

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW. Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, April 2, 2015
St. John's Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie, NY

Members Present: Kay Saderholm, Diane Jablonski, Pat DeLeo, Margaret Nijhuis, Mary Lou Davis, Betty Harrel, Barbara Van Itallie, Kathy Friedman, Mary Anne Hogarty, Marcine Humphrey.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59. The minutes were approved as corrected.

President's Report

Barbara Van Itallie introduced and welcomed Mary Anne Hogarty, our new membership treasurer. Barbara reported that she was contacted by Dutchess County representative Alison MacAvery, who wants to present the branch with a proclamation in honor of our 90th anniversary. We will be celebrating our 90th anniversary at our Annual Dinner meeting in June.

Treasurer

Diane Jablonski reported that we have received \$1750 for the Tea so far. More checks are on the way. Expenses for the Tea are will go up \$500, so we are hoping for more revenue to make that up. The budget could not be approved by the board at this time because of the lack of a quorum.

Mary Lou Davis pointed out that there is another motion that needs to be approved, since we neglected to do so at the last meeting. She made a motion that we remove Jeanette from the slate officers nominated for next year, and replace her with Mary Ann Hogarty.

Since these motions cannot wait until next month it was decided that Barbara will call for a vote by email.

Barbara Van Itallie submitted the following motions to the board by email on April 3, 2015:

1. *The nomination of Mary Ann Hogarty as Membership Treasurer for the term July 1, 2015 through June 30, 2016. The nomination was approved unanimously.*
2. *The approval of the proposed 2015-16 budget. The budget was approved unanimously.*

Community

Pat DeLeo reported that she, Barbara, and other members attended Kirsten Gillibrand's press conference at Spectral Systems. Gillibrand is advocating for the Family Leave Act.

Barbara reported that the Girl's Conference has been suspended for this year. The date that DCC gave us, October 31, will not work. Also, the fashion expert, Lydia Biskup, who does workshops for the conference, is leaving Marist and will not be available. Cecilia Dinio-Durkin needs a lot more help in the planning and organization of the conference. She would like to meet with a group of interested people to discuss the future of the event.

Newsletter/Website

Margaret Nijhuis reported that, because she will be away, she will need any items for the May Newsletter by April 10, and the June items and summer activities must be submitted by April 20.

Margaret has purchased a laptop computer for the branch for \$500. Mary Ann Boylan keeps the computer and our other purchases, and she should be contacted by any member who wants to use it.

Diane Jablonski has a list of items that the branch has purchased.

Special Committees

Marcine Humphrey reported, regretfully, that we do not have a candidate for the Irene Keyes Memorial Scholarship this year. There were a few inquiries, but no completed applications. Marcine suggested that we make a donation from the Keyes fund to the scholarship fund at National. This will be put on the agenda for next month's meeting.

Marcine also reported that Maria DeWald is donating a purse for a fundraiser for LAF at the convention. Cyd Averill will be asked to take the purse up.

Marcine would like to see some fundraising for LAF. There was a discussion about our policy of having only one big fundraiser, the Writers' Tea, instead of numerous smaller fundraisers. One advantage is that a specific fundraiser calls attention to the project. This discussion may be revisited if Writers' Tea does not repeat its past fundraising success.

New Business

Barbara Van Itallie introduced a discussion about the proposed amendment to the National AAUW bylaws that eliminates the degree requirement for membership. It was decided that Barbara will write an article for the newsletter explaining the amendment to members, with a link to the article in *Outlook* and instructions on how to vote. Members will be urged to vote as individuals, and the Board will not take an official position on the issue.

Mary Lou Davis attended two Tech Savvy sessions put on by the Cortland and Southern NY Branches and reported how exciting the programs were for the girls. Our Branch could put on such a program funded by National, if we had a site with enough computers. Barbara will talk to DCC about the feasibility of a program on their campus.

Announcements

Barbara announced that our Woman of the Year will be Mary Lou Davis.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Katherine Friedman
Secretary