

Minutes
Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.
Board Meeting
Thursday, September 6, 2012

Present were Jeannette Cantwell, Sharon Clarke, Mary Coiteux, Mary Lou Davis, Maria DeWald, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, Peggy Hansen, Betty Harrel, Eileen Hayden, Gwen Higgins, Doris Kelly, Margaret Nijhuis, Shelby Outwater, Linda Roberts, Kay Saderholm, Amy Schwed, Joanne Scolaro, and Barbara Van Itallie.

Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Jacqueline Goffe-McNish.

Welcome

Jackie Goffe-McNish welcomed the new board and asked members to introduce themselves, state how long they had been members of AAUW, explain briefly their AAUW responsibilities, and mention an interesting fact about themselves.

Approval of Agenda

A motion was made by Mary Coiteux, seconded by Linda Roberts, to accept the agenda; the motion passed unanimously.

Approval of Minutes of June 2012 Board Meeting

Upon a motion made by Eileen Hayden, seconded by Doris Kelly, the minutes of the June 7, 2012, Board Meeting were unanimously approved as corrected.

Chair's Remarks

Jackie Goffe-McNish introduced our theme for the next two years: Broadening Our Borders. This entails broadening our personal focus and development; broadening our appreciation of the diversity of our organization; and broadening the participation of the members in the branch. Jackie's vision is for this theme to be incorporated into programming and for us to conduct an interim evaluation at the end of this fiscal year.

Therefore, the goal for committees is to broaden participation of members, creating standing committees so that a larger number of people become actively involved in the organization. Jackie asked committee chairs to provide lists of members to her and to Peggy Hansen (secretary).

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Van Itallie distributed and reviewed the treasurer's report, which shows total assets of \$42,346.74.

A motion was made by Jeannette Cantwell, seconded by Amy Schwed, to increase the administration line of the budget by \$120 to a total of \$270 to cover rental of a post office box. The motion was passed unanimously.

The Treasurer's Policies and Procedures Form and the Reimbursement Request Voucher were discussed. It was decided that these forms will be posted on the Poughkeepsie AAUW website.

Jackie recommended that committee chairs send financial reports to Barbara Van Itallie.

Vice President of Programming Report

Shelby Outwater asked Jackie Goffe-McNish to announce the good news that the Black History Department of Dutchess Community College has agreed to cosponsor our programming for the whole year. Monthly membership meetings will be held at the college, probably in Taconic Hall, which holds 135 to 140 people.

Shelby reported on plans for upcoming programs, including a presentation by Michael Fowlin on November 8, a program by Geeta Desai on Global Women's Crisis on March 14, a program on Women's Mental Health, and a Locavore (Farm to Table) program.

Vice President of Membership Report

Kay Saderholm reported that we have received 355 membership renewals; there are 11 new members; and 45 people have not yet renewed their membership.

Leading to Reading

Betty Harrel reported on the work of Leading to Reading and requested that funds be allocated to purchase books and materials related to an anti-bullying theme.

Betty Harrel made a motion, seconded by Amy Schwed, to allocate \$1400 for Leading to Reading. The motion passed unanimously.

Hospitality

A Hospitality Chairperson is still needed. Board members signed up to provide refreshments for the Open House next week.

Girls' Conference

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin reported on plans for the conference on November 3rd. Since funds are already set aside in the budget, it was decided that there was no need to allocate additional funds at this meeting. The Committee for the Girls' Conference will assess their needs and present a request for any additional funding, if needed, at another Board meeting.

Diversity

Gwen Higgins reported that the vision of the Diversity Committee is to become more visible as women of various cultures and backgrounds, to sponsor activities to showcase this, and to help those less fortunate. Service possibilities include assisting parents of special needs students and women's health issues.

Irene Keyes Scholarship Fund

Barbara Van Itallie announced that we received a thank you note and donation to the Irene Keyes Scholarship Fund from Rich Keyes.

Authors' Tea

Linda Roberts announced that we need a chairperson for the authors' committee for the Authors' Tea.

Assistant Editor Position

Joanne Scolaro moved, seconded by Doris Kelly, that we establish the position of assistant editor as a non-Board member. The motion passed unanimously.

My Sister's Keeper

Cecilia Dinio-Durkin reported that My Sister's Keeper raised \$300 last year and wishes to donate the money to Project Have Hope, an organization helping those living in refugee camps in Uganda. Doris Kelly made the following motion, seconded by Amy Schwed:

As My Sister's Keeper has raised money specifically for the purpose of aiding women in need, we propose to donate to Project Have Hope, an organization that assists Ugandan women. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Kay Saderholm moved to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Gwen Higgins. The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Peggy Hansen
Secretary