

AAUW Board Meeting
Pennsylvania Highlands Community College
Wednesday, January 25, 2012

Present: Barbara Zaborowski, Kathy Howanek, Linda Drusak, Cindy Bennett, Georgia Yeager, Paulette Solomon, Mary Lou Wyandt, Ann Furlong, Deanna Haddle, Loretta Ciupak

Meeting was called to order by President Barb Zaborowski at 5:38 PM.

Deanna Haddle presented a comprehensive report on the STEM event. Highlights of her report: all goals were met; the Girl Scouts and presenters were pleased with the day's program. There were a few concerns: 1) Some girls did not like the lunch or not being paired with friends, 2) Girls Scouts charged a fee and did not deliver the number of scouts as planned and 3) no post event publicity (despite Deanna's efforts). National AAUW has approved her current report and our chapter has received the second check from the Community Action Grant. Deanna is compiling statistics to complete a post report of the event. She has been requested to do a STEM presentation at the state meeting. No STEM event is planned for 2012. Possibly in two years, we may collaborate with the Johnstown Flood Memorial to host a hands-on STEM event at the St. Michael's lake bed. Leftover tote bags with the AAUW logo will be sold to the membership and/or the public at the used book sale.

A nominating committee was established to select nominees for three positions-President, Vice-President-Program, and Secretary. The committee members are Deanna Haddle, Kathy Howanek, and Mary Lou Wyandt. Deanna will email most of the membership and Kathy will phone those without email to offer each the opportunity to volunteer.

Doris Leidy has volunteered to co-chair the hospitality committee with Deanna Haddle for the remainder of this year and then to chair the committee next year.

Cindy Bennett reported that we continue to rent two storage units at Ace's Hardware for \$80.00 each per month. Ace's has offered free use of another unit if we need it and the store does not need the unit. One unit is 2/3 full of books. Any books that must be picked up, please call a member of the used book sale committee. The committee would prefer if members would keep all books until the May collection. A concern for the Richland Giant Eagle was that some might view our collection as a solicitation which the store prohibits at the site. The store continues to let us collect since people are accustomed to donating books there. A suggestion to post a sign at the book sale thanking collection site sponsors was made. The used book sale committee may convene at the March meeting to decide on changes for the 2013 sale such as keeping the unsold hardbacks as seed stock for the next sale or changing the sale month.

Georgia Yeager stated that our scholarships will no longer be presented at the Rotary dinner. We will host our dinner, possibly in early April, at Sunnehanna. Scholarships will be given to a student at Westmont, Ferndale, and Bishop McCort this year. Suggestions were made to highlight each student and his/her accomplishments via slide presentations, teacher testimonials and student speeches. Our chapter would pay for the dinners for the teachers who would speak. Decorations would perhaps be a combination of the AAUW logo and the individual school colors.

From the PA Humanities Council Speakers list, the board selected: 1) *Steeltowns, Coalfields & the Unbroken Circle*, 2) *Stephen Foster, American Dreamer* and 3) *Commonwealth Cool, PA Jazz History &*

Tradition to attempt to schedule for next year. Our chapter will pay the \$75.00 application fee and any motel fees (if needed). There is no fee for the speaker.

For Women's History month in March, our chapter will host a free screening of the movie *Iron Jawed Angels* in the Penn Highlands Community College auditorium on March 22. It will cost \$368.00. To help defray the cost of the screening and the publicity, other women's groups, such as YWCA, NOW, and the League of Women Voters will be asked to share the costs. A pricing scale was set: \$25.00-the organization's name will appear in the program, \$50.00-name in program and in the ads, or \$100.00-name in the program and in the ads and a table at the screening for a display. Deanna Haddle, Paulette Solomon, and Sandra Pagano are the committee organizing the screening.

Loretta Ciupak received and presented a parent request for scholastic aid. Since we do not give financial aid to parents, the board suggested that the parent contact the individual college's financial aid office, the Indiana chapter of AAUW or Catholic Charities.

Kathy Howanek was nominated for the Outstanding Woman Award for her efforts to increase membership (up 13%) and the Write-Read-Write program. Deanna Haddle was nominated for the branch's Teal Award for all her efforts, especially the STEM event. Cindy Bennett was nominated for the Education Foundation Award; Janet Grady, who developed the nursing program at UPJ was nominated for the Gateway to Equity Award.

Reminders were given for several upcoming events. March 8 is International Women's Day. The Get Out the Vote webinar is March 22. The AAUW convention in Pittsburgh is at the Doubletree on April 13-15. The AAUW PA summer retreat is July 7, 2012. Our next membership meeting is 12:00 PM on February 4 at the Boulevard Grill. Our own Miriam Daisley will present "Women Artists of Johnstown and Somerset". The March membership meeting is 6:30 PM on March 5 at the Hiram G. Andrews Center.

For the March meeting, all members are encouraged to think of possible fundraising activities for our chapter.

The meeting ended at 7:25 PM.