

## Indiana AAUW Board of Directors July 18, 2009

**Members present** – Andrea Tarbet, Barb Kanning, Janet Brewer, Kay Depel, Marsha Miller, Mary Lou Thomas, Sharon Langlotz, Sharon Schafer, Susan Trout, and Barb Wellnitz.

**Members absent** – Agnes George, Beth LeRoy, Deb Romary, Jane Allerton, Jean Amman, Phyllis Thompson, and Treva May.

**Guest:** Lois Mitchell, South Lake County branch member.

Barb Kanning called the meeting to order at 10:20 a.m.

**Minutes** – April 24 minutes were approved as submitted.

**Finance report** – The financial report shows receipts of \$4316 and disbursements of \$3664.57 with a checking account balance of \$6415.57 and a savings account balance of \$11,222.40. Susan's report will be filed for audit. She is concerned about investing the savings account balance and will try to talk with Deb Romary about where to do this.

**Membership** – Kay reported the Association Convention was exciting. The member clause will remain as voted on at the 2007 convention – membership requirement for individual members did not change (i.e., a 2-year degree is required). In addition to College/University members, there will now also be partner members: corporate, business, financial, or educational corporation who support our mission. Dues for corporate partners has not yet been established. For the first time, the convention had corporate sponsors.

Madison-Hanover did not collect dues last year until September and so did not receive Association mailings and, of course, are being asked to pay dues again now. State membership now stands at 800+. Branches should be aware that perhaps some members (especially older ones) may not be able to afford their dues or are at a stage of life where AAUW dues payment falls between the cracks. Members may be aware of this and can help fill the gap as they see fit.

**EF** – Mary Lou stated her final 2009 report was in the convention booklet and especially noted Noblesville's \$500 donation which had not been received when her report was compiled for the state newsletter. She has sold 84 tote bags so far out of 150. She has asked branches to let her know about their scholarship programs so they can be recognized. Mary Lou moved we donate \$7 per bag to EF and credit the selling branch. Andrea seconded. Motion passed. She will send the money to Association after the August state meeting. Only 4 green and 5 pink are left, with the remaining ones black.

**Legal Advocacy** – Phyllis sent her report along with the newest LAF brochure and has a chat room scheduled with her committee. She calls attention to the last page of Programs in a Box where Association is asking branch assistance in planning these. We need to keep in mind that many of our older members are not online so we need to get them information from the website so they do not feel left out and will feel connected.

Elkhart and Indy branches are the only ones who have not yet submitted their branch officer list to Jane for the Directory.

**International Relations** – Sharon was pleased with the acceptance the One World Handcrafts group received at the State Convention in April. She would still like to have Esther Garcia come to a state meeting and talk about her experience. Women's Equity Day is August 26. Greg Mortenson will have a new book out in December – *Stones into Schools*. The movie *A Powerful Voice* is available for purchase – Kay saw it at her local theater. Sharon L. will buy the movie, send the bill to Susan, and act as custodian of it. We'd like to work it into our convention next spring but will need to figure out how. A possibility will be to show just a clip during the convention and let everyone know it's available to branches. Sharon and Andrea will figure out how to work it into the program.

**Resolutions** – Barb W. to send a clean copy of the Resolutions passed at the state convention to Jane for the directory.

**Branch Consultants** – will do some shuffling with new/old board members when we go through the directory page by page.

**Lending Library** – Agnes is out of town but will have brochures and bookmarks available in August and will send the bibliography to the four branches not represented at the state convention.

**Newsletter** – Janet has a stack of returned newsletters – she shouldn't send them to forwarding addresses out of state. The mailing list from Association is never correct so each branch should send Janet their new member information as well as those who move, etc. and are no longer members of the branch. She will avoid a 9<sup>th</sup> page after this as it is too time consuming to process.

**New branch** – Marsha moved to rename the Terre Haute branch to AAUW of the Wabash Valley to incorporate a wider area including nearby communities in Illinois. Sharon S. and Andrea seconded. Passed. Since there is no requirement for a minimum number of members, Marsha can be the sole member and it will be a virtual branch as she works to attract new members.

**Wage Project** – Marsha has been through training and Patricia Couch of Bloomington will be receiving it soon so they will be able to conduct the workshops. These are tailored to a campus environment – a university pays \$500 for the trainer to come and conduct the workshop training enrollees in wage negotiation. The program is called Start Smart and is geared toward college juniors and seniors. *Getting Even* is recommended reading on this subject.

**Public Policy Action Grant** – Sharon L. moved we consider using the Start Smart program for part of our grant. The \$500 cost of the workshop goes to Start Smart but we would use part of the grant to pay expenses and a stipend to the trainer. Andrea seconded. Motion passed.

**New Business** – rename the Directory to Indiana Directory/Resource Guide; updates were made by the board page by page and will be sent to Jane.

**Program** – Andrea reported on plans for the August 22 meeting in Merrillville at Innsbrook Country Club. Lisa Maatz will be our featured speaker. The state is paying the

bills so Pauli will just turn over the checks received to Susan who will reimburse South Lake County branch for expenses they pre-pay. The special celebration of 50-year members will be held right after lunch. They will also tell the attendees how they successfully grew their branch this past year.

The **2010 State Convention** will be in Indy on Saturday, April 24, 2010 at Sheraton Indianapolis at Keystone at the Crossing. Chris Greene of the Indianapolis branch is in charge of arrangements. We will hold a board meeting on Friday, April 23 from 3-9 p.m ET also at the Sheraton. We will eat dinner while we work. Chris has reserved a block of rooms for Friday night.

The next board meeting will be Saturday, October 24 at Deb Romary's office in Fort Wayne from 10-3 ET. State bylaws and job descriptions will be discussed.

Barb K. adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary