

## **Indiana AAUW Board of Directors May 9, 2008**

Members present – Jean Amman, Phyllis Thompson, Barbara Kanning, Susan Trout, Deb Romary, Jane Allerton, Sharon Schafer, Mary Lou Thomas, Beth LeRoy, Kay Depel, Jean Stephens, and Barbara Wellnitz. Guests – Ruth Brown, Great Lakes Regional Director, and Pauli xx, president of South Lake County.

Members absent – Carroll Parsons, Janice Greene, Treva May, and Marsha Miller.

Jean Amman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Introductions – Jean Stephens, new Director of Public Policy, and Ruth Brown, Regional Director, were introduced.

Phyllis moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as emailed to members and Deb seconded. Motion passed.

Susan gave the financial report additions since that printed in the convention booklet. Some convention attendees have not yet paid; a \$300 deposit was sent for the July retreat in Bloomington; the insurance bill was also paid. The CD is renewable in July. Mary Lou moved and Barb K. seconded that Susan use her discretion concerning the method of reinvesting the CD. Motion carried. Jane moved and Phyllis seconded to accept Susan's financial report. Motion carried.

Deb pointed out a few items of particular interest to the board in the convention booklet on tomorrow's agenda. Jean A. will conduct the installation of officers and a script will be found for her to use. Deb announced we will continue to point out upcoming dates to members – July 26, Summer Retreat in Bloomington and June 26-28, 2009, the Association Convention in St. Louis. The 2009 State Convention will be in Warsaw on April 25, 2009. Attendance at the Summer Retreat is necessary since the focus is on technology – and you need to be present to see the methods used. Members Janet Brewer and Barb Wellnitz will be helping make this happen. We'll be working with FaceBook to create FaceBook pages for each branch. The idea is that you invite young people to your site and after several connections, you invite them to meet in person. Barb will talk about using the web to network. We will also learn about YouTube and how to use it as well.

Membership – Mary Lou has the February 1 report from Association in the convention booklet. The state had 836 members at that time, 44 fewer than the same time last year. The branch in West Lafayette is still trying to get organized. They were finally able to open a bank account and are still working out other details to officially become a branch. Muncie and Anderson will receive certificates tomorrow for increasing membership. Mary Lou has new membership brochures which will be available for convention attendees to take home. There is some confusion about the amount of Association dues and a member suggested that state and branch newsletters publish in each issue the amount of Association and state dues. That should save time for everyone and eliminate confusion. She is working to connect with members at large in Bloomington to see if there is interest in forming a branch there.

Titles of board members – Ruth says it should be vice president of office. Association bylaws govern this. Our bylaws call for us to use director so that's what we will use and can revisit it when the bylaws are reviewed and revised again next year.

Educational Foundation – Kay's report is in the convention booklet. Two corrections are needed – delete \$20 from Indianapolis and \$300 from South Lake County. Getting reports from Association has vastly improved from prior years with communication being much better and faster.

Recognition – Phyllis has 5 branches to recognize tomorrow for Indiana's Ingenious Ideas – Anderson, Calumet Area, Indianapolis, Evansville, and South Bend. The over-40 Emerging Leader award will go to Sharon Langlotz.

LAF – Phyllis is very pleased with the amount of money raised within the state for LAF. She participated in a conference call with other regional LAF liaisons for briefing on the latest decision to expand the focus of LAF to women other than those in academia. Phyllis has applied to be on the Association committee to polish the bylaws. She has not yet heard back. Board members are encouraged to attend the 2009 Association Convention where attendees can voice their opinions.

Lending library – Beth has it here and will have all items displayed tomorrow.

Newsletter – Janice Greene will put together the summer issue; May 15 is the deadline to get our materials to her. Please copy Jean on whatever you send to Janice. The Summer Retreat will be featured as well as the amount of the dues. State dues should be sent to Susan. Janice did not get the newsletter contest judged but did get entries from 5 branches. Those branches will get awards.

Policies – Distribution of our state policy sheet to branch members and publication on the website was discussed. Ruth feels we should have it on the website and available to members. Barb K. suggested the updated copy be sent to all branch presidents in the next president's packet. Barb K. moved the policies be put on the state website and Kay seconded. Motion carried.

Diversity and Educational Equity – no report from Carroll. In the future, the Diversity role will be paired with International Relations and the Educational Equity role will be paired with the C/U chair.

Proposed appointments to the board for next year – recommendations were reviewed by the board in March and all women accepted. Ruth stated that our board is too large; it should be about 10% of our membership, so 8-10 people should suffice. This will be considered in the future.

Webmaster – Marsha requested pictures of each board member and one as a group. All board members should send her any documents which should go on that respective officer's page. We need to ask branch presidents to send branch officer information to Marsha.

International Relations – Sharon has no particular report but does have some information. She now has an email address – wrigleyschafer@aol.com.

Parliamentarian and Historian – Treva could not attend but hopes to be here tomorrow.

Public Policy – Jean S. reported that members should put pressure on Senator Lugar concerning our feelings on his vote against the Ledbetter Fair Pay Act. Virginia’s state board drafted a long letter and has asked that we sign on to it. We discussed whether to do this as individuals or branches. Ruth suggested we ask Lisa Maatz at Association for her recommendation on what Indiana should do to let him know we do not agree with his vote. Phone calls or emails are the most effective communication methods. Ruth has extra public policy brochures for members.

President – Jean A. announced that Dr. Geraldine Oberman, director of the National Girls Collaborative Project will attend the Convention tomorrow. She has been making conference calls outlining her role with the Project as defined by Association and will have an information table tomorrow.

The convention rules did not get printed in the convention program but are available. Per the script for the business meeting, the secretary reads the rules at the convention. Jean A. asked that each board member read through the script to see if she has a role and, if so, to be prepared. Roll call of the branches will be done by Barb W. Jane will make a report during the meeting of those registered.

Barb K., Agnes George, and Phyllis were appointed to read and approve the minutes of last year’s annual meeting. The reading committee for tomorrow’s meeting will be Deb (chair), Beth, and Jane. Barb W. will serve as ex-officio. They will be appointed officially tomorrow.

Association has changed the due date of new officer report forms from June 1 to May 1. Per Ruth, Association only wants names and email addresses but we at the state level also want the mailing addresses and telephone numbers. Some branches are still having trouble getting copies to both Association and State as they feel if they send the info to one, it will also be forwarded to the other.

Resolutions – Barb K. will present and ask for adoption of the resolutions as a group since only the wording has been updated since they were originally adopted last year. She also will present the courtesy resolution and recommend its adoption.

Bylaws – Branch presidents were requested to bring a copy of their most recent bylaws to this State Convention. Barb K. has Noblesville’s. No changes are proposed to the state’s this year but major changes will be needed next year.

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) – We have \$400 budgeted and 2 applications which the committee has reviewed. One non-traditional student (a single mother) attending Purdue Calumet is already registered for the conference – Esther Garcia – whose major is English with a minor in Women’s Leadership. Her local branch, Calumet Area, is looking for help in financing her trip. She has a connection to AAUW already via a local grant and is also willing to talk to other groups. Susan will send our check directly to Esther. A regret letter will be sent to the losing applicant.

Jean A. announced AAUW has an online blog and members are encouraged to participate. A link is on the main AAUW page.

Ruth said her report will be given at tomorrow’s convention.

The next board meeting will be July 25 from 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Alumni Room at the Courtyard by Marriott in Bloomington. This is the hotel where we will be staying before the Summer Retreat.

Information on branch dues reports and officer forms were sent to Jean so she handed them to the appropriate people.

Barb K. will act as timekeeper tomorrow.

Kay turned in the only branch consultant report.

Jean adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary