

Minutes
Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.
Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 1, 2012

Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Co-Vice President for Program Barbara Hugo, due to the absence of President Desai. Present were Mary Coiteux, Cecelia Dinio-Durkin, Pat Dogil, Betty Harrel, Eileen Hayden, Marcine Humphrey, Doris Kelly, Ginny Marcus, Margaret Nijhuis, Shelby Outwater, Linda Roberts, Joanne Scolaro, and Barbara Van Itallie.

Minutes of the January Board Meeting

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report-Barbara Van Itallie

The total assets on hand are \$31,557.55, with \$12,553.38 in restricted funds. We currently have \$1125 in the Irene Keyes Memorial Fund and \$895 allocated to the Educational Opportunities Fund in memory of Liz Moesel.

Writers' Tea-Linda Roberts, Margaret Nijhuis, Mary Coiteux

The Auction Committee has been meeting to coordinate plans and collection of auction items. Cathy Kinn will be contacting Interest Groups to remind them about possibly supplying items for the auction. The menu is being finalized at the Links in Unionvale. Linda will be meeting with Lula Allen, Committee Chair, next week.

Registration and information are available on our website, and will be published in the Branch for the next two months.

The flyers are ready to be distributed, with contact being made for publicity in the "Art Times" and local magazines.

International Women's Day-Cecelia Dinio-Durkin

International Women's Day is March 8, with a scheduled march across the Walkway over the Hudson in the afternoon. The Dutchess County Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Initiative are coordinating their sponsorship.

The My Sister's Keeper Initiative has planned to invite youth groups, and other neighboring AAUW branches to join us on the Walkway. We are the only area in New York State to have a commemorating march. As part of this plan, the committee has a luncheon scheduled for AAUW members and other guests before the march, with our members donating the food.

A request for funding in the amount of \$1100 was presented for ancillary costs for this day. The funding will come from the Diversity Funds currently held at Vassar College.

A motion was made by Doris Kelly, seconded by Ginny Marcus, to provide the funds in the amount of \$1100 needed for the International Women's Day activities on March 8. Motion passed unanimously.

Leading to Reading-Betty Harrel

Lisa Libraries, an organization in Kingston, has been very generous in the past with supplying books for this initiative. They have changed their funding policies and will drastically reduce the amount of books they will donate, along with a 6 month time frame for answers to book requests. Therefore, Leading to Reading cannot meet their goal for supplying preschool level books for local agencies.

A request for funding in the amount of \$1000 was submitted to cover the cost of the books. A motion was made by Betty Harrel, seconded by Pat Dogil, to fund the \$1000 for the preschool books, with the money to come from the 2011 Writers' Tea proceeds. Motion passed unanimously.

Funding for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders-
Marcine Humphrey

Funding an attendee to this conference is a way to network with local colleges and create a presence for our AAUW branch. Marcine has suggested that a small committee be formed to draw up an application for attendance, sending press releases, etc. Margaret Nijhuis and Mary Coiteux offered to help with this committee. It was proposed that our organization will pay the \$475 registration, and the young woman chosen will pay transportation to the conference. The funds will come from the Irene Keyes Memorial Fund.

Strategic Plan Review-Board

Fine tuning was discussed and implemented, along with grammatical corrections. We have now completed the review, so that it can be presented to President Desai at our next meeting March 7. The plan can be found on our website.

New Business-Barbara Hugo

We as a Board should reach out to the general membership to remind them about next week's membership meeting on Social Networking with Bridget Hollenback. Reminders should be done at the Interest Group meetings, and with mentors contacting the new members.

Barbara Van Itallie suggested that we should announce the upcoming month's program at each current month's program as a way to encourage participation.

It was brought to the Board's attention that, as a rule, we should not be serving wine at membership meetings, since there is a liability involved.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Marcus,
Secretary