

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 5, 2016  
St. John's Lutheran Church, Poughkeepsie, NY

Members present: Barbara Van Itallie, Susie Blecker, Barbara Lemberger, Diane Jablonski, Maria DeWald, Cathy Kinn, Eileen Hayden, Jacqueline Goffe-Mcnish, Betty Harrel, Barbara Hugo.

Guest: Mary Lou Davis.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Van Itallie at 7:05. The minutes from April 7 were accepted as corrected.

### **President**

Barbara Van Itallie reported that she and Jackie will be attending the DCC ceremony to award our scholarships. We have already received a thank you note from Pamela Edington.

Barbara shared the pamphlet, Women's History in Dutchess County, sent to her by Didi Barrett. Some of our members have contributed to it.

Barbara shared a thank you note from Dave King, our database programmer, who receive a gift certificate from the Branch in honor of his service to us.

Barbara asked the board members to submit their annual reports by May 15.

### **Treasurer**

Diane Jablonski commented that, although it looks like we are behind in the budget, it is because we have only just started collecting dues. We are actually well within the budget.

*Diane Jablonski moved the board approve the submitted 2016-17 budget. The motion passed.*

### **Membership**

Susie Blecker reported that eight members met to stuff envelopes for membership renewals and that they have been mailed. So far, two people have indicated that they will not be renewing.

Anthula Natsoulas will be meeting with Gus at the Hellenic Center to arrange the dates for the Open House. We are hoping to have it on the second Thursday in September.

### **Programs**

Sandy Goldberg reported that next year's program meetings are set to take place at the Unitarian Fellowship, except for the Utopia program in October, which we hope to have at the Boardman Road library.

The planning meeting for next year's programs will tentatively be held on May 31.

### **Community**

Maria DeWald commented that when she composed her annual report as Community Liaison she was proud that we have such an impressive amount of community outreach. We

should continue to spread the word about our initiatives and continue having our community initiative leaders speak at program meetings.

### **Website/Newsletter**

Our members were reminded that the deadline for the June newsletter is May 10. Any listings for summer activities should be sent in by May 10 also.

### **Special Committees**

#### *Writers' Tea*

Mary Lou Davis reported that she has been in email contact with both writers and they are ready to speak at the Tea on Sunday, May 15. 92 members have signed up so far.

#### *Annual Dinner*

The Annual Dinner will be on Thursday, June 9. Lisa Gharthey will be speaker.

### **New Business**

#### *Board meetings 2016-17*

Since Maria DeWald is now available, we will continue to meet on first Thursdays, at least for the first half of the year.

#### *Plans for transition*

Maria suggested that we think about changing our bylaws so that nominations from the floor should be preceded by notice two weeks before the election.

Our next meeting will be at 6:00 pm at St. John's Lutheran Church on June 2. We will share pizza, and have a brief business meeting and a planning session for transition of officers.

#### *Extension of Offices*

According to our bylaws, board members may not exceed two consecutive two-year terms in the same office. However, there are exceptions in cases where it is difficult to fill certain positions. Our exceptions have been: Mary King, Web Mistress, Eileen Hayden, Historian, and Margaret Nijhuis, Newsletter. All have agreed to keep their offices for another term. Eileen is willing to do one more term as historian, but is looking for an assistant who can work with her now and take over the office after that term. It was suggested that we appoint a coeditor for the newsletter so that there would be someone who knows the job in the event that Margaret wants to leave it.

*Susie Blecker moved that we allow the extension of another two year term for board members Mary King, Eileen Hayden and Margaret Nijhuis. The motion passed.*

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Friedman  
Secretary