

AAUW Indiana Board of Directors March 26, 2011

Members present – Barb Kanning, Janet Brewer, Jean Amman, Mary Lou Thomas, Phyllis Thompson, Sharon Langlotz, Sharon Schafer, Susan Trout, and Barb Wellnitz.

Members absent – Agnes George, Andrea Tarbet, April Lidinsky, Deb Romary, Jane Allerton, and Marsha Miller.

Resource present – Patricia Crouch, Volunteer Leadership Corps member.

President Barb Kanning called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

Minutes – There were no changes to the minutes of the January 8th meeting. Phyllis moved and Sharon S seconded they be accepted as distributed. Motion passed.

Finance report – Susan presented the financial report for the period July 8 through March 21 showing a checking account balance of \$5,064.63 and a savings account balance of \$11,232.15. Dues receipts were \$108.50, profit from the sale of jewelry at the 2010 convention of \$100, and 2011 convention registrations for 24 people of \$560. Disbursements for National Convention registrations for 4 board members of \$1,596, newsletter expenses of \$962.74, printing of checks of \$66.73, and insurance \$260. Her report will be filed for audit.

Barb K recapped the January discussion on giving financial help to board members to attend the National Convention. She wanted a decision on where the money should come from – savings account, emerging leader, or EF. The consensus was that since there is sufficient money in the checking account, there is no need to transfer anything from the savings account.

Susan received a letter of thanks from the Indiana Commission for Women for the \$500 sent for the Smart Start workshop.

There is still a balance (about \$184) of Impact Grant monies left which Sharon L requested be used to help fund the printing of the 2011 State Convention book since it is distributed to all branches.

Barb K read parts of a letter from National to all state presidents outlining the creation of a Lilly Ledbetter Giving Circle (LLGC) which will be used to fund Impact Grants to states. The states are being asked to fund the LLGC. Those sending monies to this fund will be recognized at the National Convention. Sharon L moved and Jean seconded that \$500 (balance \$816) from the EF funds account be sent to the LLGC since Indiana has received three Impact Grants in the past. This is a one-time contribution. Motion passed.

Program – Andrea sent a report about arrangements for the 2011 State Convention at Strongbow Inn in Valpo. Susan is sending weekly reports of who has registered to the Valpo branch. We are hoping to have 75 members attend. Display tables are needed by Agnes, Phyllis, Muncie, and a miscellaneous one for board materials. Susan and Phyllis will act as registrars and will enforce the fee structure. The registration table will be out in the hall and Susan requested a small wastebasket for the backs of the nametags. The four hosting branches have divvied up the hosting duties. Local arrangement chair is Mary Ann Thompson of the Valpo branch and she is tracking the work.

Because we did not guarantee 10 rooms, we are being charged to use the room for Friday night's board meeting.

The program and agenda for the Summer Retreat needs to be drafted for the newsletter which has a deadline of June 1. Phyllis L, Barb W, and Andrea will determine a theme. Andrea will begin making the arrangements in Terre Haute. Jean suggested we do something on equal pay and Barb W told about the AAUW Voices Project where members wrote op-eds on equal pay to run in newspapers around the state on April 12. Suggestions were given for a theme.

Branch Recognition and Emerging Leaders – Phyllis handed out the list of branch Ingenious Ideas and these branches will be recognized at convention during the business meeting. Phyllis received three nominations for Emerging Leaders who will receive certificates at convention. We budgeted \$500 to help an Emerging Leader attend the National Convention. Patricia read the information submitted about each nominee and the decision was made to award the \$500 to Joan Bodefled of the Calumet branch to help with her National Convention expenses.

LAF – Phyllis reported that National is following the *Dukes v. Wal-Mart* action in the Supreme Court and members can attend the oral arguments in this case. AAUW is co-hosting a reception for the six main plaintiffs in Washington and Edith Arana, one of those plaintiffs, will speak at the National Convention on June 18. Members are reminded to make use of the Title IX Compliance: Know the Score Program in a Box since softball season is approaching.

Phyllis distributed a report she compiled by fund and branch for the \$16,337.50 contributed by Indiana members.

Ingenious Ideas – Phyllis received ideas from five branches: Calumet Area, Goshen, Indianapolis, La Porte, and Valparaiso. Their ideas will be printed in the convention booklet.

AAUW Funds (EF) – Mary Lou reported she has \$816.01 on hand, 137 bags sold with 6 left and 5 still out on consignment. She passed around a catalog with suggestions for sale items – insulated bag to take to the grocery store, a travel mug, a set of three recycling bags, a sun relief kit, and flashlights. Susan suggested a mesh bag for produce but they are not in the small catalog Mary Lou has but may be in the larger one Jane has access to. Mary Lou will contact Jane.

Public Policy – Sharon L and Barb K separately compared National's public policy to Indiana's proposed policy and there are no differences which we need to discuss. The public policy we revised in October will be voted on at the State Convention. Sharon mentioned several items of interest currently in the state legislature.

Membership – Barb K referred to the February membership count received from National and officially Marion, Lafayette, and Brownsburg have been disbanded. Dues for 2011-12 are the same as last year: \$49 for National and \$7 for Indiana. Barb K asked Susan to remind Convention attendees of the amount of dues and that branches should send the state portion to her. She pointed out there is no recognition of states in the National bylaws – only National members (formerly Members-at-Large) and branch members are mentioned. It's very difficult for members to connect with a state organization.

Newsletter – Barb K reported that about half the South Lake County members did not get their copy of the last issue of the state newsletter and apparently they weren't returned to Janet. She has not received address updates from any branch members. Getting changes and new member information to Janet was discussed. Susan suggested having a form and Barb W suggested branch treasurers notify Janet of address changes and new members since they get the checks

when new members join. They should also let Janet know when dues have not been paid or other reasons someone is no longer a member. Newsletters are not sent to MALs in Indiana since they do not pay state dues. Deadline for the summer issue is June 1 with the focus on the summer meeting.

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

Lending Library – Agnes is planning a display of the newer materials at the State Convention. Barb K has her annual report for the convention book.

Archives – these need to be located. They should be at the State Library and Sharon L volunteered to contact someone she knows there to find out if our things are there and how we can access them as well as add materials. Janet was able to find mention of some AAUW materials on the Indiana State Library website but 85% are shown as unprocessed.

Historian – The historian files Treva had are now with Janet and we need go through them to determine what belongs to the state, what to the Anderson branch, what can be discarded and what should be sent to the State Library with the rest of our archives. Barb K questioned what a historian's duties are and if we actually needed one. First, we need to figure out what we need and would want a historian to do and prepare a job description. Newsletters and secretary's minutes should be kept.

Website – After the convention, Barb K will give Marsha the new officer list for Marsha to post on the website. Jane has agreed to again do the Resource Directory and Barb K and Jane will work together on that.

International Relations/Diversity – We discussed whether or not to have someone sell their products at our State Convention. No decision was made.

C/U Partnerships – Jean reported we have the same number we had a year ago. Her report will be included in the State Convention book. Universities and colleges can join this year at half price. Patricia pointed out that for a certain category the rate is less than the half price. Jean will send a letter to the partners inviting them to attend our State Convention. It will also mention NCCWSL to help make them aware of it.

NCCWSL – Jean has not received any applications yet. She will change the deadline date to April 8 and will contact the Fort Wayne and Calumet branches to see whether or not they know of any interested young women. Sharon L knows of one and will contact her. National is looking for assistance in funding scholarships for applicants. Local branches could assist with transportation costs and our scholarship would fund the registration fee which includes housing and some meals. Jean has a committee to read the applications once any are received. The application form is on the AAUW-IN website.

Resolutions – The board reviewed the 2010 resolutions and made a few minor wording changes and these will be included in the State Convention book and voted on at the Convention. We agreed the Courtesy Resolution should remain the same with the host branch names changed as appropriate.

Nominating Committee – The slate of officers to be voted on at the State Convention is: President-elect: Sharon Langlotz; Co-Directors of Program: Phyllis Loslo and Barbara Wellnitz; Director of Public Policy – Andrea Tarbet; and Recording Secretary – Patricia Crouch;

Nominating Committee – Deb Romary (chair), Sharon Schafer, Jane Allerton, Agnes George, and Coy Halpern. Terms of office are President-elect and Nominating Committee, 2011-12; Co-Directors of Program, Director of Public Policy, and Recording Secretary, 2011-13. Barb K will install the new officers.

Leadership – Pat Crouch will recognize branch Emerging Leaders at State Convention. On March 30 a webchat will be held about the new White House report on Women in America. National is taking applications for the Leadership Corp for the next two-year term – deadline of March 31. Pat will apply for the next term.

Job descriptions were included in the president’s packet to all branches. These should be used by the nominating committee when asking someone to run for office. Barb W will ensure all are electronic.

New Business – Sharon L was approached about AAUW Indiana joining the Health Access and Privacy Alliance, a coalition of civic, educational, religious, professional, and health organizations from all over the state working together to improve access to healthcare and protect reproductive choice in Indiana. Membership is open to organizations only, not individuals with dues of \$25 per year. Sharon L moved and Sharon S seconded we join this coalition as it aligns with AAUW’s goals and mission. Passed.

Indiana Commission for Women is compiling a database of Indiana women’s organizations. The board’s consensus is that the state organization should be listed and each branch encouraged to send information for a listing. Barb K to complete the state listing which will include mention of 19 branches around the state.

The next board meeting will be on April 29 at 5:00 p.m. CT at the Hampton Inn in Valpo. The July 16th board meeting will again be in Anderson at Janet’s library.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary