Indiana AAUW Board of Directors
March 27, 2010

Members present – Barb Kanning, Beth LeRoy, Jane Allerton, Janet Brewer, Jean Amman, Marsha Miller, Mary Lou Thomas, Phyllis Thompson, Sharon Langlotz, Sharon Schafer, Susan Trout, and Barb Wellnitz.

Members absent – Agnes George, Andrea Tarbet, April Lidinsky, Deb Romary, and Treva May.

Resource present – Patricia Crouch, Volunteer Leadership Corps member.

President Barb Kanning called the meeting to order at 10:25 a.m.

Conference calls and Skype were briefly discussed as other methods of holding the winter board meeting rather than the chat room. No recommendation was made.

Minutes – approved as submitted

Finance report – Susan presented the financial report showing income of $582.50 and expenses of $875.89 for a checking balance of $7,479.50 and savings balance of $11,227.04. So far 22 reservations have been received for the State Convention.

New members can join only National online – not state or branch. Marsha has been working with National so new AAUW of Wabash Valley members only need to write one check for National and State dues.

Program – the program for the State Convention has been altered somewhat to accommodate Marcia Capriotti, a National board member, who will attend and talk about the new structure. Inviting other organizations was discussed so Sharon L. will get the contact information from Chris Greene of Indy and send NOW, LWV, and Church Women United invitations to join us on April 24. The state will eat about $2 per attendee for the convention in order to keep the registration cost reasonable. Unfortunately, neither student we sponsored to attend NCCWSL last year is able to attend our convention.

Table space will be needed by Marsha, Mary Lou, Agnes, Patricia, and Sharon L.

Technology needs for the convention were discussed – what needs to be rented and what members have and are able to furnish. We’ll need to rent a screen and projection cart. Marcia Capriotti will have a PowerPoint presentation on the research study on STEM, Why So Few? Barb K has ordered posters and stickers to have available at the State Convention.

Summer board meeting is July 17 in Muncie and the summer state meeting on August 21 in Fort Wayne. Susan, Jane, and Jean will work together on a place to hold the July meeting in Muncie. That meeting will be an all-day affair when the board will discuss restructuring and planning for the 2010-11 year. Andrea will contact Dr. Elinor Ostrom again inviting her to attend the August meeting. Program ideas were discussed including more information on the STEM research study or local projects relating to STEM. Barb
K will target Evansville, Madison-Hanover, Richmond, and Michigan City trying to encourage them to attend state meetings. Barb W offered to contact Michigan City.

The National Girls Collaborative project will be the subject of a workshop at ISU in September and Sharon L would like AAUW to have a table there with information to disseminate.

Barb K will be working closely with Deb as to her future AAUW plans since she has been unable recently to be as active as she’d like in her role as co-director of programs.

Public Policy Impact Grant – Because of very few costs incurred to date, Sharon L. asked about an extension to use the grant monies. Future spending was discussed. Holding $tart $mart workshops were also discussed – ISU, Ball State are possibilities. Patricia will conduct two at IU in Bloomington on April 13 and 15 but these will not be using any grant monies.

Resource Directory – any IN member can have a copy and anyone wanting one can get an electronic version by emailing Jane. The next directory will reflect the restructured board.

This is the last time we’ll have separate EF and LAF reports as they will be combined into AAUW Funds though Phyllis and Mary Lou will be co-directors of the Funds. All the categories still exist but they are sub-categories under AAUW Funds.

EF (now known as Educational Opportunities Fund) – Mary Lou reported contributions of $9,930.05 to EF from IN, $100 to Leadership, and $1,816 to National which was for note cards sent to members. This includes $510.51 for tote bags. Contributions no longer go through Mary Lou but are sent directly to National. She reported 113 tote bags have been sold and 23 are still on hand. Branches should bring any unsold bags to convention as well as any money for those sold so this project can be wrapped up. Susan displayed some items Muncie is selling and gave each person a magnetic calendar. Everyone thought that was a great idea we could entertain for the future.

Jane has samples of other things and a catalog for future fundraising ideas. We could choose one and target a particular fund to which the money raised would go.

Lending Library – only two checkouts have been made in the last two months in spite of the new books we’ve bought and publication of the bibliography. Agnes will have a display at convention. Ways to best utilize this collection of materials needs to be discussed in April. Sharon L suggested we see if Barnes & Noble or Borders are interested in setting up a table at convention with a variety of books of interest to women. Sharon L will contact them. The board authorized Agnes to buy 10 copies of Secrets of Powerful Women of which Lisa Maatz is a contributor to sell at convention if neither Barnes & Noble nor Borders will attend. If they can’t attend, perhaps they could provide coupons for us to hand out. It’s too easy for members to forget about the lending library even though bookmarks and bibliographies were passed out. Perhaps an email update when she gets something new or an occasional reminder to order materials.

Policy – Barb K mentioned our policy on hosting state meetings needs to address finances, expenses, and handling of left-over monies.
Branch Consultants – Beth discussed the purpose of the program and is considering reinstating the form to record visits.

Board structure – Branch consultant and historian may be combined with other jobs in the future. Barb K will be talking to current board members concerning a restructuring of the board and other positions available if someone is not staying in their current role. Some roles will be combined differently than they are now. Listings in the Resource Directory need to be re-arranged.

Kasia will sell her jewelry at the state convention with 10% of sales going to EF. Sharon S will introduce her and explain why she is there.

Membership – the report from National will go into the Convention booklet. We now have 19 branches as AAUW of the Wabash Valley has been recognized by National. Patricia is trying to resurrect the Bloomington branch. As long as an honorary or 50-year member still lives in the area of a former branch, National will keep that branch on the active list. Student affiliates do not have to be attendees at a college/university which is a College/University partner. However, to be an e-affiliate, the college/university that person attends must be a C/U partner. There is no cost to be an e-affiliate. April will talk about this level of membership at convention. Calumet Area helped establish a student affiliate/satellite at Purdue Calumet where they have a student president. National approved the branch but our board now needs to approve (which should have happened before going to National). Sharon S moved to approve and Barb W seconded to accept them as a student affiliate/satellite branch.

Public Policy – Sharon L reported that Mitzi talked to an education sorority about lobbying – the meeting was sponsored by Indiana Retired Teachers Association. It was a great opportunity to get acquainted with another like-minded group and spread the word about AAUW. She has focused on state legislation since National focuses on the national level with good dissemination of information. Pay Equity Day is April 20 this year and Sharon wants to encourage branches to look at women’s unemployment and job availability. The hidden issue she sees is that so many service workers who are mainly women have been laid off during these difficult economic times. Sharon will write up a one-page report to hand out at the convention outlining the issues facing women today and its effect on their lives as they look toward retirement. Jane moved and Sharon S seconded that the board encourage branches to review women’s unemployment, job availability, and the effect of the recession on women’s futures. Sharon L handed out various national brochures to those who wanted them. She will have these available at convention and will be using them when she visits college campuses. Marsha will tape a small segment about pay equity at the convention to post on our UTube site.

Sharon discussed visiting college satellite campuses to spread the word about AAUW, encourage them to become C/U partners, and help cover costs for trainers who conduct Start Smart workshops as uses for the Impact Grant. Barb K asked about a promo for Start Smart to use when visiting campuses to see if there is interest in sponsoring a workshop. Sharon has made a new contact at Ivy Tech in the director of student life who is also connected to the national/international community college honorary organization. All board members are encouraged to work with their local community college to encourage C/U membership.
Legal Advocacy – Phyllis will join forces with Mary Lou as co-directors of AAUW Funds. Phyllis will have an easel on which to display her poster describing the AAUW Funds since the reorganization. Phyllis reported 15 of the 19 branches contributed $3,924.50 to LAF for 2009. We need to emphasize to members that the names of the funds may have changed but the focus is the same so they will recognize that contributions are still needed and they can still support their favorite area.

Newsletter – Janet reported that only one newsletter was returned from the last mailing and that person is deceased. Janet would like to add pictures of those contributing articles to the newsletter so members have faces to go with names, in print as well as on the website. June 1 is the deadline for the next issue which will focus on the August 21 meeting in Fort Wayne.

Website – Marsha will add the submission guidelines to the convention book and she will be doing a photo shoot and short video at convention. She lost some board members’ pictures when the website was updated but she will check her files to see if she can retrieve any. Otherwise, she will take some new ones at convention. The National website is not necessarily user friendly and when searching for a branch takes one to a dead end with no link to another site or contact information. After convention and the election, Marsha will update the Indiana site with new officers and appointees. Marsha asked that all board members send their annual reports to her electronically so she can post them on the website.

International Relations/Diversity – Sharon S has begun reading Half the Sky and mentioned the showing of the movie at various locations around the state on March 4. Better World Books is a for-profit social enterprise which sells used books online to raise money for literacy worldwide. She will have information available on this at convention. She mentioned several instances of women entrepreneurs she recently came across. She will keep a running list of resources. Sharon S will introduce Kasia at State Convention and will contact her to get some biographical information.

C/U – Jean participated in a Women’s Week panel at Ball State this past week and talked about four areas of concern to AAUW. She was also interviewed by the campus newspaper and AAUW received good publicity there with a lengthy article. Alice Bennett was also on the panel. Because of a good deal of interest, a DVD will be made and more will be forthcoming in another campus publication. She will send invitations to C/U reps to the State Convention. Barb K will send Jean some AAUW stationery and she now has a clean copy of the registration form to copy and enclose with the invitation.

Resolutions – Jean read the Resolutions from last year and the group made a few minor changes. Beth moved and Janet seconded the proposed Resolutions be printed and presented to the convention for approval. Passed.

Bylaws – Jean will let convention attendees know that the state bylaws have been submitted to National. She will help all branches requesting assistance with their bylaws to see they conform to the new standards. She does not have a majority of approved branch bylaws yet; more have submitted but were not acceptable. Jean needs to certify to National before May 31 that all branch bylaws in IN have been changed and comply with the standard. Phyllis offered to help the Valparaiso branch with their bylaws or to be a liaison between the branch and Jean.
**Nominating Committee** – Jane announced the slate of officers to be voted on at convention: President – Barb K, Director of Membership – April Lidinsky, AAUW Funds – Phyllis and Mary Lou as co-directors, and Finance – Susan. Resources – Beth, Patricia, Mitzi Witchger, and Treva.

**NCCWSL** – Jean has not yet received any applications but every year someone comes in right under the deadline. Barb K will remind all the branches to look for a candidate and that we have $500 budgeted to assist. Goshen showed interest in sending someone earlier this year and was willing to give $1000 toward the costs. Unfortunately, neither Jean nor Barb K has heard from them on this lately. Jean will follow up with them. The word needs to get out to more campuses. The application is on our state website.

**Timeline** – Janet will update the listing in the newsletter with the July 17 board meeting and August 21st state event.

**Leadership Corp** – Patricia Couch was appointed grassroots liaison to the Leadership Corp with many duties around sharing information from National to the membership and from the membership to National including identifying potential leaders. She will talk to members at the convention about this new role. Her role is as an informal board member and resource. She will work with Phyllis and her Emerging Leaders program.

Barb K mentioned the need of a host and area for next year’s State Convention so board members can be thinking about it. Ideally, the place would be announced in April.

The next board meeting will be on Friday, April 23 at 5:00 p.m. in the lobby of the Sheraton at Keystone in Indianapolis. Dinner will be at 5:15 at nearby P.F. Chang’s.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Wellnitz, Secretary