

AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch, Inc.
Board meeting minutes
Thursday, January 9, 2014

Members present: Jeanette Cantwell, Mary Lou Davis, Cecilia Dinio-Durkin, Jackie Goffe-McNish, Betty Harrel, Eileen Hayden, Marcine Humphrey, Doris Kelly, Cathy Kinn, Linda Roberts, Kay Saderholm, and Barbara VanItallie

The meeting was called to order by Jackie Goffe-McNish, president, at 6:00 pm. It was held at the Unitarian Fellowship in Poughkeepsie.

Minutes: The minutes of the December 5, 2013 meeting were approved as presented.

Chair's Remarks – Jackie Goffe-McNish : Interim reports will be due in February. They will cover goals, accomplishments, and work still to be completed, and Jackie will send an outline. Members were reminded to notify the chair if they are not able to attend a meeting and to consider whether they would like to continue on the board for the coming term. Mary Lou Davis reminded members that the incoming board will be selected by the next president, with help from the Nominating Committee if requested.

Old Business:

Treasurer's Report- Barbara VanItallie: We currently have \$39,152.66 in our various accounts.

Legal Advocacy Fund – Marcine Humphrey: Members had been asked to brainstorm ways to increase our branch contributions to LAF. Last year the board voted to designate branch money to bring the donation up to \$500. Marcine made several suggestions including baskets for the state convention and a Summer Reading Book Exchange held at the last general meeting. The baskets could include a Book Group Greatest Hits (favorite books from the groups with a handwritten note about why each was enjoyed) and a Spice up Your Life (including favorite recipes and an unusual spice needed). The projects were approved.

New Business:

Jeanette Cantwell – Membership: We currently have 406 members. There were 46 who did not renew and 57 new members who joined. We are currently first in New York State and will not know our national status until after the February 28 deadline. When dues were paid, Jeanette received some donations from either overpayments or 40 year members paying local dues. It was decided that they will be listed in The Branch and a personal note will be sent to each. The spring Shape the Future Campaign starts on March 15. For \$53.50 members will receive up to 15 months membership. For those who submit their checks between January 1 and March 15, membership will be processed on March 15 and during that time they will be treated as new members.

Open Forum:

Mary Lou Davis: Senator Terry Gipson sent a picture from the court dog meeting.

Cathy Kinn: She asked whether meetings next year will return to Wednesday nights. After the slate is announced at the February meeting, the incoming president will be asked.

International Relations – Cecilia Dinio-Durkin: The Committee on the Status of Women will hold their conferences on March 10-21. A planning meeting will be held next week and a date to attend will be selected.

The cost for the bus will be \$20/person, including tip. There will be an earlier deadline for members to sign up and then it will be open to the public.

Writers' Tea – Linda Roberts: More donations for the auction are needed. Members were asked to at least notify her if they plan to submit an item, since it makes the required paperwork much easier.

The Branch – Margaret Nijhuis: The deadline for the February issue is tomorrow.

Marcine Humphrey: Marguerite Cotter will not be working on publicity while she is undergoing medical treatment.

Barbara VanItallie: She will be away during February, so anyone needing checks or financial information is asked to contact her by the end of January.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Harrel

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Secretary