

Minutes of Board Meeting, Huntingdon Branch, AAUW, October 30, 2006

Co-President Susan Rumbaugh called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Present in addition to Susan were Pat Croissant, Joanne Gordon, Deb Roney, Georgia Williams, Martha Swigart, Ebbe Dubbel, Sue Deobil and Betty Traverse. Before attending to the agenda items, Susan expressed special thanks from the branch to Pat and Bill Croissant for making a podium and easel and presenting them to the library for the use of any speakers who need them. In the absence of the secretary, there were no minutes.

Treasurer's Report – Joanne Gordon

- Checking - \$1964.60
- EF - \$1182.27
- Contingency - \$343.99

Budget – Joanne Gordon

- Joanne presented a proposed budget for 2006-07 fiscal year. Copies were distributed to all board members. Total revenue of \$917.30 is expected and total expenses are estimated to be \$725.00, indicating that our fiscal position should be favorable. In the discussion of the budget, it was noted that several expense items are generously taken care of by board members (senior awards by Joanne, speaker gifts by Sue Rumbaugh); consequently, dollar amounts of these items are not shown in the budget. Sue R. suggested that these amounts should be listed as informational guides for future years, in case these expenses are assumed by the branch treasury. Everyone agreed. Concerning the expenses proposed for postage and copying (mostly for ECHOES), the board decided to continue sending all members paper copies of the Echoes at least through the end of calendar 2006, with the idea that receiving paper copies reminds members of upcoming meetings and other activities more forcefully than simply posting of the Echoes on our website. The Board will re-evaluate the question of distribution of Echoes after the first of the new year. It was moved and seconded to accept the budget as presented. The vote passed unanimously.

Other Reports:

Program – Sue Deobil

- Sue reminded us of the November 9 meeting about Huntingdon House. She is still collecting small toiletry items to give to Kathy Whalen, the speaker, for the House. The December meeting will begin with dinner at Hoss's (bring spouses, friends), followed by the Juniata Choral Union Concert on the Juniata campus.

Membership – Martha Swigart

- Martha will describe the Association's "Member-Get-A-Member Campaign" in the upcoming Echoes. All are encouraged to participate.

EF- Betty Traverse

- Betty reported a record profit from the fall bulb sale - \$480.00. She is now taking orders for pecans. We expect to have delivery of our new crop order around November 10, depending on how soon the supplier can harvest and ship them.

Public Policy – Deb Roney

- Deb reminded everyone to vote on November 7 and to encourage others to do so.

Cultural – Georgia Williams

- Georgia reported that she will check on State College events very soon.

Historian – Ebbe Dubbel

- Ebbe is working on getting our archives from Dorothy Baron and will continue to add materials as it appears.

Yearbook

- In Cathy Chambers' absence, Sue R, urged everyone to check the new yearbook for errors and to report same to her ASAP.

New Business/Other Ideas

- As a follow-up to the budget discussion, the Board voted unanimously to send \$50 (half of the \$100 program award received from AAUW-PA) to Nancy Holland for the Huntingdon County Library in appreciation of their allowing AAUW to meet in the library this year. We will consider this gift as a fiscal year item in our branch accounts, but will leave it up to the library to decide whether it would be more fiscally advantageous for them to accept the gift as a calendar year 2006 item or a fiscal year item.
- As a follow-up to Maryrose Petrizzo's and Dot McLane's talks at our September and October meetings, Sue R. suggested that we might consider some sort of award program for Huntingdon County 6th grade girls in science and math, in an effort not only to recognize and encourage girls who are interested in these fields, but also to make their parents and schools aware that AAUW supports girls of all ages as they strive to make the most of their opportunities. Deb R. suggested that we might concentrate on girls a bit older – say 8th grade – who might otherwise drop earlier scientific and/or math interests they may have had in order to “fit in” better with their local teen cultures. All board members were asked to think about aspects of a science/math award program for girls. The Co-Presidents will think about various plans and place this item on next month's agenda for further discussion.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.

The next board meeting will be November 20 @ 6:15 pm in the Juniata College Humanities Lounge.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Traverse, in the absence of Devona Van Nest, secretary