

AAUW General Membership Business Meeting  
June 14, 2018  
The Children's Home, Poughkeepsie, NY

The meeting was called to order by Maria DeWald at 6:07 PM. Maria began by asking a moment of silence in memory of the three members who passed away this year; Doris Kelly, Rita Kaplan, and Jackie Prusak.

### **Branch Annual Report**

Maria gave the branch annual report, listing the many activities of the Branch this past year, including our program meetings, hosting the District IV Conference, the Writers' Tea, Woman of the Year Luncheon, our 21 interest groups, 9 community initiatives, and our scholarships. She noted our many forms communications including the Newsletter, Facebook, Alerts, and the Membership Directory. Our Website is the source for information about all these activities and for links to our Bylaws and Working Rules.

### **Minutes/Bylaws**

Kathy Friedman explained that the minutes from the last general membership meeting were approved by the board and are on the branch website.

Kathy Friedman explained that the by-laws amendment adds Diversity and Inclusion and International Relations to the committees of the corporation while deleting Educational and Legal Advocacy Fund in order to be in compliance with current practice.

*Kathy Friedman moved that we amend Article XIII, Section A to read: "Committees of the corporation shall be Program, Membership, Diversity and Inclusion, International Relations, and Public Policy." The motion passed unanimously.*

### **Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Diane Jablonski reported that at this time we have \$78,895 in the checking account and in a CD. It was a record year for the Writers' Tea fundraiser, netting over \$10,000. The money is used to fund our Community Initiatives and scholarships.

### **Nominations**

Barbara Van Itallie, nominating chair, presented the following slate of officers for election:

- President – Diane Jablonski
- Secretary – Ruth Sheets
- Treasurer – Pat Luczai
- Communications Vice President – Bonnie Auchincloss

*Barbara Van Itallie moved that the slate be elected by acclamation. The motion passed and the nominees were elected unanimously.*

### **Membership Honors**

Sheila Zweifler, membership chair, reminded all to renew their memberships and announced that the Open House will be on September 6 at the Vassar Barn.

Sheila presented the following longevity awards:

10 Years: Brenda Baker, May-Jo Cottrell, Karin Fein, Leah Feldman, Jacqueline Goffe-McNish, Brenda Haase, Eileen Mylod Hayden, Lynda Keech, Bonnie I. Kieffer, Susan Levine, Judith A. Lombardi, Leona Miller, Joan Posner, Paula Reckess, Joanne Scolaro, Joanne Sereda, Sharon Steinvurzel.

20 Years: Rochelle DeWitt

25 Years: Diane Closs, Meg Ronsheim, Linda Roy, Mary Louise Van Winkle.

30 Years: Sarah J. Fredrickson, Shaileen Kopec.

40 Years: (new Honorary Members) Mariellen Pangia, Arlene Seligman.

50 Years: Margaret Nijhuis

55 Years: Lillian DePasquale

#### **Honors and Awards**

Betty Harrell, Honors and Awards Chair presented the following awards:

2018 AAUW Funds Named Honorees: Pat DeLeo, Sabashnee Govender, Eileen Hayden, Sandy Lash, Judy Linville, and Joanne Scolaro.

Emerging Leader Award: Monique Jones

Cornerstone Award: Mary Coiteux

Sandy Lash presented Maria DeWald with the president's pin and thanked her for her leadership for the past two years.

#### **Program**

Maria DeWald introduced our guest speakers, Courtney Rovere and Erin Caferelli of The Children's Home, who spoke about the importance of community connections. They were followed by 2018 NCCWSL scholarship awardee Katherine Murry who spoke about her experience at the National Conference for College Women Leaders (NCCWSL).

Maria made concluding remarks and adjourned the meeting at 8:15.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Friedman, Secretary