

Minutes  
Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.  
Board Meeting  
Thursday, May 3, 2012

Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Geeta Desai. Present were Jeanette Cantwell, Sharon Clarke, Mary Lou Davis, Eileen Hayden, Cathy Kinn, Ginny Marcus, Shelby Outwater, Kris Puzza, Linda Roberts, Joanne Scolaro, and Barbara Van Itallie.

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There were no corrections, and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report-Barbara Van Itallie

As of the present we have \$38,422.54 on hand, with \$12, 971.88 as restricted funds. Two \$600. Dutchess Community College scholarships were awarded, one coming out of our budget, and one coming out of the endowment fund.

The Irene Keyes Memorial Fund currently has \$780; \$475 will be spent to send one young woman to the NCCWSL Convention in Washington, D.C.

The Writers' Tea fundraiser netted \$8431 to use for community projects and initiatives in the future.

Annual Meeting Update-Pat Dogil

There are 102 attendees registered as of today. Last minute details are set.

STEM Program-Kris Puzza

This program (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) is designed to keep young people interested in these subjects, and as a later career choice. It was developed in conjunction with Liberty Partnership, with Marist College participating. The program is for 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders, but our focus is 8<sup>th</sup> grade, serving 20 students, 65% female.

Kris has submitted a request for funding from AAUW, for \$836 for one year's program. A motion was made by Cathy Kinn, seconded by Linda Roberts, to approve the request for funding of the STEM program. Motion approved unanimously. The monies will come from Diversity funds.

My Sister's Keeper-Joan Monk

At the NYAAUW convention in April, funds were being raised for the "34 Million Friends", a program for women in developing countries. Joan raised \$100 in swimming for the cause. Brava, Joan!

By Law Changes-Sharon Clarke

National AAUW requires all branches to change the by laws so that all branches function the same way. This is also necessary to be in compliance with the 501 (3c) laws.

A committee worked on updating the by laws, and Sharon reported on the changes. The changes were then approved in a motion by Ginny Marcus, seconded by Linda Roberts, and unanimously approved. The updated by laws will be placed on our website.

Newsletter Editor-Margaret Nijhuis

Margaret requests that ALL articles be sent to her by the May 10 deadline, as this is the last issue before our summer break. There is no newsletter during July and August.

New Business

Our treasurer, Barbara Van Itallie, reminds us that the fiscal year ends June 30, and that reimbursement forms for outstanding bills must be sent to her by June 23.

Meeting adjourned 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ginny Marcus  
Secretary