

Minutes  
Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.  
Board Meeting  
April 4, 2013

Present were Board members Marge Barton, Jeanette Cantwell, Mary Lou Davis, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Peggy Hansen, Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, Margaret Nijhuis, Shelby Outwater, Linda Roberts, Kay Saderholm, and Barbara Van Itallie. Lula Allen attended the meeting as a guest.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Jacqueline Goffe-McNish.

Welcome

Jackie invited members to reintroduce themselves by briefly defining how they measure success.

Approval of Minutes of March Board Meeting

Marge Barton made a motion, seconded by Linda Roberts, to approve the March 12, 2013, Board minutes as corrected. The motion passed unanimously.

Chair's Remarks

- The theme for the May Annual Meeting will be A Celebration of Culture. The speaker will be Stephanie Roberg-Lopez, archeologist and professor at Dutchess Community College. Her topic is "Out of One, Many: Why We Celebrate the Kaleidoscope of Culture."
- Thank you to everyone who did interim reports. Jackie explained that these reports are important because they document our activities in line with our expenditures under our non-profit status. Interim reports can be thrown away when final reports come in.

Treasurer's Report

Barbara Van Itallie reviewed the Treasurer's Report, which shows total assets of \$36,952.16. Barbara presented the budget for next year. A motion was made by Barbara Van Itallie, seconded by Kay Saderholm, to accept the proposed budget for 2013-2014. The motion passed unanimously.

Working Rules

Margaret Nijhuis went over corrections to the document. Peggy Hansen and Jackie Goffe-McNish will proofread it, and we will vote to adopt it at the May meeting. There was a discussion of a possible Executive Vice-Presidents position—someone who would assist the President and then assume the office after two years. Some members felt that becoming the next president should not be automatic, while others felt that it might make it easier to find people to serve as President if they had the experience. The suggestion was made that the President-Elect and immediate past President both serve on the Board to assist with a smooth transition.

### Writers' Tea Update

Lula Allen reported that as of now, we have 153 people attending and over a hundred items for the silent auction.

### Review of Bylaws

Jackie pointed out that the Working Rules cannot override the Bylaws. She reviewed the Bylaws, and announced that at the Annual Meeting, she will call for nominations from the floor. If there are none, the secretary will be asked to cast one vote. If there are any nominations from the floor, voting will proceed by secret ballot. In reviewing the Bylaws, it was also mentioned that we must have a second membership meeting to conduct business, at which minutes will need to be taken. This will occur at the program planning meeting in June.

### Interim Reports

Jackie again thanked everyone who had submitted Interim Reports, which are appended to the minutes.

### Nominating Committee

Mary Lou Davis moved, seconded by Kay Saderholm, that the following people will serve on Nominating Committee for next year: Mary Lou Davis, Chair; Gloria Gibbs, Eileen Hayden, Peggy Hansen, Pat Luczai, and Barbara Van Itallie. The motion passed unanimously.

### Planning for Annual Meeting 2014

It was agreed to hold the meeting at Christo's again next year. Mary Lou Davis moved, seconded by Peggy Hansen, to hold the meeting on the second Thursday in May, 2014. The motion passed unanimously.

### Planning for Board Orientation 2013

Linda Roberts moved, seconded by Jeanette Cantwell, to create a Board Orientation program for September 2013 for incoming Board members, off-Board members, and committee chairs. The motion passed unanimously.

### Announcements/Open Forum

- There was a discussion about the Court Watch newsletter, and it was suggested that a representative from this group come to speak to the Board about their activities.
- Margaret Nijhuis moved that we set aside \$50 to make a DVD of an AAUW movie, premiered in 1983, entitled "A City on the Hudson" and that we allow the Adriance Library to add the DVD to its digital library. The motion was seconded by Mary Lou Davis and passed unanimously.
- Hats off to Margaret Nijhuis and Jackie Goffe-McNish for work on *The Branch*. Donna Seymor, the AAUW State Communications Director, had this to say: "Another terrific job. I always come away from your newsletter feeling that I have an open window into the life of the branch. Loved Jackie's vision statement! That is a great way to engage members. Hats Off—April 2013.

- Thanks to Barbara Hugo and Shelby Outwater for all their hard work in creating excellent programs this year. Mary Coiteux e-mailed to say that they had also been exceptionally helpful in assisting the new Membership Vice Presidents plan for next year.
- Mary Coiteux also reported via e-mail that negotiations are in progress for using the Unitarian Universal Fellowship of Poughkeepsie facilities for next year's programs.
- Mary Lou Davis reported that announcements had been sent out about an Equal Pay Webinar on April 17 co-hosted by the U.S. Department of Labor's Department of Women and AAUW. It is hoped that local colleges will participate.
- Cecilia Dinio-Durkin reported on beginning plans for next year's Girls' Conference. Kohl's plans to send volunteers and may contribute if enough employees respond.

Upon motion made by Kay Saderholm, seconded by Marge Barton, the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Peggy Hansen