

BPW/VT Full Board Meeting  
September 27, 2017  
Teleconference (1-515-739-1032 and password 445699)

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:02 pm

**ROLL CALL:** Danielle Martel, Michelle Thibault, Bonnie Root, Shelley Maloney, Emily Owens and Diane Brockway

**QUORUM:** Yes, quorum was met.

**MINUTES:** Add Diane Brockway to minutes of 8/16/2017 and correct spelling of Shelley Maloney.

**Motion to accept the minutes as corrected made by Michelle Thibault, Franklin County BPW and seconded by Shelley Maloney, MAL, Connecticut.**

**Motion carried.**

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**PRESIDEMNT:** Danielle said she had received Committee Chairs from Champlain Valley BPW and Franklin County BPW. The email was incomplete from Donna Rae and Danielle will contact Donna Rae. If anyone wants to add to the Blog, send the information to Danielle or Staci Smith, St. Johnsbury BPW.

**PRESIDENT ELECT:** Alice Kitchel, not present

**VICE PRESIDENT:** Jackie Hawkins, not present

**TREASURER:** Michelle Thibault said the current checking account balance is \$10,486.77. The Money Market balance is \$7,344.33. Michelle will be filing the IRS form 990 by November 15<sup>th</sup>. The books have not yet been audited.

**SECRETARY:** Diane Brockway had no further report.

**LOCAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES:**

**BURLINGTON BPW:** not present

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY BPW:** Emily Owens, President, reported that Melissa Mowry is this year's New England Regional Young Careerist. The Young Careerist Program was held at the NEPSF meeting held September 23 in Augusta Maine. Melissa is the Champlain Valley BPW Young Careerist and BPW/VT Young Careerist. Emily said the first Book Club meeting was held and had a good response. The next Book Club meeting will be in held in the Winter. "Meet the Candidates" will be held on Tuesday, October 17 at the Plattsburgh City Hall Rotunda. Emily asked Michelle Thibault if she had received the check from Champlain Valley BPW sent in May. Michelle said she had not. She asked Emily to resend the check to her mailing address.

**Franklin County BPW:** Bonnie Root, Franklin County BPW, said the program presented at the September 19<sup>th</sup> meeting was presented by Dukes Fitness. FCBPW is talking with the Museum about

doing a Community event. Literacy Day at St. Albans will be held on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

**St. Johnsbury BPW:** Not present.

**Westshire BPW:** Not present.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Danielle Martel, President, said that a request for the Membership Grant had been received from Champlain Valley BPW for the “Meet the Candidates” program to be held October 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion made by Michelle Thibault to approve the request by Champlain Valley BPW for \$200 for the “Meet the Candidates” program. Seconded by Bonnie Root, Franklin County BPW.**

**Motion carried.**

**BYLAWS:** There is no Bylaws chair at this time. Franklin County BPW submitted their Bylaws for approval.

**Motion made by Diane Brockway, Champlain Valley BPW, to approve the Franklin County BPW Bylaws. Seconded by Shelley Maloney, MAL.**

**Motion carried.**

**FINANCE:** Currently, there is no Chair. Finance Chair is responsible for the Fund Raising for the “State” General Fund. The Finance Chair also works with the Treasurer and Committee.

**INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:** Danielle said that the proposed date of October 21 for the ID Program is not a good date. The program will have to be rescheduled. Shelley Maloney, MAL, said that New Hampshire BPW would not be able to attend on the October 21 date as well. The Train the Trainer should have 10-12 people in attendance.

**LEGISLATION:** Marilyn Grunewald, Franklin County BPW, was not present. Diane Brockway, Legislation NY, stated she is working with Molly Ryan to get status on bills.

**YOUNG CAREERIST:** Danielle said there is no Young Careerist Chair. Danielle suggested that there be co-Chairs...one from each Local. Danielle congratulated Melissa Mowry from Champlain Valley BPW AND BPW/VT on her selection as the NEW England Regional Young Careerist.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Danielle had no further report.

**CONVENTION:** Danielle said that Jackie Hawkins and Michelle Thibault had agreed to be on the

Convention committee and will be working with Donna Rae Heath, St. Johnsbury BPW.

**WEBSITE:** Danielle reminded everyone to send their blogs to her or Staci Smith. The Website is being updated.

**NEPSP:** Shelley Maloney, MAL, stated that the recent meeting held in Augusta, Maine, was a good meeting. The next meeting will be in Portsmouth, NH in April 2018. The fall 2018 NEPSP will be held in St. Albans. Shelley asked that if any BPW member “passes” to let her know and she will notify Denise who will do a Memorial at the next NEPSP.

**VT COMMISSION ON WOMEN:** Kim Bina, Westshire, not present. Danielle Martel reported that the VT Commission on Women had their first meeting last week. She thanked everyone who helped with the issue of women and alimony. VT Commission on Women was a monetary sponsor for the Women's Economic Opportunity Conference held September 16<sup>th</sup>. BPW/VT had a table at the Conference and was pleased with the Conference.

**WOMEN JOINING FORCES:** Donna Rea Heath, St. Johnsbury BPW, not present. Danielle reported that she had received names of members who wanted to be included on this committee.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**AUDIT COMMITTEE:** Michelle Tarryck, St. Johnsbury BPW, Diane Brockway, Champlain Valley BPW and Michelle Thibault, Treasurer, will be this year's committee. Danielle will notify the committee about the time and location of the meeting.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BPW:** Danielle discussed briefly that there is an active investigation. She said that there may law suits. Danielle said that she didn't think that BPW/VT had any responsibility. Danielle does not know if BPW/VT has an attorney. She will check to see if one is needed.

**MEMBER AT LARGE (MAL):** Shelley Maloney, MAL Connecticut, stated that New Hampshire BPW (Federation) was dissolving. The two local organizations still active will continue with BPW Foundation so that they can continue with BPW Signature programs, such as Young Careerist. Shelley said that Jacqui Hood-Lefebvre had received MAL memberships from some members from New Hampshire and Massachusetts.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:44 pm

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Diane M. Brockway, Secretary

**APPROVED:**