

Minutes  
Poughkeepsie Branch of the AAUW, Inc.  
Board Meeting  
Wednesday, Nov. 2, 2011

Call to Order and Attendance

The meeting was called to order by President Desai at 7:05 p.m. Present were Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Pat Dogil, Betty Harrel, Doris Kelly, Cathy Kinn, Ginny Marcus, Margaret Nijhuis, Shelby Outwater, Trish Prunty, Kris Puzza, Amy Schwed, Joanne Scolaro, and Barbara Van Itallie.

Minutes of October Board Meeting

The minutes were approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report-Barbara Van Itallie

Barbara reported that the report will be ready in a few days, due to waiting for bank statements. We currently have approximately \$36,000 in assets divided among checking and savings accounts, CDs, and our Vassar College grant money.

Woman of the Year

We have reservations for 90 people thus far. Among the attendees are 45-50 people who are friends, family, coworkers, etc. of Ann Armater, our honoree.

New Member Reception-Amy Schwed

The reception will be held Nov. 9, at the Zion Episcopal Church, Wappingers Falls. Board members and 'seasoned' members are urged to attend. We have 45 new members invited, and 20 members who joined after Nov. 2010.

Girls' Conference-Marcine Humphrey

The Girls' Conference, Nov. 19, has 38 girls registered thus far. The amount of \$1500 has been raised through the Divas, Dreamers, and Darlings fundraising.

Candidates Forum-Doris Kelly

Thirty people attended the forum, held on Nov.1. The Family Court candidates shared their views about the position of Family Court Judge. The Dutchess County Executive candidates also stopped by.

It has been noted that under the 501c (3) guidelines AAUW cannot support or endorse candidates.

### Court Watch Group

Forty people have been trained thus far, with twenty already observing at Family Court. An appraisal report about the Family Court Judges will be issued in June.

### Nominating Committee-Marcine Humphrey

The nominating committee met in October. The slate of officers that needs to be filled include: President, Treasurer, and Secretary. Potential candidates were discussed. There will be an Interim Assistant Treasurer, and the person will relinquish the position when the Assistant Treasurer is ready to resume her duties.

The committee's next meeting will be Dec. 19.

### President's Report-Geeta Desai

- Working Rules: Discussion was held about serving food at meetings. Many times volunteer food providers are scarce. Should there be a stipend set aside for food? We will also consider setting money aside in the budget for food provided at Open House.
- Communication and Reporting Structure: The Organizational Chart is now on the website. Members need to refer to the chart and go through the proper channels when communicating ideas, etc. This will reduce the feelings of "being out of the loop".
- Reminder: The Strategic Plan will be reviewed at the December meeting. Board members should come prepared to reflect on their various responsibilities.

### Round Robin

Kris Puzza: The education program sponsored by the Liberty Partnership, IBM, and Marist College has been postponed till the spring. Funding is an issue.

Betty Harrel: What has been the reaction to the phone call reminders to members about meetings? Amy Schwed, membership V.P., mentioned that, on the whole, the feedback has been positive.

Joanne Scolaro: Do we want to have a Facebook page? One possibility is to join AAUW-NYS' Facebook page.

Amy Schwed: Someone needs to be responsible for the Mystery Prize Box at meetings while Amy is away. Members who attended the Woman of the Year Luncheon had tickets placed in the box for them.

The 2012 directories are done and ready for distribution. Many will be distributed at Interest Group meetings.

Geeta Desai: Geeta received a message from thee Amsterdam-Johnstown-Gloversville Branch AAUW...they are great admirers of our Branch. We are their inspiration!

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ginny Marcus, Secretary

