

BPW/VT Full Board Meeting
October 18, 2017
Teleconference (1-515-739-1032 and password 445699)

CALL TO ORDER: 7:02 pm

ROLL CALL: Danielle Martel, Michelle Thibault, Alice Kitchel, Marilyn Grunewald, Jackie Hawkins, Debbie White and Diane Brockway

QUORUM: No, a quorum was not met.

MINUTES: A quorum was not met. The minutes from September 27 will be voted on at the next Full Board Meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES:

PRESIDENT: Danielle said she met with Alice Kitchel regarding plans for next year's Annual Convention. Danielle has received a "Call to Action" from other women's organizations and she would like to use this as our platform. We could tailor to our needs. Danielle will go to all Local Organizations this year. Danielle also said she liked the Champlain Valley Newsletter.

PRESIDENT ELECT: Alice Kitchel, said she met with Danielle regarding the Annual Convention. This Convention's theme will be "Reviewing Who We Are". This will be a working one-day convention – a discussion on what we want to be as an organization going forward regarding our "Mission". How do we apply our skill sets, ie: supporting women, discrimination in the workplace....so many issues. One goal is to collaborate with other women organizations of Vermont and possible joint efforts regarding issues such as Legislation. Marilyn Grunewald told Alice that she would like to work with Alice on working with other women organizations. Alice thanked Michelle and Shelley Maloney for being part of the Convention Committee.

VICE PRESIDENT: Jackie Hawkins will be visiting Burlington BPW at their November meeting. She will be going to Champlain Valley BPW for their Christmas Auction on December 5. Jackie asked each Local Organization to send their meeting dates.

TREASURER: Michelle Thibault said the current checking account balance is \$10,254.77. The Money Market balance is \$7,344.62 (increase of 29 cents). Michelle said the Audit Committee will be meeting on Friday, Oct. 20th.

SECRETARY: Diane Brockway had no further report.

LOCAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES:

BURLINGTON BPW: not present

CHAMPLAIN VALLEY BPW: Emily Owens, President, was not present, but submitted her report to Danielle. "Meet the Candidates forum" was held on Tuesday, October 17 at the Plattsburgh City Hall Rotunda with 75 attending. November 14th will feature the short film, 100 Year of Suffrage in New York. The Annual Christmas Auction will be held on December 5.

Champlain Valley BPW celebrates their 70th anniversary in December.

FRANKLIN COUNTY BPW: Debbie White, President, reported that a Membership meeting was held Tuesday night. The program, “Are You Financially Fit?” with Financial Advisor, Angela Poirier with Peoples Trust Company was presented. FCBPW is having a “Cook off” each month with a “Chili Cook Off” at the October meeting. Since the monthly venue has changed, members are providing their own food. November 21st will be the “kick off” of a Super Raffle. FCBPW will not

hold a Calcutta Night this year. Price per ticket is \$50. Buy two tickets and a third ticket (free) will go in for a special drawing of \$250. The winner will be announced at a Cocktail Party. The date

and location for the Cocktail Party will be announced. There will also be a Silent Auction. The St. Alban's Historical membership drive will “kick off” in November. Desserts will be auctioned at the November meeting.

St. Johnsbury BPW: Alice Kitchel reported that the September meeting was an organizational meeting. The October meeting will be held in Newport. They are starting their alternative meeting. The Fall Fundraiser to supply food and beverage to the St. Johnsbury Rotary Super Bingo which was held on October 8th.

Westshire BPW: Not present.

COMMITTEE UPDATES:

MEMBERSHIP: Jackie Hawkins, VP, said that she will be working with each local organization “one on one” to build membership.

BYLAWS: The Full Board will be this year's committee. Danielle said she had not received any Bylaws from the local organizations. There was a request from Jacqui-Hood to look at a clearer explanations for Members at Large...what they can or can't do. Send any emails to Danielle.

FINANCE: Danielle Martel, President, said that Donna Rae Heath, St. Johnsbury BPW, had volunteered to be this year's Finance Chair. Danielle said to delete Tamara Gagne from the Finance Committee.

INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM: Danielle said that an IDP program will be held December 2 in the Barre/Montpelier area. The date and location will be announced. .

LEGISLATION: Marilyn Grunewald, Franklin County BPW, said she will call the Women's Commission to set up Equal Pay Day (April 11) event. There were 45 volunteers for the Financial Literacy Day held at BFA and sponsored by BPW/VT. Jill Berry-Bowen, Executive Director, Northwestern Medical Center spoke to the attendees. Another program is suggested for next May.

Diane Brockway, Legislation NY, reported that Champlain Valley BPW recently held their “Meet the Candidates Forum”. There were three candidates for Clinton County Legislature on the November ballot. Five candidates for the 21st Congressional District (one Republican and 4 Democrat) election 2018. There will be three Amendments on the November ballot and there

were speakers to these Amendments. Very informational.

YOUNG CAREERIST: No report.

COMMUNICATIONS: Danielle had no further report.

CONVENTION: No report.

WEBSITE: Danielle said that the Website does work and reminded everyone to send their blogs to her or Staci Smith. Once information is added to the Blog, the public has access. The public cannot Post to the Blog as it causes "Spam".

NEPSP: Shelley Maloney, MAL, not present.

VT COMMISSION ON WOMEN: Kim Bina, Westshire, not present.

WOMEN JOINING FORCES: Donna Rea Heath, St. Johnsbury BPW, not present.

NEW BUSINEES:

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Michelle Thibault, Treasurer, stated that the committee will meet on Friday, October 20.

MEMBER AT LARGE (MAL): Not present.

AGENDA: Danielle reminded everyone to call or contact her if you have any questions. Also, if anyone needs to have anything added to the Agenda, contact Danielle.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 7:42 pm

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

Diane M. Brockway, Secretary

APPROVED: