

Indiana AAUW Board of Directors March 28, 2009

Members present – Agnes George, Barb Kanning, Beth LeRoy, Jane Allerton, Janet Brewer, Jean Amman, Kay Depel, Mary Lou Thomas, Phyllis Thompson, Sharon Schafer, Susan Trout, and Barb Wellnitz.

Members absent – Deb Romary, Jean Stephens, Marsha Miller, and Treva May.

Guests: Heidi Morgan, Sarah Boyajian, Pauli Burelli, Barbara Kuzman, Jeana Nier, Dorothy Bishop, Nancy Hardesty, and Colleen DeVries, all of South Lake County branch.

Barb Kanning called the meeting to order at 10:15 CDT. She thanked Kay and her husband for hosting our meeting and to the attending board members for their dedication to AAUW. Extra copies of the directory are available from Jane if anyone needs one. The president's packet was sent in January following the chatroom meeting.

Minutes of the January 10 chatroom meeting were accepted as printed.

Finance report – Susan Trout reported a checking account balance of \$5,764.14 and a business savings account balance of \$11,221.55. Investment of this account is still on hold pending better opportunities. Registrations thus far for the State Convention total only 18. Ruth Brown will attend as our Regional Director. Jennifer Wilkin from Association will attend as our guest. Esther Garcia will also be our guest as she was our sponsored attendee at NCCWSL. Members were reminded that \$46 of the \$49 Association dues will be tax deductible after April 1 due to the restructuring. Madison-Hanover dues were not paid until September so there is quite a discrepancy between the number Association shows for the branch and the number actually paid. A dues reminder will be in the next *Indiana Bulletin*.

Program – In Deb's absence, Barb K. reminded members of the summer board meeting on July 11 in Anderson. The summer meeting will be on August 22 at Innsbrook Country Club with South Lake County branch hosting. This is a change from previous plans because SLC is celebrating its 50th anniversary and also had the largest membership gain (+32 %) this year. A theme for that meeting was discussed as was the title. The focus of this meeting will be to celebrate membership for 50 years, both branch and individual. Jean A. requested we keep in mind the appeal of the materials we use to publicize our events. They should be more informative to those outside AAUW as well as current members.

A branch is needed to host the **2010 State Convention**. The date for 2010 has not yet been set.

The **business meeting at the 2009 State Convention** will be only ½ hour in order to allow time for discussion of upcoming changes. Barb K. asked who needs a table for display purposes: Phyllis, Agnes, and Jane/Mary Lou (tote bags). Facilities for the 2009 State

Convention are gorgeous with amenities such as swimming pool, spa, balconies, and restaurant.

Legal Advocacy Fund – Phyllis reported a total of \$4,407.25 in contributions for 2008. See separate sheet for the breakdown by branch. She also passed out the LAF Express for March 2009 with current information. Phyllis asked for Board approval to form a committee consisting of Linda Fellwock of Evansville, Sarah Frank of Indianapolis, Julie Kriegbaum of Michigan City, Rita Courtney of Noblesville, and Judith Hurdle of Valparaiso. She plans to hold online meetings to discuss programming ideas in addition to fundraising. Jean Amman moved the Board accept the committee formation and Kay Depel seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Branch Recognition – Anderson, Elkhart, Fort Wayne, and South Bend have submitted programs for recognition and will be so recognized at the Convention.

Emerging Leader Award – this goes to Carol Miller, nominee from Elkhart.

Educational Foundation – Mary Lou reported a total of \$8,718.10 contributed to EF by members in Indiana. See separate report with branch breakdown. Indiana AAUW members also contributed \$1,851.61 for Unrestricted Support of the Association, which monies came from the purchase of note cards. EF has decided to recognize local scholarships and has established a pilot program where they would act as a clearinghouse to make things easier for branches to award local scholarships. Branches would still retain complete control over qualifications and selection.

Fundraiser – Jane researched tote bags to sell as a fundraiser and showed a sample. It has straps that fit over the shoulder but no pockets. It would have an AAUW logo in color on it and we have two logos from which to choose. Our cost would be \$5 each. Buying 150 would be cheaper than buying 100. Members preferred a bag with pockets and so perused the catalog and another style was chosen. Turnaround time also needs to be taken into consideration since we want to sell them at the State Convention. It is expensive to get a table for sales at Association Convention so selling there would be done on an informal basis. Branches would also be asked to take some to sell and would get EF credit for the money raised.

Public Policy – Jean S. emailed her report and Barb K. handed out copies. See the separate detailed report highlighting the advocacy successes this past year. Branches are urged to celebrate Equal Pay Day on April 28. Barb K. had Pay Day candy bars for each board member left from those Mitzi handed out at the Statehouse in February. Barb has cards promoting the “Keep the Change Until Women Have Real Change” which will be given to each branch at convention. The current IN public policy is in effect until June 30, 2009 and we will not be voting on a new one in April. Board members should review the Association public policy as outlined in the Spring issue of *Outlook* and come to the April 24 board meeting prepared to make any recommendations for change to the IN policy. Part of the summer meeting will be declared a special meeting so we can decide and vote on a new public policy for 2009-11.

Association is continuing the **IMPACT grants** but applying is by invitation only. Indiana has been chosen to apply based on the previous one submitted by us and mainly written by Agnes. We are one of 15 states invited to apply and up to 9 states will be chosen to

receive \$900 cash payments. Barb K. received guidelines and suggestions and the deadline to apply is the end of April. Phyllis moved we apply for this grant and Agnes seconded. Motion carried. Barb K. will work with Sharon Langlotz on the application.

Membership – Kay is still working to form a Bloomington branch and has visited with interested women twice already this year. She is also encouraging branches to sign up new members. Kay reported on the Rural Girls Initiative sponsored by the State. The project could be used as a basis to encourage AAUW membership especially MALs. Barb K. and Jean A. offered additional information on the initiative, though the specifics of our involvement have not yet been determined. A letter of support from us would mean that we support the program in a 35-county area. Young / pre-teens are targeted, not just Girl Scouts. Janet moved we submit a letter supporting this endeavor wherein we would be a partner. Beth and Phyllis seconded. Barb K. reminded members that Give a Grad a Gift is still available and encouraged us to make use of it for anyone we know who qualifies.

Newsletter – Janet requested help updating the newsletter mailing list. By mailing first class, the undeliverables are returned to her so she can investigate and correct the address or remove them as appropriate. Some have a forwarding address but others do not. Apparently Madison-Hanover did not send in their dues until September and therefore have not been on either ours or Association's mailing lists all year. Janet asked about distributing the newsletter online as opposed to mailing. Each issue goes to about 1200 people even though we have only about 800 members. Association officers and other state newsletter editors get copies. Each issue costs about \$1000 and we are only publishing three times a year now. Mailing vs. online was discussed and should be brought up to the members for their input. No changes in strategy will be made at this time. June 1 is the deadline for the summer issue and the summer meeting will be the focus.

Lending Library – Agnes handed out copies of the list of books in our lending library collection and the Adelante! Books of the Month for 2008-09. Titles were discussed and members were requested to suggest three books in each category and be prepared with these by the April 24 board meeting. Several additions were given to Agnes today. All materials will be available at the State Convention so branches can check them out. She would like to transfer the VHS tapes to DVD for easier storage and mailing. Copyright issues were brought up and Agnes will investigate. Thousand Oaks, CA branch is selling three publications on notable women and it was suggested Agnes them buy for our library. Janet made several recommendations from the Adelante! list and Jean A. recommended *Bowling Alone: The Collapse and Revival of American Community*. Janet will bring Anderson's book group lists from the last several years to the April meeting for ideas. Agnes was asked to buy #7, #9, #25, #30 from the Adelante! list in hopes to have them by the convention.

IN website – should officer's reports be put on the website? Marsha would like to see them there and some discussion ensued. No decision was reached. The website was and should continue to be promoted in the newsletter.

Historian – branches should send a copy of their newsletter to Treva as she uses new member information from them to send welcome letters. Treva plans to be in Warsaw

and will have the scrapbook available for viewing. Any statewide materials that should be kept should be given to Treva.

International Relations – Sharon reminded us that One World Handcrafts will be at the convention with their wares and sales benefit women of Third World countries. She will introduce them on Saturday. Sharon recommended *My Little Red Book* by Rachel Kauder Nalebuff, a compilation of short essays about girls' first menstrual periods and cultural differences concerning this. She will also introduce Esther Garcia on Saturday.

C/U Rep – Jean A. has a letter ready to go out to the C/U reps inviting them to attend the State Convention.

Resolutions – Jean A. distributed 2009 Proposed Convention Resolutions (refer to separate sheet) which were discussed and revised slightly by deleting the Be It Resolved on immigration and adding the words 'global and local' before opportunities in the first Be It Resolved.

Nominating Committee – in Deb's absence, Barb K. announced the following slate of officers for 2009-11 to be elected in April: Co-Directors of Program – Deb Romary and Andrea Tarbet; Recording Secretary – Barb Wellnitz; Director of Public Policy – Sharon Langlotz. Jane Allerton accepted the chairmanship of the nominating committee since Deb cannot be the chair and also run for office. These offices will be up for election next year: President-elect; Membership, Treasurer, and EF.

Branch Consultants – board members should get reports on their branch visits to Beth.

NCCWSL – Jean A. said she has not yet received any applications to attend. We have \$400 budgeted to help send an IN college woman to this event.

Timeline – the timeline was reviewed and some minor corrections were made for the next issue of the *Bulletin*.

The next board meeting will be April 24 at the Ramada Inn in Warsaw. We will meet in the lobby at 5:00 for dinner with the meeting in the same room immediately following dinner. Non-board members are invited to join us for dinner without being obligated to stay for the meeting although branch members are welcome to do so.

Attendance at the Association Convention in St. Louis was discussed and Barb K. suggested carpooling and getting together for dinner on Friday evening.

A handout will be given in April encouraging members to attend the summer meeting on August 22.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 CDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary