

Minute of meeting 2-21-09

Call to order at 12:05

Treasurer's report: book sale 8150.20
Operating budget 6119.05 minus cost of today's luncheon
CD values 21550.76
Several CDs are due to turn over

Motion was made by Ann Furlong and seconded by Connie McClain to keep the CDs at short terms due to AAUW changes. This passed by a unanimous vote.

Membership Report: Introduction of two guests, Deanna Haddle and Rhoda Devecki

Correspondences: Thank you received from Nancy Harris
Thank you received by Women's Help Center (186.00)

Volunteers are needed for reading the first week in March. Contact Barb Papinchak.

Lee Rager said grace.

Ann Furlong announced that our local branch has been registered to help for Pennies for Peace. Loose change will be collected and sent in to this charity to help buy school supplies for children.

Barb Duryea provided "Field of Dreams" Neuroscience Research in Johnstown.

Announcements:

Did not do Gateway to Equity, Emerging Star or Stars due to bad weather and cancellation of meetings. The state awards become too complicated. We will continue to do EF and Outstanding Woman.

The state convention is coming up. Mail in your completed surveys answering the questions. The convention is in St. Louis. June 26-28.

District 1 meeting will be in Lewisburg again in April. Dottie and Ann Furlong are going. We need one more.

With regard to survey: You need to provide your opinion on the changes that will be voted on during national convention:

Eligibility requirements will remove the educational requirement.

States will be combined with adjoining states.

Dues will be the same this year, but they are going to have the board decided from now on how much they will be set at.

The state will take over picking applicants for scholarships, which will then include a \$25 fee.

They will decrease the number of officers serving at the branch level.

The mission statement can be found on line.

AAUW was mentioned in a Parade article.

March 6 will be the celebration of women's day. They want all branches to hold parades and march in the streets.

Discussion was held relative to our branch should the proposed bylaw changes be passed at convention. We can leave national, but they have the right to take all of the local branch's money. We can change the name and reorganize.

LAF support criteria, no longer three separate (LAF, EF, and AAUW). All under the umbrella of AAUW.

Jo was waiting all week for a call from a member of the PA board regarding total computerization, the state convention, proposed bylaw changes, local dues being paid online, and educational requirements.

At the meeting in April in Lewisburg input can be obtained from the state officers as to their feelings of the proposed changes.

There is no longer an award for the newsletter.

Book Sale: Collections will begin in May. Lee will need more help this year sorting and working at the sale. Plastic bags can be brought to the next meeting.

There will be a board meeting in March.

Bridge will be held this week at the Holiday Inn and the fourth Wednesday in March at the Holiday Inn.

This month, ethnic dinner at NYKO's. Next month, the new Elks.

Dismissed at 2:30.