balance sheet shows total assets of \$44, 839.89. The 2019-2020 budget was approved following a motion by Paula Tomko and a second by Nancy Miller. President Pat Grzybicki thanked outgoing Treasurer Barb Zaborowski for all that she has done for the organization, particularly leading the change to 501c3 status for the branch.

PROGRAM VP REPORT: Georgia Yeager reported that for the 2018-19 membership year, we had 81 members. At our Shape the Future event in September, we enrolled 12 members. For the 2019-20 membership year, we already have two new members: Francine Keifer and Madeline Gyure. The Membership Committee met two times this year to plan the Meet and Greet and to talk about a change in recruiting efforts. Beginning with the 2019-20 membership year, our recruiting will be in the spring and we are not yet sure what form the recruiting event will take. We will try to hold it in March, which is Women's History Month. We may try to coordinate our recruiting with whatever event we are having as a Branch to celebrate that month.

Although anyone can join AAUW at any time, two major events will focus on getting new members: the Ethnic Fest in the Fall and the March recruiting event. Because of a change in free memberships associated with Shape the future events, we are eligible for one free membership for every 2 recruited up to a total of 3 free memberships. This year we will draw names for 3 free memberships.

Anyone who is interested in working with the Membership Committee can see Georgia or sign up on the committee sheets.

FUNDRAISING VP REPORT: Deanna Haddle reported that the branch will participate in the 2019 Ethnic Fest, selling Beads for Life and some of our collectible books. Trivia night will be either September 12 or 19. In addition to the trivia contest there will be a basket raffle and 50/50 drawing.

COMMITTEE and SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORTS

Funds: No report

Book Sale: Pat Grzybicki reported that we have 715 boxes packed through today. Last year we had a total of 766 boxes, so we are on pace to be at or above last year's total. All collected books should be in no later than 1:00 on Thursday, May 23rd. Due to the availability of Boy Scout helpers, we will start set-up at noon on Monday and will probably be there all day on Tuesday. We are open from 9 am to 8

pm, so the late shift should be done by 8:30 pm. No raffle at this year's sale. We will need one person each shift to sit at the front table and monitor and sell collectibles. PLEASE make sure that you show up for your shifts. Reminders will be sent via email. If you cannot make it, try and find your own substitute and also let on of our co-chairs know that you can't make it. Any member who has a dolly is asked to bring it on Monday and Tuesday.

Communications: Deanna Haddle reports that the committee has decided to purchase a thumb drive to download our current photos before they are removed. Everything will then be moved to our gmail account and could be monitored via Facebook, Instagram and Twitter which will be manged by BillieZahurak.

Education/Scholarship: Nancy Miller reports that 36 members attended the April luncheon which was a success. The committee will meet late June or early July to review guidelines.

Historian: No report

Public Policy/Voter Education: Paula Tomko reminded the membership that 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of ratification of the 19th amendment. The committee will organize some sort of celebration.

Books for babies: Barbara Zaborowski reviewed the operation of this project.

Building Committee/Task Force: Jessica Clifford distributed a report which outlines the purpose, role and timeline of the committee and the ares in which the committee would like member input. It was decided to address this project via the Strategic Plan which will be developed over the summer months.

Social Groups: Anyone interested in participating in these groups are invited to contact the co-coordinators: Books at the Boulevard, Billie Zahurak; Dining Group, Rita King; Second Tuesday Book Group, Ann Furlong; thirsty Thursday, Doris Leidy.

New social groups can be formed at any time and are not required to submit annual reports.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Election of Officers: On behalf of the nominating committee, Doris Leidy presented the following slate of officers: VP fund raising: Valerie Grash; VP Membership: Georgia Yeager; treasurer: Claire Montoya. The slate was elected by acclamation.

Names for the three free memberships were drawn.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 following a motion by Paula Tomko and second by Judy Petrusic.

The next business meeting will be Monday, September 30, 2019 at a location to be announced.

Respectfully submitted, Kathy Howanek, Branch Secretary