

AAUW Poughkeepsie Branch, Inc.
Annual Meeting minutes
Tuesday, May 6, 2014

The meeting was called to order by Jackie Goffe-McNish, president, at 6:40 pm at Christo's Restaurant.

Chair's Remarks – Jackie Goffe-McNish: All were welcomed to our annual meeting. Our branch is the largest in New York State and has had a rich, diverse program throughout the year. Those who were attending for the first time were acknowledged. Jackie stated that during her two year term she met many helpful people, found that the AAUW philosophy matched her own, and was allowed to introduce her own creative ideas. The branch was thanked for giving her the opportunity to grow.

Bylaws amendments – Jackie Goffe-McNish: Amendments were printed in The Branch and copies were available at the meeting. The amendments were adopted unanimously.

Minutes: Since the board previously approved the minutes from the May 8, 2013 meeting, the reading of the minutes was waived.

Treasurer's Report- Barbara VanItallie: A brief treasurer's report was presented. The profit from the writers' tea was approximately \$6900, half of which will be allocated for community initiatives. The budget for 2014-2015 was presented. It is approximately \$48,000, with \$7,000 for use by the branch after national and state dues are submitted. The budget was approved unanimously.

Membership Recognition – Kay Saderholm: Members were recognized for special membership anniversaries.

Education Opportunities Fund – Linda Roberts: The branch recognized several members through Named Fellowships in their honor. They included Jeanette Cantwell, Dina Gleeson, Linda Freisitzer, Cathy Kinn, Ruth Sheets, and Jane Toll.

Emerging Leader – Mary Lou Davis: Susie Blecker was honored as our Emerging Leader. She also received special recognition at the AAUW-NYS convention.

State awards – Jackie Goffe-McNish: A number of awards were received by the branch at the AAUW-NYS convention for public policy and communications.

Nominating Committee – Mary Lou Davis: The slate for 2014-2016 consists of: Barbara VanItallie, president; Kathy Friedman, secretary; and Diane Jablonski, treasurer. Since there were no other nominations from the floor, the secretary cast one ballot for the slate. Following the installation, Barbara VanItallie thanked those who have been so supportive and said that she was looking forward to working with everyone.

Presentation – Mary Coiteux: Past presidents were recognized, and Jackie Goffe-McNish was thanked for her service and leadership. She was presented with the Past President's pin.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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Secretary