

BPW/VT Full Board Meeting  
April 18, 2018  
Teleconference (1-515-739-1032 and password 445699)

**CALL TO ORDER:** 7:04 pm

**ROLL CALL:** Danielle Martel, Alice Kitchel, Debbie White, Donna Rae Heath, Michelle Thibault, Marilyn Grunewald, Kim Bina and Diane Brockway

**QUORUM:** A quorum was met.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**PRESIDENT:** Danielle Martel, President, had a small report. She is working on the completing loose ends on the Convention and the Bylaws. Danielle said she will need the list of the Officers for 2018-2019 for each local organization. Include addresses and phone numbers. She will need this information before the Annual Convention.

**PRESIDENT ELECT:** Alice Kitchel, President-Elect, asked if there were any audio visual needs? The hotel provides equipment if needed. Danielle said that BPW/VT has a projecture and screen and she will bring them to the hotel and turn over to Alice. Alice said that raffle tickets are going well. She suggested that one location to bring tickets would be bike shops. She reminded everyone to bring items for the Silent Auction. Each Local Organizaiton should bring two larger dollar value items for the live Auction. April 23 is the deadline for registration. There is an additional \$10 fee for late registration. Friends and guests attending will be charged the same as members for meals. Alice will check to see if the guests and friends have to pay the Registration fee. The Pre-Convention Meeting will be held by teleconference call on May 16<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday). It was suggested that the Post-Convention Meeting be held on the Wednesday following the Convention, May 23, by teleconference call.

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

**TREASURER:** Michelle Thibault, Treasurer, reported that the checkbook balance was \$11,552.78 as of March 31, 2018. Current balance is \$10,761.87. The savings account balance is \$7,346.46. Michelle said she will be having back surgery.. Donna Rae Heath, St. Johnsbury BPW, said their Treasurer is sick. St. Johnsbury BPW will be mailing a check for their Membership dues this week to Michelle.

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

**Motion:** Motion made by Michelle Thibault Franklin County BPW, to accept the February and March Minutes.

Seconded by Donna Rae Heath. St. Johnsbury BPW.

Motion Carried.

**LOCAL ORGANIZATION UPDATES:**

**BURLINGTON BPW:** Christine Trombley, not present. Alcie said that Burlington BPW will be providing the Auctioneer for the Auction.

**CHAMPLAIN VALLEY BPW:** Emily Owens, President, was not present, but submitted her report to Danielle. Champlain Valley BPW held a successful “Women in Business” event on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Uno's Pizzeria in Plattsburgh. Billy Jones, 115<sup>th</sup> NYS Assembly, was a guest

speaker. Woman of the Year and Employer of the Year were announced. This year's Young Careerist is Shelby La Rock. Constituent Services Manager for NYS Assemblyman, Billy Jones. Members wore RED in recognition of Equal Pay Day. Election of Officers was also held.

**FRANKLIN COUNTY BPW:** Jackie Hawkins, President, was not present. Debbie White reported that Franklin County BPW held their Young Careerist Program last month. The program held on Tuesday night, April 17<sup>th</sup> was presented by Linda Ulrich, Ever Winding Circles, on positive aspects of the world. The election of Officers will be held at the May meeting.

**ST. JOHNSBURY BPW:** Donna Rae Heath reported that St. Johnsbury BPW will be having their monthly meeting on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Parker Pie (Pizza). They will be holding their Election of Officers at this meeting. They do not have a full slate yet. The program will feature a speaker from Edward Jones Financial. She will speak on women in finance. They will not have a Young Careerist candidate this year. Donna Rae Heath and Alice Kitchel went to the Capitol in Montpelier

on April 10 for Equal Pay Day. Alice spoke as the BPW/VT representative to support women to receive equal pay. Alice spoke on the BPW programs available for women. Marilyn Grunewald was unable to attend the event. Danielle Martel, President, congratulated Alice on her presentation.

**WESTSHIRE BPW:** Kim Bina said she will now be a Member at Large.

**MEMBER AT LARGE:** Shelley Maloney not present. Danielle reminded everyone that next weekend is the New England Past State Presidents meeting in Portsmouth, NH.

#### **COMMITTEE UPDATES:**

**MEMBERSHIP:** Jackie Hawkins, VP, not present.

**BYLAWS:** Danielle Martell, President, has sent out the Proposed Bylaws. She will go over any questions at the Pre-Convention Meeting (teleconference call)

**FINANCE:** Donna Rea Heath, Chair, said her report will be in the Convention book.

**INDIVIDUAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:** Shelley Maloney, CT, not present.

**LEGISLATION:** Marilyn Gruenwald, VT reminded everyone that this year will be an Election Year. She encouraged each Local Organization to share plans for a special program. Marilyn thanked Alice Kitchel for doing a great job on Equal Pay Day in Montpelier.

Diane Brockway, NY, had no report.

**YOUNG CAREERIST:** Danielle Martel, President, said that there will be two Young Careerist Candidates this year. Shelby La Rock from Champlain Valley BPW and Asia Rocque from

Franklin County BPW.

**COMMUNICATIONS/WEBSITE:** Danielle Martel, Presient, said that the meeting minutes will be added to the website.

**CONVENTION:** Alice Kitchel, Donna Rea Heath and Danielle Martel will meet on May 9<sup>th</sup> to work on the Budget for next year and finalize Convention details.

**NEPSP:** Jacqui Hood, not present. Danielle Martel said she had prepared a basket (BPW./VT donation) for the raffle/fundraiser to be held at the NEPSP meeting. Danielle dropped off the basket to Jacqui Hood-LeFebvre. She will bring to the meeting.

**VT COMMISSION ON WOMEN:** Kim Bina and Danielle Martel –For Equal Pay Day they worked with League of Women Voters sending out surveys on the needs of Women in Vermont.

**WOMEN JOINING FORCES:** Donna Rea Heath, Chair. A report will be included in the Convention Book.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None to report

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** 7:42 PM

**RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,**

Diane M. Brockway, Secretary

**APPROVED:**