

Poughkeepsie Branch AAUW, Inc.
Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, March 12, 2015
Unitarian Fellowship, Poughkeepsie, NY

Members present: Kathy Friedman, Diane Jablonski, Margaret Nijhuis, Linda Roberts, Pat DeLeo, Maria DeWald, Barbara Van Itallie, Betty Harrel, Christie Van Horne, Kay Saderholm, Cathy Kinn, Eileen Hayden, Mary Coiteux. Guest: Margaret White.

The meeting was called to order by Barbara Van Itallie at 6:02 PM. The minutes from February 5 were accepted as written.

President's Report

Barbara Van Itallie announced that we are eliminating the initiative, "Careers, Compensation and You." Participation has been weak because it has been difficult to reach out to the colleges.

Jeanette Cantwell has resigned as Membership Treasurer. We thank her for her diligence and dedication to the job.

Diane Jablonski moved that we accept Jeanette's resignation, with regret. The motion passed.

Kay Saderholm moved that Mary Ann Hogarty be appointed the new Membership Treasurer for the rest of Jeanette's term (3 months). The motion passed.

Barbara asked if someone had a purse to donate for a LAF fundraiser at the state convention. Maria DeWald volunteered one.

Treasurer

Diane Jablonski asked that members let her know about their financial needs for next year, as she is working on the new budget.

Membership

Kay Saderholm reported that we have two new members. On April 20 she will be sending members the renewal forms for next year.

Programs

Mary Coiteux passed out a letter that she is sending out to groups who may be interested in our April 28th program, "Taking Charge. What Parents & Students Should Know about Safety on Campus." We are asking board members to please send to Mary the names and email addresses of people to contact.

Newsletter/Website

Margaret Nijhuis reported that the June Newsletter will come out on May 30th.

New Business

Pat DeLeo reported that Equal Pay Day is April 14, and we are trying to come up with an activity for it. One suggestion was to have an "unhappy hour." Pat has a button machine and suggested that we have buttons with the number "23" on them, signifying the fact that women make, on average, 23 cents less an hour than men.

Margaret Nijhuis spoke of the need to purchase a laptop computer for the Branch, since we have been borrowing Mary Ann Boylan's for presentations. *Margaret moved that we purchase a laptop with Office and virus protection for \$350-400. Maria DeWald proposed an amendment to change the price to*

“not to exceed \$600.” The amendment passed. The amended motion is that we purchase a laptop with Office and virus protection, not to exceed \$600. The motion passed.

Diane Jablonski suggested that we develop a list of items that we have purchased, such as the new computer, the projector, etc. She will keep the list.

Barbara Van Itallie announced that 2015 is the 90th anniversary of our branch and that we should celebrate that fact at the annual meeting in June. Some suggestions were: A slide show of old pictures (Historian Eileen Hayden has many from our Branch’s earlier years), an anniversary cake, memories for the newsletter, a special 90th Anniversary Logo on our documents. It was also suggested that we carry on the anniversary theme to our Fall Open House, and that we emphasize our involvement with Dutchess Community College.

Margaret Nihuis handed out posters about the April 26 Writers’ Tea for members to display.

Linda Roberts reminded everyone that any donations for the silent auction need to come in soon. She pointed out the beautiful “Patriots & Petticoats” quilt, made and donated by Dina Gleeson, which will be auctioned at the event.

The Meeting was adjourned at 6:55.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katherine Friedman