



**BPW/VT Executive Committee Teleconference Minutes
10.21.2015 @ 7:00 p.m.**

Attended by Danielle Martel, Alice Kitchel, Kathy Butler, and Donna Rae Heath

New Business

- **Camp BPW Funds** Danielle suggested that because local chapters are now partnering with schools and have lower budgetary needs, each local chapter could apply for funds to support a local Camp BPW event. Alice wondered if a cap is needed on the amount awarded each chapter each year. Kathy pointed out that there is now \$1800.00 in the state budget designated for Camp BPW. It was decided that a cap of \$300.00 per chapter per year would work well. Donna Rae suggested that we urge local chapters to also raise funds locally so that state funds are not exhausted.
- **State Fundraiser** Donna Rae suggested several fundraising ideas, keeping a medicine bottle to fill with loose change at meetings, writing for a grant, although we would need to identify a purpose for the grant state-wide, encouraging local chapters to find state sponsors and partners, and a Yankee Candle fundraiser. An organization can receive \$1000.00 if 25 members of that organization each sell four large candles. The committee was most interested in the Yankee Candle fundraiser. Donna Rae will look into this and email the executive committee what she learns. This fundraiser may need to start soon.
- **Set Date for Future Full Board Meetings** Monday, 7 pm, November 9 will be the Full Fall State Board Teleconference Meeting. The committee also discussed convening a face-to-face full board meeting once a year. Alice suggested that it would be ideal to have this in the fall since we have convention in the late spring. The committee agreed on the value of a face-to-face meeting, but it seems too late to schedule one this fall. Danielle suggested that we have a face-to-face meeting this spring in the St. Johnsbury area. Alice suggested that committees meet at the same time. Donna Rae suggested the month of March.
- **Other new business** Donna Rae reported that the Veteran Affairs Committee (Donna Rae Heath, Pearl Gilbert, Trisha Woodward, and Carolyn Haggett) has met and is working on participating in the Veteran's Summit at Lyndon state College on March 12.

Donna Rae mentioned that only \$750 in dues has come in to the state treasury. There was a discussion on whether membership is down or dues are not in, and when they are due. This may be covered in new policies, due in 30 days? Donna Rae will send an email to all the chapter presidents about sending in dues soon.

There was a discussion on communication problems. Some people did not know that they were on committees and many are not answering emails.

Topics for the November 9 Full Board Meeting

- Communication Issues, answering emails, committee membership

- A March 2016, face-to-face full board meeting including committees, in St. Johnsbury
- Decide whether to conduct the Yankee Candle fundraiser