AAUW Board Meeting - January 9, 2006

<u>Present:</u> M. Swigart, J. Gordon, C. Chambers, E. Traverse, P. Croissant, D. VanNest, S. Deobil, E. Dubbel, D. Roney, B. Shepard, S. Rumbaugh

The minutes of the November 7, 2005 board meeting were approved with one correction.

Betty Traverse suggested that policy decisions made at the board meetings should be sent to all board members after the meeting. At the November board meeting, the board decided not to send a contribution to LAF due to limited branch funds. Betty was unable to attend that meeting. So, she was unaware as LAF chair for our branch that the decision had been made to not send a contribution this year.

Board Reports:

Membership - Martha Swigart

- 1. We have 29 members. M. Hartman and B. Hoerath decided not to rejoin. J. Wallace and B. Cherry have recently rejoined.
- 2. Edna Eisenhart is eligible for life membership in AAUW. Martha will contact Edna's daughter-in-law to have the forms signed and the information will be sent to Association.

Yearbook - Catherine Chambers

1. Yearbooks are done and will be distributed to the members.

Program – Susan Deobil

- Our next branch meeting will be January 19, 7 pm, Good Hall, Room 202, Juniata College. The speaker will be Alison Kurtz, president of the Central PA Builders Association. Hostesses – Martha Swigart and Pat Croissant.
- 2. The February meeting will be a dinner meeting at Westminster Woods. There is no charge for the dinner. Speaker will be Robin Binder Heath on "Public Policy and Women".
- 3. Meeting Hostesses

March – Betty Traverse and Deb Roney April – Catherine Chambers May – Catherine Chambers

Public Policy – Deb Roney

1. The hot topic is the Alito hearings. Public policy information will be in the Echoes.

Career Shadowing – Barbara Shepard

 Barb called Jean Kozak, but she hasn't heard back from her yet. Deb Roney announced that she had spoken to Jean. Jean is happy to have help from AAUW in finding mentors for the students. But, if we are unable to help, Juniata Valley will do the program on their own.

Educational Foundation – Betty Traverse

1. The pecan sale is going well. We have 42 pounds left to sell.

Information from AAUW-PA - Catherine Chambers and Pat Croissant

The following information was received from AAUW-PA:

- The Conversations form was sent to the Presidents to complete. Catherine Chambers suggested that we send a copy of the form to our members for their input.
- AAUW-PA Convention will be March 31- April 2 in Johnstown.
- Nomination form for state offices will be sent to members.
- EF Branch Sales Pecans will be sold at convention if we have any left by convention time.
- Elizabeth Traverse was chosen by the board as our Outstanding Woman of the Year and Susan Deobil was chosen to receive the Emerging Star Award. Both women will be recognized at convention.
- Impact Award It was suggested that we may want to submit our program with Barbara Farmer for this award, but no decision was made.
- Other information received:
 - o First-Timer scholarship form for AAUW-PA Convention
 - Nomination form for Gateway to Equity Award

The board voted to put branch and board minutes on the web site in the Members' Center.

A nominating committee will soon be appointed. The following offices are up for election: Co-Presidents, Membership Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Susan Rumbaugh, branch treasurer, has submitted her resignation as treasurer. Ebba Dubbel has agreed to complete the remainder of Susan's term which ends June 30, 2006. It was moved by Martha Swigart and seconded by Deb Roney to accept the resignation of Susan Rumbaugh as branch treasurer and to approve the appointment of Ebba Dubbel as treasurer. Motion carried.

Susan Rumbaugh announced that she did not send the money to the Juniata College scholarship as approved at the last board meeting due to lack of funds. The board will need to send the money in the spring.

Next board meeting – February 27, 2006 @ 6 pm in the Humanities Lounge, Juniata College.

Submitted by,

Devona Van Nest Branch Secretary