

Vermont BPW
Winter Board Meeting
Conference Call
February 1, 2012

Call to Order: Marilyn Grunewald, President, called the meeting to order at 7 p.m.

Roll Call: The following were in attendance: Marilyn Grunewald, Lisa Grunewald, Diane Brockway, Leslie Germain, Marty Leech, Kim Bina, Ellie Smith, Staci Smith and Deborah Williams.

Agenda: Items on the Agenda were approved and there were no additions to the Agenda.

Committee Reports:

President's Reports:

St. Johnsbury BPW: Deborah Williams, President, reported that St. Johnsbury BPW Celebrated their 90th Anniversary on January 19th. They have been a chapter since January 19, 1922. Staci Smith was named "Woman of the Year" and two new members were welcomed. They will have a Y/C program for the first time in ten years and have three candidates for the program. The featured speaker for the February meeting will be a representative from the Better Business Bureau. Donna Rae Heath, will present a program in March on the history of St. Johnsbury BPW. The 2nd Annual Professional Development Workshop will be held on March 24th. This is a one-day workshop. Scholarship Awards will be presented at the April meeting as well as a fundraising event. Two members attended the Women's Council sponsored by U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy in Randolph, VT.

Franklin County BPW: Marty Leech, President, reported that they held their Awards ceremony on January 17th. Employer of the Year was awarded to Vermont Precision Tools, a woman owned business. Kathy Rousell, employed at the Community College of Vermont in St. Albans, was named "Woman of the Year". Kathy is also Vice President of Franklin County BPW. A Valentine's Day Dance, sponsored by high school members of BPW, will be held on February 11th. Proceeds from the dance will go toward scholarships. A Fashion Show will be held in March. Marty is working on establishing a Web page and also working on FACEBOOK. Marty, Trish and Marilyn attended a "free" Google Workshop in St. Albans. Marilyn is working on establishing a Google Website.

Westshire BPW: Ellie Smith, President, stated that she and Kim Bina attended the Women's Council program held in January in Randolph, VT. Westshire held their regular monthly meeting in January. Currently there are six members.

(Note: Marilyn Grunewald, President, reported that 15 members of VTBPW attended the Women's Council in January.)

Bylaws: Ellie Smith, Chair, stated that the wording in Article XVII, Section 1 has been amended. The Bylaws amendment will be "warned" at the Spring Board Meeting and voted on at the Annual Convention. This change will allow the Annual Convention to be held at a time convenient for the membership.

Spring Board Meeting: Staci Smith, Vice President, announced that this year's Spring Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, March 31st at Clinton Community College in Plattsburgh. Reservation forms have been mailed to each local President. The cost for the meeting is \$35 and includes a Continental Breakfast and lunch. The deadline for registration is March 15th. The Speaker will be Dr. Steve Taubman. Dr. Taubman graduated from New York Chiropractic College. He is also an entertainer (he taught himself magic), trainer and author. His topic will be "Mining the Gold". For those who would like to stay overnight in Plattsburgh, The Inn at Smithfield will offer rooms at \$89 per night. Contact Amanda Maggy, President of Champlain Valley BPW if you are interested.

Annual Convention: Staci Smith and Marilyn Grunewald announced that this year's Annual Convention will be held June 1-3 at the Best Western Windjammer in South Burlington. Staci said there will be a meeting of the Convention Committee on Monday, February 7th at 7 p.m. There was a brief discussion whether to have corsages and/or flowers for the tables. Those in attendance decided to just have flowers for the tables. Also discussed was the entertainment for Friday night. Steve Taubman will entertain on Friday night for a cost of \$700. He is also the Featured Speaker for Saturday afternoon. His topic is "Mining the Gold" and will focus on the importance of Networking.

Finance: Marilyn Grunewald reported for Janna Bevins. She said that Janna is working on a workshop for Convention and also an on-line auction.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Germain, Treasurer, reported that currently there is \$21,386.33 in the Money Market Account and \$11,748.20 in the checking account. Marilyn said she has received a check for \$700 for dues from Champlain Valley BPW and dues from St. Johnsbury BPW have been received. She is waiting to receive dues from Franklin County BPW and Westshire.

Foundation: No Report

Historian: Lisa Grunewald, Co-Chair, stated she was working on the scrapbook.

Legislation: No Report

Public Relations: Kim Bina, Chair, stated she will be issuing press releases for Equal Pay Day, April 12th, and for the Policy in Action held in Washington, DC. She will also send a press release to the Burlington Free Press and the local papers in the Plattsburgh area highlighting the Program, "Mining the Gold", to be held at the Spring Board Meeting in Plattsburgh featuring Dr. Steve Taubman. This program will be open to the public.

Young Careerist: Marilyn Grunewald, President, stated that currently three locals will be participating. Champlain Valley BPW will have two candidates, Franklin County BPW will have one and St. Johnsbury will have three candidates.

Vermont Working Women: The deadline for this issue is Friday, February 3rd. Jackie Hawkins extended her appreciation for the help she received from Marty Leech and Janna Bevins in publishing the last two issues.

IDP: Marilyn Grunewald, President, told everyone that the State IDP program will be held every two years. The next program will be in 2013.

CAMP BPW: Marilyn Gruenwald, President, informed everyone that Lindy Hatcher, Past State President, had written a Grant application for \$3,000 to fund the next CAMP BPW. This year's goal is to have 30 girls participate.

Meeting Adjourned: There being no New Business, **Motion to adjourn was made by Deborah Williams, St. Johnsbury and seconded by Leslie Germain. Motion carried. Meeting Adjourned at 7:50 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Diane M. Brockway, Secretary
March 31, 2012

Approved: