

FAUSA ANNUAL MEETING, OCTOBER 10 & 12, 2008, Longbost Key, Florida

FRIDAY

President Jane Indreland called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M. Members present were: Dorothy Childers, Linda Harris, Nancy Kohlheyer, Barbara Hanley-Meyer, Jean Geesey, Liz Hemminger, Linda Rishel-Little, Barbara Castro, Kay Miller, Marge McGowan, Barbara Santoro, Ginny Roth, Beverly Mar, Kathy Waugh, Louise Greeley-Copley, Priscilla Dysart, Shirley Van Oijen, Stevie Coppin, Dale Koepenick, Nancy Donohoe, Annette Ross, Marlene Patren, Sue Ripps, Carol Lalani, Nancy Hurley, Ginny Andersen, Luz Rooney, Nancy Thornley, Jane Indreland.

The president thanked the meeting organizers, Ginny and Bill Andersen, and introduced the officers and those attending a FAUSA meeting for the first time. Greetings were received from Mona Garcia, Caroline Newton, Lee Iacovoni-Sorenson, Celeste Brown, Kathleen Simons and Lucy Laederich. Kay Miller was thanked for making the quilt for the raffle to benefit the scholarship fund.

- 1) The **minutes** of the 2007 Annual Meeting in New York City were approved, with two abstentions.
- 2) The vote to **amend the Bylaws**, Article II, Section 1, “the fiscal year shall be September 1 to August 31,” passed with 28 votes.
- 3) The 1st Vice-president, Stevie Coppin, presented the **membership report** (180 members). She has created a new form to include more background information. A motion to accept her report was made by Barbara Castro and seconded by Nancy Hurley. The motion passed. Barbara Castro, Marge McGowan, Kay Miller and Ginny Roth offered to be on the membership committee.
- 4) 2nd Vice-president Priscilla Dysart explained the positions of the **Metro Coordinators and Regional Representatives**. It was suggested that the MC and RR job descriptions be put on the website. Liz Hemminger motioned to accept the report, seconded by Ginny Andersen. The motion passed.
- 5) Treasurer Dorothy Childers presented the **proposed 2009 budget**. Liz Hemminger would like the charity money vs. directed funds be spelled out as line items. It was explained that FAWCO and The Foundation are designated as 501(c)(3) by the IRS, while FAUSA is 501(c)(4). The latter cannot give a tax benefit. It can be obtained for a scholarship donation if the check is made out to the The Foundation, but first sent to our treasurer for FAUSA credit. Liz Hemminger moved to accept the report, Louise Greeley-Copley seconded. The motion passed.
- 6) President Jane Indreland reported on the new **FAUSA website**, with thanks to Debbie Hastings. We now have PayPal for membership applications. Jane spoke of the FAWCO Conference in Seoul and our contribution to Helping Hands Korea, helping refugees from North Korea. She mentioned the planned FAWCO Conference in Boston 2010, and the need for sponsor money.

Ginny Andersen introduced **Dr. Nancy K. Schlossberg**, an expert in adult transitions, and a Professor Emerita, University of Maryland. Dr. Schlossberg spoke of why facing the future is hard – we are poor forecasters, we have competing demands, and we have a bias about ourselves. Tips for lifetime opportunities are to engage in lifelong learning, to attain knowledge about transitions and to strengthen one’s psychological portfolio. The world “may be upended, but not ended.” Coping strategies: change the situation; reframe the situation; manage reaction to stress; do nothing. “Today is not forever,” she said.

- 7) Dale Koepenick reported on the **FAWCO Visions for the Future Task Force**, and introduced Linda Rishel-Little, our new member, and the chair of the Task Force for FAWCO.
- 8) Liz Hemminger, The Foundation Treasurer, reported on the new board structure of **The Foundation** and the Kids Help project, which bears no administrative costs; it is jointly sponsored by FAWCO, FAUSA and the American Women's Club of Bogota.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:16 P.M.

SATURDAY

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. Members present were: Dale Koepenick, Barbara Hanley-Meyer, Nancy Kohlheyer, Linda Harris, Liz Hemminger, Ginny Anderson, Luz Rooney, Carol Lalani, Dorothy Childers, Marlene Patren, Priscilla Dysart, Louise Greeley-Copley, Kathleen Waugh, Stevie Coppin, Nancy Hurley, Ginny Roth, Kay Miller, Barbara Santoro, Marge McGowan, Barbara Castro, Linda Rishel-Little, Nancy Donohoe, Sue Ripps, Shirley Van Oijen, Jane Indreland, Nancy Thornley

- 1) The president showed a visual **presentation on FAUSA** that she had made for the Seoul Conference.
- 2) Nancy Thornley reported on the year's contributions to **charity**. Estancia Fraternidad, the Oaxaca hostel for relatives of hospital patients, has doubled its services since we began supporting it in 2004. It now costs 10 pesos a day; 9 of these pesos come from outside sources, such as FAUSA. For the second year we are supporting Bishop Casey's project in the Pando district of Bolivia, this time with a scholarship in advanced study for a physical therapist. We also gave to Helping Hands Korea for its refugee program in North Korea. FAUSA is now eligible to apply for The Foundation Development Grants. These grants are for specific areas of aid, and are given by individual clubs; the applicants are in competition with other needy programs. Nancy has identified two projects worthy of help, both in the remote northeast area of Bolivia: a clinic needing life-saving equipment, and a literacy program utilizing the radio. The Board asked her to investigate these projects for possible Foundation grants. Luz Rooney, from St. Louis, offered to help with the grant applications.
- 3) Nancy Donohoe presented the **education report**. There are as yet no applications for this year, and the deadline is January 1st. Nancy led a discussion on opening up our scholarship program to members wanting to continue their education, but not with an academic degree. Who is eligible for our awards? What about in-laws? Louise Greeley-Copley made the following motion: "That FAUSA open the scholarship program to skills enhancement and/or certificate programs for our members." Liz Hemminger seconded. The discussion centered on whether to include members' children, should the schools be accredited, will there be only one award, etc. A committee would have to be formed to prepare an appropriate application. Nancy Thornley called the question. The vote on the motion was 25 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstention. The committee, chaired by Nancy Donohoe, will include Annette Ross, Linda Harris and Kathy Waugh. Sue Ripps said that companies like Coca-Cola provide matching funds for scholarships.
- 4) Nancy Hurley, chair of the **Repatriation Committee**, spoke of her experiences as an expatriate; she has given everyone a copy of her book, "Close Encounters of the European Kind." The committee contacts new members by e-mail or letter. There has been no feedback. Nancy Thornley suggested phone calls for a more immediate contact. Barbara Hanley-Meyer offered to be on the committee. Dale Koepenick will write up an article.

Our speaker was Experimental Psychology Professor Emeritus **Joseph Lappin**, retired from Vanderbilt University and now volunteering at the Mote Marine Laboratory, a research facility with 92 research staff and 25 Ph.D. scientists. The programs include the study of sharks, which rarely have cancer, the immune system of skates, airborne red tide toxins and mosquito control pesticides. Dr. Lappin is concerned to promote an interest in science in the schools.

- 5) Dale Koeppenick reported on publishing **The Quarterly**, 200 copies, four times a year. It is a slow process, going back and forth with Kathy Waugh; to print in color is too expensive, so it is presented in black and white. There has been a 60% increase in postage; the production costs \$16 to \$19 per member annually. Dale proposed that the magazine be published on line for everybody; it would be in color and, eliminating the printer, can all be easily done by email between Dale and Kathy. The black & white version can still be printed for those who want them by mail. Barbara Castro made a motion “to send the FAUSA Quarterly by selectronic mail.” Liz Hemminger seconded, and the motion passed

NEW BUSINESS

- 6) The **Nominating Committee** will be chaired by Dale Koeppenick with Louise Greeley-Copley and Nancy Hurley on the committee.
- 7) Jane Indreland explained the **Facebook Group** concept, which would be only open to our group. Members can join or not, and an administrator keeps the group secure. Yolanda Henry has offered to be the moderator. Liz Hemminger moved “that the Board move forward in setting up a Facebook or like program for members.” Nancy Hurley seconded and the motion passed with two abstentions.
- 8) The president showed the **Boston Conference** promotion that she had prepared for Seoul.
- 9) The president presented the idea of using a professional e-mail distribution company, **Constant Contact**, which will cost \$130.00/year. She would use this for her President’s Update; there is no limit on the amount of items sent. Dale Koeppenick moved “we approve Jane’s report to expand our e-mail capability through Constant Contact.” Kay Miller seconded. The motion was approved.
- 10) The president reported that the FAUSA President must go to the FAWCO Conferences, and recommended that at least part of her travel be paid for (currently the budget lists \$1000 for this item). There was great support from the floor to pay for the president’s travel as well as for some expenses of the other board members; it is important that they go to the FAWCO Conferences. The Treasurer stated that any budget increase would need a dues increase. It was noted that the bank balance is presently \$9,966.46.
- 11) Dorothy Childers, host of the next **Annual Meeting**, presented the plans for Durango, Colorado, September 23, 24, 25, 2009, at the Strater Hotel, established 1887. There would be an afternoon at Mesa Verde, and a post-meeting rail trip to Silverton on Saturday the 26th.

The last item of business was an **Honorary Award** to Shirley VanOijen, FAUSA Parliamentarian and former FAWCO President. To great applause, Shirley was presented with a framed certificate.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:53 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Thornley, Secretary