

Indiana AAUW Board of Directors April 24, 2009

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

Members absent – Deb Romary, Jane Allerton, Jean Stephens, and Treva May.

Guests: Jennifer Wilken, Association Board member; Sharon Langlotz, incoming Director of Public Policy; Coy Halpern, nominating committee member; and Theresa Eck, Indianapolis branch president.

Barb Kanning called the meeting to order.

Minutes – Beth, Sharon S., and Janet were appointed to read the minutes of the 2009 Annual Meeting. Minutes of the March 28 meeting were discussed since only one name was listed in them as an emerging leader. This will stand since that was the sole name given at that meeting.

Finance report – Susan reported 65 registrations for tomorrow's State Convention representing 14 branches (out of 18). The financial report shows receipts of \$1901 and disbursements of \$1729.14 with a checking account balance of \$5935 and a savings account balance of \$11,222.03. The \$1000 for tote bags is only a partial payment as Mary Lou didn't have enough funds in the EF account to cover the entire cost. Phyllis will assist Susan with registration in the morning to facilitate identification of voting delegates.

Program – The summer board meeting will be Saturday, July 11 at Anderson University Library, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. ET. The calendar for 2009/10 will be set at that time. The public policy agenda for the biennium will be formed then and voted on by the attendees at the August 22 meeting. Board members should bring their directories so updates can be made. Lisa Maatz, Association public policy director, will be attending the August meeting which is a celebration of 50-year members and the South Lake County branch's 50th anniversary. This meeting will be from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. CT. The 2010 State Convention will be in Indy but the date has not yet been determined. Chris Greene of the Indianapolis branch is in charge of arrangements and availability of an appropriate location will determine the date.

Emerging Leader Award – Carol Miller, Elkhart branch, and Cathleen Huff, Fort Wayne branch, will be honored with certificates at tomorrow's meeting.

Legal Advocacy Fund – reports are in the convention booklet – see pages 15 and 16.

EF Fundraiser – Mary Lou reported the tote bags are here. Total cost is \$1053 for 150 bags. These will be sold for \$15 each with \$5 per bag going to EF with credit to the selling member's branch. She will ask members present tomorrow to take some home for their branch to sell. She will host a sales table tomorrow.

Public Policy – will be discussed at the July board meeting and an updated policy for 2009-11 will be drafted with voting by the members on August 22. Board members are asked to refer to the Association policy in the Spring *Outlook* to see if anything new should be added to the state policy. Branches should get their input on any items to a board member prior to the July meeting and Barb K. will announce this tomorrow. Barb K. completed and filed the Public Policy Impact Grant application on behalf of Indiana. The results will be announced in July. Sharon L. mentioned that negotiation training seminars are being conducted around the country and that may be a good use of our grant money should we win.

Membership – Kay's report is on page 11 of the convention booklet. Barb K. will remind members tomorrow of the Give a Grad a Gift program since this is graduation season and an appropriate gift to introduce young women to AAUW. This is only a member-at-large membership and state and branch dues are an extra cost.

Newsletter – June 1 deadline for the summer issue focusing on the August 22 meeting and should include the notice that IN public policy for 2009-11 will be discussed and voted on at that meeting. There will be only three newsletters this year. Remind branch officers to send the branch officers list to Jane Allerton when they send it to Association so she can include correct information in the Directory. Jean A. suggested a short bio at some time on both young women we are sending to NCCWSL.

Lending Library – Agnes has library books to display tomorrow. She purchased one additional book, *Don't Sweat the Small Stuff for Women* in addition to those on our list from the March meeting. She passed around copies of the bibliography, a brochure and a bookmark promoting the library, all of which she produced, and they will be given to members tomorrow. Barb K. asked Agnes to write an article for the newsletter telling members about the materials that can be downloaded from the AAUW website. She noted which AAUW reports we do not have and requested Susan order them. Now we need to encourage members to borrow the materials and branches are only responsible for paying the return postage.

IN website – Marsha requested each board member be available to have her picture taken at some time tonight or tomorrow so she can include them on the website. She will also take branch group pictures tomorrow. Marsha sent about 12 e-student applications to potential members in December but has not followed up. One woman did join as an e-student affiliate and will automatically receive a member-at-large membership for one year upon her graduation. Eligibility is only open to those who attend a member institution. Barb K. asked Marsha to write up a short article for the newsletter about this membership category. Jennifer suggested we encourage our daughters to join AAUW and they can act as ambassadors to get others interested. We need to be open to new and innovative ideas to get new and especially younger women to join.

Historian – Treva is unable to attend tomorrow so the scrapbook will not be on display.

International Relations – Sharon S. reported that One World Handcrafts will have an exhibit tomorrow and will set up outside the meeting room with beautiful items for sale. Esther Garcia will briefly address the group. Sharon will introduce both.

C/U Rep / NCCWSL – IN has only 12 partner institutions but Jean A. has made a list of all women's studies programs in the state with contact info which can be used to promote NCCWSL. She has contacted all but IU-Bloomington where finding the right person has proved challenging. Franklin College responded to her inquiry immediately with names of two young women who would benefit from attending NCCWSL and who have already shown their leadership potential. Both candidates were so close in their qualifications that Jean and her committee (Phyllis, Jane A., and Kay) decided to award scholarships to both. Thanks to an extra donation from Kay, this is possible. Jean read some of each one's accomplishments and both are student leaders. Both are willing to speak to either the state or branches. One is from Indianapolis and one from Greenwood and both are so excited about attending NCCWSL that they want to start a student branch when they return. Jean feels that contacts on campus who are close to students can make such a huge difference.

Jean A. finds that contacting women studies departments directly she gets much better response in suggesting women who may be interested in attending NCCWSL. We should explore ways to get branches involved in helping fund the girls' trips. Planning for this and notification to states and branches of the dates by Christmas would allow more time to recruit women to attend.

Bylaws – these will be reviewed and updated after the Association Convention. Model bylaws will be available from Association for states and branches to use as guides.

Nominating Committee – Chair Deb Romary will not be at the convention tomorrow so committee member Coy Halpern will read the slate – see page 12 of the convention booklet. She will then read the nominations one office at a time and Barb K. will conduct the voice vote.

Old Business – At the August 22 meeting we will conduct a short business meeting to adopt the 2009-11 public policy and a notice of this special meeting should appear in the summer newsletter. Public Policy Director Lisa Maatz will be the keynote speaker.

Branch Consultants – if you visited the branch to which you are consultant, send that information to Beth before the July meeting or give it to her at that time.

The next board meeting will be July 11 at 10:00 a.m. (ET) at Anderson University Library in Anderson where we will discuss the public policy update, goals, timeline, and budget.

Barb K. adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary