

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 3, 2018  
Vassar Brothers Hospital

Members present: Barbara Hugo, Kathy Friedman, Barbara Van Itallie, Jocelynn Banfield, Monique Jones, Bonnie Auchincloss, Sheila Zweifler, Betty Harrel, Diane Jablonski, Sabashnee Govender, Mary Anne Hogarty, Cathy Kinn. Guests: Lula Allen, Kay Bishop, Mary Lou Davis.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by Vice President Monique Jones. The April 5 minutes were approved as amended.

**President's Report:**

\*National Bylaws: Voting is now open until June 6.

\*Working Rules: Diane Jablonski recommended a change to the reimbursement document. The address of the treasurer is out of date and that address changes periodically.

*Kathy Friedman moved that the treasurer's address in the reimbursement document in the bylaws be replaced with a statement denoting a link to the web document which will have the updated address. The motion passed.*

\*Annual reports from all board members are due to Maria DeWald by May 31.

\*16 members attended the CTAUN Conference at the UN where Betty Harrel received an Excellence in Education Award for Leading to Reading.

\*Maria DeWald will meet with Lea Bishop of the Women's Professional Network. They are planning a Sexual Harassment Workshop in September and invited our Branch to participate, perhaps with a speaker presenting on the subject for 15 minutes. The consensus was that it would be a worthwhile activity for us and that we could find someone to volunteer to speak.

**Treasurer**

\*Diane Jablonski reported that the Writers' Tea was very successful, netting \$10,684. So we are in great shape for next year. We have a \$20,000 CD that has matured and \$39,000 in our checking account at this time. Diane initiated a discussion about how to handle this money. She has talked to the credit union about other ways we might invest some of our money, since the CD interest is negligible.

*Betty Harrel moved that we roll over the \$20,000 CD and explore our options for the checking account money. The motion passed.*

\*Diane reported that we need a larger policy for our Director's and Officer's Insurance

**Honors and Awards**

\*Kay Saderholm and Claudette Hennessey were judges for the DCC science fair and found it fun and inspiring.

\*Betty Harrel has the awards in place for the annual dinner.

**Programs**

\*"World War Women: the Unsung Heroines of WWII", a History at Play performance, will be our final program on Thursday, May 10.

\*The program planning meeting will take place on May 22 at Adriance Library, 7 PM.

### **Membership**

Sheila Zweifler reported that membership renewals have been mailed and should be delivered next week.

### **Membership Treasurer**

Mary Anne Hogarty reported that she plans to process membership renewals at the Annual Dinner.

### **Communications**

\*Branch Deadline for the June newsletter, including summer activities, is May 10.

\*Cathy Kinn was able to get newspaper coverage for the CTAUN conference and Betty Harrel's award.

### **Community Services**

\*Barbara Hugo announced that the meeting to distribute funds from the Tea will be on May 14

\*Days for Girls will separate from the International Relations Committee and become an initiative next year.

\*The Mothers Project. Kay Bishop described the need for a comprehensive program for underserved mothers. The Mothers Project is expanding into an integrated women's health care initiative. The program has monthly meetings for young mothers, including speakers and snacks. They now have a professional grant writer and are expanding with peer counselors and prenatal care. Vassar interns have been a great help in administering the project. They are hoping to expand to weekly meetings.

### **Board Committees**

\*International Relations. Sabashnee Govender reported that Days for Girls has 25 volunteers meeting once a month. Presentations were made at Vassar and Marist and there is high interest from the students. The program would like to participate in a fundraiser at Chipotle where a nonprofit can collect 50% of the revenue from supporters buying on an assigned day.

*Sabashnee moved that the board approve a fundraiser at Chipotle, Fishkill, in support of Days for Girls. The motion passed.*

Sabashnee is also planning to ask for in-kind donations (washcloths, etc.) on two program dates next year.

\*Nominating Committee. Barbara Van Itallie announced that Bonnie Auchincloss is nominated for a second term as Communications Vice President. Her nomination was left off the list last month because the committee thought she had not finished her first term.

### **Additional Reports**

\*State/National Liaison Mary Lou Davis reported that Kim Churches has a plan to deal with National's deficit. She is revised the whole strategic plan and is narrowing the focus.

\*Mary Lou also reported that the Poughkeepsie branch worked hard on many aspects of the NYS conference to make it very successful.

**Announcements**

- \* DCC Awards ceremony: May 16
- \* Program Committee meeting: May 22, 7PM
- \* Thank you brunch and Board meeting: **Saturday June 9** at 10:00 a.m./Maria's home
- \* Annual Meeting; **June 14**, 6:00-9:00, Children's Home of Poughkeepsie. Optional Tour at 5:30
- \* NYS AAUW Summer Leadership Conference in Cazenovia at Cazenovia College, July 20-22.
- \* Girl's Conference: Saturday, November 3, 2018, DCC

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Friedman  
Secretary