

Minutes of the Meeting of WILPF US Board of Directors
November 15, 2016
Held via teleconferencing

Board members present:

President: Mary Hanson Harrison
Secretary: Candace Perry
Chair of the Development Committee: Marybeth Gardam
Chair of the Nominating Committee: Laura Dewey
Chair of the Personnel Committee: Nicole Scott
Chair of the Program Committee: Odile Hugonot Haber
Chair of the Program Committee: Maureen Ngozi Eke
At-large Board Member: Dixie Hairston
US Section Member of the International Board, Melissa Torres

Board members not present:

Interim Treasurer/Chair of Finance: LaShawndra Vernon

WILPF members, non-Board present: Ellen Schwartz, Ellen Thomas, Mary Bricker-Jenkins

Also present: Lamia Sadek, Managing Director

The meeting began at 8:43 pm (EST). Maureen facilitated.

ANNOUNCEMENT: Carol Urner has resigned as co-chair of the Disarm Issue Committee. The committee will be led by a trio consisting of Ellen Thomas, Robin Lloyd and Barbara Nielsen.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Minutes from the September, 2016 meeting were approved as written and will be posted on our website. The following dates were approved for 2017 Board meetings:

- January 17
- March 21
- May 16
- July 18
- September 19
- November 14

All meetings, except November's, will take place on the third Tuesday of the month. The dates will be posted on our website.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Mary continues to be in communication with Kerry McGovern, WILPF International Treasurer, and Tura Campanella Cook, president of JAPA, for reconciliation of JAPA/WILPF issues. If issues are resolved, there will be a JOINT STATEMENT sent out from all three parties (WILPF INTL, UNO & WILPF US) stating there has been a resolution and then sent to the New York Atty General Office – Charities Division. Upon the Atty. General accepting the resolution, the Sanjines monies will be released immediately to all parties on a 30-30-30 (10 percent to JAPA for admin) basis. The split has been agreed upon by all parties. There was some discussion of how members should be notified once the resolution is achieved, with the possibilities suggested of e-alerts, branch communications, calls from board members, postcards or other mailing to at-large and life members. The concern is that all members be notified, with recognition that a variety of communication forms may need to be used.

Mary also brought up the need for WILPF US to publicize and promote a non-violence movement. There was discussion about creating an ad hoc committee, but no decision was made.

MANAGING DIRECTOR'S REPORT: The new brochure is out and many branches are requesting copies. The new *Peace and Freedom* will also be available soon. WILPF US now has a single budget; Growing WILPF campaign has been deactivated. The timeline for the 2017 budget has been established. The audit for FY2015 is being finalized. The loans payable of \$12,000 (Nancy Munger & Eva Havlicsek) have been forgiven and are now reconciled in our books and audit report.

Following are current financials:

- Income:
 - **\$1,805** from 41 membership renewals
 - **\$855** from 22 new members
 - **\$10,400** for PDF Appeal
 - **\$200** from Cup of Coffee Appeal
 - **\$110** for branch P&F pre-orders and publication purchases
 - **\$11,880** from member donations
 - **\$357.97** in-kind donations
- As of beginning of November 11th, the bank account's balance is:
 - Business Advantage (Checking): **\$27,723.95**
 - The Select Bus Interest Maximizer (Saving): **\$82,646.74**
 - Total bank balance: **\$110,370.69**
- PAX
 - As of the end of Quarter 3, the ending balance is **\$100,789.70**
 - Beginning balance in July 2016 was **\$97,707.30** with an increase in market value of **\$3,082.4**

LaShawndra was not on the call, so there was no additional Treasurer's Report.

DEVELOPMENT REPORT: An extensive Development Report was written by Marybeth. She and her committee have worked very hard, but are disappointed that the results for fundraising don't match their goal. The need is clear for member contributions and board involvement in soliciting those contributions. Board members have committed to participate in the Higher Ground phone calls to potential donors of over \$250.

NOMINATING REPORT: There was some discussion as to whether Nominating Committee should help find members for standing and issue committee, or does this belong with Program. No decision.

CONGRESS REPORT: Ideas and visions for Congress 2017 should be emailed to Lamia and she will forward them to the Congress committee.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE REPORT: Maureen raised the concern for the need for WILPF US to respond, organize, and challenge racism and all forms of bigotry. Laura proposed we revitalize the Building the Beloved Community Issue Committee to deal with issues of racial justice. The board agreed, though the name may be changed. Maureen, Mary, Odile and Candace agreed to work on reconstituting the committee. Odile also expressed concern that the former chairs of the committee, Sha'an Moulert and Chris Morin, should be consulted to review the issues of why the committee was disbanded.

CSW – PRACTICUM & LOCAL2GLOBAL: Applications are now being accepted for both programs. There are no applications for side or parallel events yet. In response to Laura's question about whether there will be a survey of 2017 CSW practicum and Local2Global participants, Dixie said that a survey can be done. By December 27, Melissa and Dixie will send the board a report on the number of participants in both programs and what the budget needs are in relation to the number of participants.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE: As Nicole had to leave the call, the Personnel Committee report was deferred.

YWILPF: Due to the lateness of the meeting, further discussion of reviving YWILPF was postponed.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10 pm (EST).

Respectfully submitted,

Candace Perry, Secretary