

AAUW Board Minutes - October 8, 2020

A virtual Zoom Meeting of the Johnstown AAUW Board was called to order by president, Kathy Howanek, at 6:34 PM, October 8, 2020.

Members in attendance: Kathy Howanek, Georgia Yeager, Pat Grzybicki, Sandy Pagano, Deanna Haddle, Valerie Grash, Paula Tomko, Doris Leidy, Shelby Custer, Claire Montoya, Ann Furlong, Nancy Miller

July 14, 2020 Minutes

- No corrections or additions
- Motion to approve by Claire Montoya, seconded by Ann Furlong
- Motion passed

President's Report

- State Presidents; Conference Call-19 Branches participated
 1. Discussion of 5 Star Recognition Program. What is the timeline? Do we want to try to achieve any goals outlined. Agreed that the goals would serve as a good way for our branch to coordinate with AAUW Guidelines.

Deanna Haddle will send out link to Work Smart
 2. Impact of Covid-it was agreed not to cease activities due to the Covid virus
 3. Kathy sending out State Webinar Meeting schedule as released
- Christmas Luncheon
14yes votes, 3 of which were tentative yeses.
Decided that if 25 people did not say "yes" by Saturday, the event will not be held. Deanna Haddle will email members the results.
- National Dues Increase
National is suggesting a \$3-10 increase by Dec. 25th
Kathy Howanek and Georgia Yeager sent a letter suggesting that a dues increase would not be feasible during the COVID situation. Members of the board agreed.

Treasurer's Report

Claire received a letter from the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies acknowledging out Minority Scholarship via the Greater Johnstown Minority Scholars Club.

- Checking account balance = \$1,978.09
- Savings' account balance + \$44,190.00
- Total + \$46, 168.18

Committee Discussion

- After discussion it was agreed to send updated committee lists to committee chairs, who will call people on list to determine members.
- Those lists are to be returned to Pat Grzybicki, Kathy Howanek or Georgia Yeager by Nov. 1st, who will generate at list of members who are not on committees and need to be contacted.
- Committees can meet by zoom or in person. Contact Kathy Howanek or Paula Tomko about setting up Zoom meeting.
- There is also a "room" on Facebook that can be used for meetings.

Spring Programs

- Ideas: Cooking Demo, Local artist demo, Judy Petrusic and Flight 93, Wine tasting/review, Book Club review of books read, Women entrepreneurs, AAUW National Webinars (California), Action Network
- Nancy Drew presentation to be held by zoom on October 26th. Information will be on Website, Facebook and Deanna Haddle will email members. This presentation is open to the public.
- Work Smart Program will be advertised on Website and Facebook. Looking to cooperate with WIN Network and Young Professionals group on Work Smart.

Minority Scholarship

- Our branch has donated a \$500 "pass through" scholarship to the Greater Johnstown Minority Scholarship Club through the Community Foundation for the Alleghenies and CFACommunity Foundation.
- The scholarship was awarded to Ellie Puryear, a Ferndale HS Graduate 2020 who will be attending Shippensburg University.
- THE ACF informed Ann Furlong that if the scholarship winner attended a PA school, that PHEAA will match the scholarship. Nancy Miller will look into this "matching of funds" for our regular scholarships.

UPJ Affiliate

- On hold until Feb 2021

Degree Requirement

- Pros and cons were discussed about dropping degree requirement for membership. Georgia Yeager will submit a newsletter article for Nov-Dec Newsletter outlining those pros and cons.
- Members will have to vote on degree requirement this spring.

Branch Awards

- Board members were asked to consider members for yearly awards: Outstanding Woman and Member Making a Difference. Also a community member will need to be named for the Gateway to Equity Award.

Women of Cambria County Book

- A committee chair and committee is needed to set guidelines and editing of articles for the book.
- Kathy Howanek and Deanna Haddle will work on a "want ad " for the Newsletter.

Announcements

- Email list error: Correct email for Jessica Clifford - jessica@jessicalynportraits.com
- Cambria County Library will rent meeting room for \$10 per hour from 9:00 AM - 3 PM
- Alleghenies Community Foundation will also allow non-profits to use room in Ameriserv building.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM