

AAUW Indiana Board of Directors April 29, 2011

Members present – Agnes George, Andrea Tarbet, April Lidinsky, Barb Kanning, Jane Allerton, Jean Amman, Marsha Miller, Mary Lou Thomas, Phyllis Thompson, Sharon Langlotz, Sharon Schafer, Susan Trout, and Barb Wellnitz.

Future member present – Phyllis Loslo.

Members absent – Deb Romary and Janet Brewer.

Resource present – Patricia Crouch, Volunteer Leadership Corps member.

President Barb Kanning called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes – There were no changes to the minutes of the March 26th meeting. A committee consisting of chair April Lidinsky, Jane Allerton, and Agnes George was appointed to read the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting. Barb Wellnitz will serve as ex-officio member.

Barb K completed and submitted the form to list our state organization with the Indiana Commission for Women's online database of non-profits.

Finance report – Susan reported that 90 members have registered for the convention – a full house! She presented the financial report for the period March 22 through April 28 showing a checking account balance of \$7,214.63 and a savings account balance of \$11,233.04. Dues receipts were \$35, and convention registrations of \$2,965. Disbursements for National Convention expenses for Barb K of \$750. Her report will be filed for audit.

Program – Andrea gave a report on last-minute arrangements and noted we have a full house so the tables may be a little crowded. Classroom-style tables will be in front for the meeting portion and round tables in the back for lunch.

The program and agenda for the summer meeting on August 27th should be drafted for the newsletter which has a deadline of June 1. Phyllis L and Barb W will do this as well as work with Marsha on the arrangements. Barb W has a handout ready announcing the meeting which will be given to all convention attendees.

The July 16th board meeting will again be in Anderson at Janet's library and the 2011-12 calendar will be determined at that time.

Branch Recognition and Emerging Leaders – Phyllis will recognize tomorrow the branches who submitted Ingenious Ideas. Patricia will recognize the three Emerging Leaders who will receive certificates. We budgeted \$500 to help Emerging Leader Joan Bodefeld of the Calumet branch attend the National Convention. We will need to see if she plans to attend the convention.

Phyllis and Mary Lou received thank-you letters from National for the \$500 sent to the Lilly Ledbetter Giving Circle. The letter will be read and the fund explained tomorrow.

AAUW Funds (EF) – Mary Lou passed around the insulated bag which is our next fundraiser. She reported she paid \$2.71 each, \$50 imprint fee, and postage coming to just over \$3 each. They will sell for \$6. She ordered 100. Consignments won't be an option this time. \$3 (no branch

credit) of each bag will go to our Indiana Leadership fund and Mary Lou will keep it in our local account. Jane moved and Sharon L seconded. Motion passed. Hopefully, most of them will sell tomorrow and she has 5 of the prior tote bags left.

NCCWSL – Jean reported Goshen tried to get a couple of girls interested in going to NCCWSL but couldn't and at the last minute found one who has already registered and they plan to help her with expenses. The \$500 we budget doesn't cover both the registration and transportation fees and most young women can't afford the transportation on their own. Much discussion ensued concerning how to raise additional funds to help young women attend this conference. Branches should be encouraged to pitch in some funds especially when a candidate is from their area. Sharon L has talked with Christina Dunbar of IUPUI and she has registered. Jean moved we award Christina \$200 of last year's money that wasn't used and \$105 left from the \$500 of this year's budget toward her transportation. Her registration of \$395 will be paid directly to NCCWSL. Susan seconded. Motion passed. Susan to send checks appropriately. Jean thanked her committee of Patricia, Jane, and Phyllis T. Connie from ISU received a scholarship from National to attend NCCWSL.

Public Policy – Sharon L will read our proposed policy tomorrow and it will then be voted on.

National voting and bylaws changes – Barb K referred to the email from Caroline Pickens about bylaw amendments 6 and 8 encouraging us to vote against those two because the wording does not reflect the actual intent. Sharon L will review the proposed changes with members tomorrow and remind everyone to vote – their first chance under the one member, one vote concept.

Membership – April will recognize the branches who gained members tomorrow. She will talk about the importance of an online presence specifically pointing out SiteWise4AAUW for branch websites in addition to our official state website.

Newsletter – Janet won't be able to attend tomorrow but the deadline for the summer issue is June 1 with the focus on the summer meeting.

Lending Library – Agnes needs some guidance on what materials should be archived – it was suggested that all AAUW research be sent for archiving. Members are not using the library as hoped so it was suggested that the materials be sold for \$1 each. Agnes will write an article about this for the summer newsletter including archiving of branch records. Her branch keeps pictures from their events at an online site.

Archives – Sharon L located the state archives at the Indiana Historical Society and she will take other items there when we have them all together.

Historian – Sharon L asked what should be kept and what should go to archives. Perhaps this would be a good topic to be addressed at a future state meeting. Phyllis T wonders what is still floating around from the disbanded branches. Should records be digitized? Phyllis T shared her research that 30 years ago Indiana had 52 branches. Jean shared that many universities keep archives and many times may have interns able to catalog materials.

Website – Marsha will take pictures tomorrow of the new officers and any branches attending who wish to have theirs added to the website. Showing of our state website and talking about branch contributions to it could be part of a future program which could also include social media.

Summer meeting – Barb K asked Barb W and Phyllis L to work on the program and Andrea will make the arrangements.

Resolutions – Jean will read the resolutions tomorrow and they will be voted on. The Courtesy Resolution will be at the end and voted on separately.

Bylaws – Jean has received South Lake County's bylaws but hasn't heard from Noblesville. There will be more changes mandated after this year's National Convention so all branches will again have to make changes.

International Relations/Diversity – No report.

C/U Partnerships – No report.

Leadership – No report.

New Business – Barb K asked members to be prepared to work on the timeline, goals, and budget at the July 16 board meeting. Branches will be reminded to send their officer lists to Jane to be included in the Resource Directory. Jane will write an article for the next newsletter requesting branches to get this information to her.

Barb K expressed concern about a few branches which have little if any contact with the state and she has received no response to her attempts to visit one of their meetings. Sharon L brought up her concern about getting new members especially to be aware the state organization exists and the connection among the branch, state, and national. The state organization is no longer required under the new national bylaws so this is causing confusion for some branches.

The next board meeting will be on July 16 at 10:00 a.m. ET at the Anderson University Library in Anderson.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary