

## **Indiana AAUW Board of Directors October 30, 2010**

**Members present** – Andrea Tarbet, April Lidinsky, Barb Kanning, Deb Romary, Jane Allerton, Mary Lou Thomas, Phyllis Thompson, Sharon Langlotz, Sharon Schafer, Susan Trout, and Barb Wellnitz.

**Members absent** – Agnes George, Janet Brewer, Jean Amman, and Marsha Miller.

**Resource present** – Patricia Crouch, Volunteer Leadership Corps member.

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

**Minutes** – There were no changes to the minutes of the July 17<sup>th</sup> meeting so they were accepted as distributed.

**Finance report** – Susan presented the financial report for the period July 18 through October 29 showing receipts of \$3,068 and disbursements of \$2,581.86. The checking account has a balance of \$7,093.01 and the savings account \$11,230.29. A profit of \$388.80 was realized from the retreat. Her report will be filed for audit.

Susan requested that each board member check to see when her branch was founded and let her know as Muncie is celebrating its 85<sup>th</sup> year and wants to know if another branch is older. Please let both Susan and Barb K know what you find out.

**Program** – Plans are moving along for the 2011 State Convention at Strongbow Inn in Valpo. Calumet Area, Gary/Merrillville, South Lake County and Valpo are joining as host branches. Board members will stay at the Hampton Inn located directly behind Strongbow Inn. Andrea is looking for suggestions for program topics and is thinking technology would be a good subject. Mary Lou pointed out that we need to keep older members who aren't online involved in AAUW and the branch. Barb K attended Calumet Area's 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary dinner and Janet Trusty would like their student affiliate branch to be involved in our State Convention and perhaps talk about how they began their branch and how they are getting other students involved. It would be great to use those young women as hostesses to guide members to the meeting room. Mitzi suggests Recipe for Success as a theme. Another idea for the theme uses a parfait to define the different layers. April suggested Tina Peters who attended NCWSL be invited to speak about her experience there.

**January board meeting** – The board is casting around for suggestions for the January board meeting rather than using the chat room as we have in the past. Andrea, Marsha, and Barb W are looking into possibilities.

**Summer meeting** – August 27 is the date and Terre Haute was suggested as a possible site.

**C/U** – Marsha reported St. Mary of the Woods is interested in becoming a C/U member. She suggests we work up an ad to place in larger city newspapers and online ad space can be priced. Along with these would be ads in various campus newspapers. The remaining Impact Grant money could be used for ads targeting campuses.

**Nominating Committee** – Deb announced that her business has grown and requires more of her time including travel and she plans to remove herself from the board though she will remain on the nominating committee and as a resource. Phyllis Loslo of the Calumet Area branch has agreed to be nominated as Co-Director of Program and Andrea has agreed to remain for another term. Deb and Barb K have discussed and approached a current board member about the president-elect position. This officer would be elected in 2011 and serve during the 2011-12 year and automatically become president in July 2012. Barb Wellnitz's term as secretary is up in 2011.

**Membership** – April has sent the MAL list to each branch for their use in recruiting new branch members. National has a new campaign beginning November 1, 2010 until November 1, 2011 celebrating 130 years with new incentives - \$18.81 for grad students. Colleges can join this year for \$130; this is a one-time only offer but would get them introduced to AAUW. A grad student just joined her South Bend branch and wants to award a writing prize. National is offering lots of graduate fellowships so that's a good incentive to attract grad students. Other incentives are also available. Barb K asked April to make a presentation about these at the State Convention. April will write up an article for the next newsletter about these as well. The incentive of joining at an official meeting where two people join and each pay half dues continues. We need to stress the networking aspect of AAUW to younger prospects. Members were reminded we must think differently to attract younger members as they have very different perspectives and ways of looking at things. We should also make use of public radio whenever possible.

**Public Policy Impact Grant** – Sharon L reported that to date we have spent \$700, \$500 to the Indiana Commission for Women for three Start Smart workshops they put on; \$150 to Mitzi for mileage to visit Hanover College to meet with the head of student leadership, Ivy Tech and the Hanover branch. She suggested a long-term project to interview older members to capture what they've accomplished and their contributions to their community.

**Public Policy agenda** – Sharon led a review of the current agenda and we suggested changes for 2011-13. She will type up our suggestions and send it to each of us for further review.

**AAUW Funds (EF)** – Mary Lou reported we sold 134 tote bags, she has 9 on hand and 5 are out on consignment, and 2 were used as gifts. She previously sent National the contributions for 96 and will send the money for another 38 next week. The bank balance is currently \$1040. She is soliciting ideas for next year's fundraiser.

**AAUW Funds (LAF)** – Phyllis participated in a conference call for LAF led by Holly Kearn, LAF program chair. She has written a book *Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women* and is working with a researcher to update *Hostile Hallways*. She is willing to visit and talk with groups about this topic. Phyllis handed out a list of specific fund numbers to be used for individual and branch contributions to AAUW Funds.

**International Relations/Diversity** – Sharon reported on things she has seen about sexual orientation which falls under diversity. If she comes up with an idea to incorporate diversity into the convention, she will get in touch with Deb and Andrea.

**Bylaws** – Jean reports the following branches are in compliance: Evansville, South Bend, Elkhart, Michigan City, Fort Wayne, Indianapolis, Goshen, Valparaiso, Richmond, Gary/Merrillville, and Calumet Area. Anderson, Warsaw, and Muncie are working on theirs. South Lake County's were rejected a year ago and nothing has been heard since. Nothing has

been received from Madison-Hanover and Noblesville. Consultants should contact their consultant branch if that branch is not in compliance.

Deb is of the opinion that while the state needs to have bylaws, each branch does not have to have separate ones. This needs to be looked into further.

**Officer changes** – Barb K asked Jane to write a blurb for the next newsletter asking branches to send any officer changes to her to keep our Resource Guide up to date.

**Lending Library** – A determination needs to be made about what to do with older publications such as research as well as the future of the lending library itself.

**Newsletter** – Deadline for the winter issue is February 1 and its focus will be the State Convention. Sharon S will write an article for this issue about the officers to be elected in 2011 – President-elect, Director of Program, Director of Public Policy, and Recording Secretary. The article should contain the names of all members of the nominating committee.

**Leadership** – Pat Crouch conducted a \$tart \$mart workshop at IU.

**Historian** – since Treva has passed, the scrapbook and all historian artifacts need to be retrieved from Myron and a new historian should be appointed. One suggestion was Treva's daughter, a member of the South Bend branch.

**President's packet** – deadline to have materials to Barb K is December 1.

**NCCWSL** - dates for the 2011 conference are June 2-4 and we have \$500 budgeted to assist a college student to attend.

**Job descriptions** – each state board member should send her job description to Barb W who will compile them electronically and send to Barb K for inclusion in the president's packet and for future use.

**National Convention** – Deb reminded members to note the dates of the National Convention – June 16-19 – in Washington, D.C. and all board members are urged to attend. She suggested that the board financially assist any state board member who requests help in order to attend.

The next board meeting will be a conference call on Saturday, January 8, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. ET.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary