

AAUW Board Meeting

Thursday, September 22, 2011

Pennsylvania Highlands Community College

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

Meeting was called to order by President Barbara Zaborowski at 5:35 PM.

The meeting began with a directive to rent two storage units at Ace's for book storage until the used book sale.

The board discussed the need for officer handbooks to provide pertinent information and specific duties for each office. Having a written handbook would provide a smoother and easier transition when a new person assumes a particular office. Each current officer will compile a list of information for her position throughout this year, including dates/deadlines. This data will be used to compose officer handbooks at a future date.

Currently, some committees consist of only one member. The board recognizes the need for more members to serve on the various committees. This would lighten the work load for existing committee members and provide a way for more members, especially new members, to become involved in AAUW.

Addressing this need, Kathy Howanek will present a new member orientation one hour before the October meeting.

After discussion, the responsibilities of the hospitality hostess at a meeting were clarified. Deanna Haddle will buy and bring the basic supplies-cups, plates, napkins, coffee, tea. She will also provide a centerpiece that can be awarded as a door prize. The meeting hostess will be responsible for set up, be certain food is provided, and for clean up. She is not expected to bake cookies or spend her own money for food. AAUW funds should be used for these expenses. One exception is the two open meetings per year (September/April) when a request is made to the membership to provide cookies and other goodies (since larger crowds are anticipated at these meetings).

Linda Drusak is the scholastic chair for this year but she needs someone to help her and to assume the job next year. A separate AAUW scholarship dinner, possibly at Sunnehanna, will be held where the recipients and their parents would be honored. Discussion of which schools, including parochial schools, would be eligible for scholarships was held. This will be further discussed at the October meeting.

Barbara Zaboroski suggested the formation of a fundraising committee to explore options for raising money in addition to the annual used book sale.

Linda Drusak reported that two CD have been cashed and the money will be used for the scholarships. AAUW now has a Visa banking card. AAUW funds have been consolidated into accounts at Ameriserve and First Summit. Linda read a thank you from the Cambria County

Literacy Council for our donation of \$500.00 and one from the Cambria County Library for our donation of \$200.00.

Deanna Haddle reported that plans are progressing for the STEM conference in November. Eight providers have committed to present at the conference, with possibly seven additional providers. Members' help will be needed the night before the conference to package goodie bags for the girls and needed for the actual conference. A concern is the small number of Girl Scouts actually registered for the conference at this time. Deanna will know the number of girls attending on October 14. If there is a low number, the conference will be advertised in the papers and opened to any girls in grades 5-8.

The board discussed the sustaining fund which is to be used for any future dues increase for current members. Since a few increases would exhaust the fund, it was suggested to establish a grandfather date-any member who joins after this date will have to personally pay future AAUW dues increases.

Cindy Bennett provided locations and dates for the October used book collections. They are: Giant Eagle, Richland (Oct 2-29), Giant Eagle, Ebensburg (Oct 7-27), Penn Highlands, Ebensburg (Oct 1-31), First National & Northwest Savings, Westwood (Oct 1-31). Members are needed to pick up books at the Westwood locations on Saturdays; all other dates and locations are covered. Any individual member who wants a box for her workplace is to call Cindy.

A Survey of Used Book Buyers and *A Survey of Charity Groups Who Run Used Book Sales* were reviewed by the board. Data from these two surveys prompted board discussion about possible changes in our used book sale. October was identified as the month with the best sales. This research showed that fiction and hardbacks were most desired by buyers. The possibility of selling hardbacks on online all year was discussed.

A reminder was given about the western regional workshop on October 29 if anyone is interested. Deanna Haddle needs all items for the November/December newsletter by October 15. Deanna also mentioned the possibility of AAUW showing *Iron Jawed Angels*, a movie about women's suffrage in the spring. The cost of a public showing needs to be determined. A fourth grade class at Jackson Township Elementary (Central Cambria School District) has been selected for the Write-Read-Write program for this year. A new focus for AAUW next year will be bullying (instead of STEM).

The meeting ended at 7:15 PM.