

January Board Meeting

The January Board meeting was canceled due to snow. The following are reports to the board.

January Reports

Publicity Report

Publicity Contacts: Prepared by Mary Coiteux

Re: **Poughkeepsie Calendar**

1. Open House
2. Oct Program: Out of Darkness
3. Nov Program: The other side of slavery
4. Northern Dutchess Symphony

Re: **Girls Conference**

1. The Cornell listserv is run thru the Kingston office of the Cooperative Extension. The contact is Roxanne Churchill. rc60@cornell.edu Dutchess County does not have the same kind of list Serve. Girls Collaborative will serve this function. Looking into the United Way list of contacts has been suggested for next year.
2. Joan Crawford Joan's email is: crawfordcsw@aol.com Both were contacted and sent info on the conference
3. Area Libraries were sent flyers and a copy of the lime conference folder
4. Lorinda Arella, Project director of VETFAMSA. drloria@aol.com and Paula Zwilinger Semper Fi Parents momini68@aol.com. Flyer, registration info e-mailed
5. WCRT Newsletter (Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers)
6. Area Recreation Depts. were sent the Press Release and the registration form via e-mail.

Re: **Staatsburg gifts from Pins and Needles**

1. Hudson Valley News Dana Gavin weekend@thehudsonvalleynews.com
2. Poughkeepsie journal Chris Davis Cena focus@poughkeepsiejournal.com
John nelson jnelson@poughkeepsiejournal.com

Re: **Woman of the Year**

1. Wcrt News Letter , Very nice article was included
2. Attagirl Barbara Kram attagirlhudsonvalley@gmail.com, Poughkeepsie Journal. I did not submit it but Barbara had a column of Betty
3. Several Poughkeepsie Journal editors were contacted but did not run the information . Follow up phone calls will be planned for future events.
4. Hudson Valley News Dana Gavin weekend@thehudsonvalleynews.com

Re: **Other Side of Slavery**

1. Area libraries were sent a mailing
2. Poughkeepsie Journal editors were contacted with a press release sshinske@gannett.com, jnelson@poughkeepsiejournal.com, focus@poughkeepsiejournal.com, klenihan@poughkeepsiejournal.com, dradwin@poughkeepsiejournal.com, mkshan@optonline.net, estewart@poughkeepsiejournal.com
3. Event is on the Poughkeepsie Journal Calendar

Re: My Sisters Keeper

NEWSPAPERS

1. Poughkeepsie Journal ***
2. *Karen Maserjian Shan is a freelance writer. Reach her at mkshan@optonline.net, sshinske@gannett.com, JRNelson@poughkeepsiejournal.com, focus@poughkeepsiejournal.com, klenihan@poughkeepsiejournal.com, dradwin@poughkeepsiejournal.com, dradwin@poughkeepsiejournal.com, mkshan@optonline.net, estewart@poughkeepsiejournal.com
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Gloris Ghedini, Wendy M-Taylor, Jackie Goff-McNish, Geeta Desai followed up with calls to the faculty.

MADAME BUTTERFLY JANUARY PROGRAM

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FOLLOW UPS

Pawling Chris Wood

Poughkeepsie Journal – Kate Goldsmith, Barbara Gallo-Farrell, Dugan Radwin

Dave Baxter Business manager, copy of flyer and an image I did for their use if they choose not to use the poster.w.s image

Local libraries and recreation centers will be sent a flyer on Wednesday Dec. 22nd.

Volunteer s hang flyers after Jan. 1st.

Identity Theft- Flier being prepared.

Newsletter Editor's Report

January Report

Margaret Nijhuis

It has been suggested that we should perhaps mail one or two issues of our newsletter each year.

The two that seem most reasonable would be

- 1) The May issue since the dues notice and envelope could be included and would not mean additional postage.
- 2) The October issue which is first that most new members receive – this would include an explanation of how our newsletter is normally sent.

The cost for 388 members - postage \$174.60 for each month, printing for 8 pages \$124.16 per month which is a total of \$298.76 per month or \$597.52 for the two months.

(Labels would be another expense I have not included as well as the 2 cents extra for the color paper as the cover.)

I might note that sending the newsletter by email saves \$2987.60 each and every year (minus the \$314.50 that it cost to mail to 37 members for the year)!

The other factor here is the task involved in getting these copies ready for mailing – this would not be a responsibility of the current editor.

I would like the board's opinion since we are approaching the planning time if this will be done in May.

Interest Group Coordinator Report

January Report

Cathy Lane

There has been concern expressed that some interest groups are too large, resulting in members being discouraged about joining groups that have a lot of members. I have also received some questions from interest group coordinators about protocols in maintaining interest groups. A few months ago, the board developed guidelines/suggestions for interest groups that may be considering splitting. These guidelines were distributed to the interest group chairs. To date, no group has indicated that it will be dividing, although a few individual members have had some discussion about the ideas generated from the board.

On Monday, January 24th, Pat Luczai and I will be meeting with members who might be interested in starting a new interest group, but would like some assistance in doing that. Some people have expressed an interest in starting up a group that would duplicate ones that already exist, such as book or cuisine, while others may want to develop a totally new interest topic. We're hoping to attract some new members along with some more experienced members. Our goal is to develop a small guide with tips and protocols for starting and maintaining an interest group which will then be submitted to the board for approval.

Legal Advocacy Fund

January Report

Sharon Clarke

LAF raised \$176 at the August Rib fest held by the Highland Rotary. The amount was lower than usual because on inclement weather. We received the check mid-October. There are no other planned fundraisers at this time. My understanding is that the Annual April Fundraiser is now our main fundraising vehicle.

When I first was Chair for LAF members would offer to give a donation in lieu of participation in a fundraiser. There seemed to be objections to this practice in the last few years from some members. I personally hadn't had anyone object. I would like to use that option again, if the Board feels it is appropriate.

Girls Conference

January Report

Marcene Humphrey

A very positive letter to the editor was in the paper on the 1st of January. This letter was motivated by the very negative letter written in the Journal in late November. There was a little confusion at the last board meeting, but the finances have been reconciled: Total income was \$4,069.16 and total expenses were \$3,017.85 leaving \$1051.31 in the dedicated funds account. We are proceeding with plans for a reunion in March to focus on some "STEM" issues and one for May which will focus on self discovery through writing and storytelling. Each "Reunion" has a girl talk circle and a meal. I have committed to a 6th Live Your Dream Girls Conference, but I must have a co-coordinator. This will probably be the last year I am going to coordinate this event. A meeting will be announced via e-mail and newsletter inviting members to a 1st planning meeting for the 2011 Girls Conference.

Nominating Committee

January Report

Marcene Humphrey

The positions that need to be filled were outlined in the Branch. I have requested nominations from several women who have contact with a variety of members. I have not received many nominations. A meeting is scheduled for the 17th of January. I request that all members of the board send me names of women who might wish to be “invited” to be board members in advance of that meeting. Also, we are going to try to fill the position of Communications VP as Margaret requested.