

AAUW GREENSBORO BOARD MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2015 at 1:00 PM

Location: 2707 Turner Grove Dr. S – Home of President Wheaton

Members Present: Cheryl Wheaton, President – Linda Jensen, Programs – Everlena Diggs, Membership – Laura Tew, Public Policy/Communications – Sue Mengert, C/U Liaison – Mary Woodrow, Book Browsers – Ellie Dolata, Fund Raising – Libby Haile, President Elect – Janie Dominique, Nominations –Marilyn Cotten McMichael, Hospitality - Jane Terwillegar, Secretary

TOPIC	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS
Welcome/Introductions	Meeting called to order at 1 PM by President Cheryl Wheaton.
Minutes for 3/17/15	Several corrections were offered for the printed Board minutes. Mary Woodrow made the motion: "to accept with corrections" (2nd Sue Mengert). The motion passed by voice vote and the March minutes are filed as corrected.
Financial Report	<p>Since Treasurer Mary Fran Schickedantz was traveling, she left a written report. (See attached.) <i>"Stephanie and I have been in contact with Angie Cooper, Membership at National. We are in sync to receive invoices for dues sent out by National. The first invoice has already gone to our members. There will be 2 follow-up e-mailings – one in May and one in June. After the May e-mailing we will do follow-up by phone to find out who has not received their invoice notice. We will also know at that point who has responded by mail or online...Tech Savvy Expenses – We paid local expenses for the day by check or Business Credit Card. Those items have been submitted to National for reimbursement. NCCWSL expenses have been paid for registration and lodging directly to National. Jessica Twitchell and Shaylon Duncan each received an additional \$275 from branch member donations...Other expenses last month related to \$start \$mart, Luncheon invitations, postage & printing. Total in SunTrust on March 31, 2015 is \$6083.00. Very little of this money belongs to the Branch. Most of it is still amounts we are holding for Tech Savvy and IT is for Girls."</i> Ellie Dolata made the motion: "To accept the Treasurer's Report," (2nd Linda Jensen) and the motion passed by voice vote.</p>
Membership	Chair Everlina Diggs reported membership was 103 with AAUW national. Three new members joined as a result of <i>Triad Tech Savvy 2015</i> .
NC Annual Meeting	President Wheaton expressed her appreciation for all that Branch members did to make AAUW NC welcome in Greensboro. Attendees especially liked the arrangements for Friday night's "Wine & Wisdom" event. Along with other North Carolina branches, Greensboro contributed \$100 in Mary Peterson's honor to the AAUW Ann Chiplely Fund. President Wheaton read a letter from Mary Peterson thanking the Branch for all that was done for the success of AAUW NC's Annual Meeting. President Wheaton also thanked everyone who volunteered with <i>Triad Tech Savvy 2015</i> . This year more than 28 members participated. A short discussion ensued about how to recognize these members and the group concluded that asking all volunteers to stand and be recognized at the Spring Luncheon was appropriate.
Public Policy/Communication	Chair Laura Tew reported on the Women's Advocacy Day events for April 21. This day was postponed from February 24, due to snow. Laura and President

	<p>Wheaton drove to Raleigh with two members of Greensboro's Business and Professional Women (BPW): Virginia Adamson and Pat Sledge. It was a long day of meetings with state legislators. Our Branch priority for talking points was educational issues in North Carolina and President Wheaton was armed with facts and comparative data. Chair Tew indicated that not all legislators were available, and a few could only meet with them briefly, before turning the meeting over to a legislative assistant.</p> <p>Since there were some questions about whether all members had received, or found, the April letter emailed to them about dues and membership renewal, President Wheaton asked Chair Tew to send a separate email informing all our members that the annual renewal letters were being delivered by email, rather than US Mail. It was also noted there is confusion about contributions to branch and national funds. Members adding contributions with their dues payment online are donating those monies directly to AAUW National. If members wish to donate locally (for example, to our 2016 NCCWSL fund), it is necessary to send a check directly to the Branch Treasurer.</p> <p>Janie Dominique reported on the Spring Luncheon since Chair Elaine Morehead was meeting with staff at the Starmount Country Club. The Club will accept credit cards, adding a surcharge of 3%, so it was clear the Branch will make payment by check. Treasurer Schickedantz did leave signed checks, so that detail was settled. There are ninety-two paid attendees, with about half coming as guests. It was decided to use stick-on name tags which are inexpensive and easy to print. Everlena Diggs will provide the name tags. Sue Mengert is sorting out names for the two tables reserved for our speaker, Dr. Rosalind Fuse-Hall and other guests. Also coming as guests, the two students who submitted winning NCCWSL applications. Originally it was planned to have a computer available to assist members with AAUW voting, but President Wheaton noted that the national ballot is very long and will require too much time per member. In addition, members have to do some homework on nominees and issues prior to voting. Laura Tew will add voting information to the next email, including a note about needing one's membership number and PIN number to vote online.</p> <p>Dr. Fuse-Hall will receive a free membership to the Branch, \$100 will be given in her honor to AAUW's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and she will also receive some jewelry created by Elaine Morehead. Donna Duffy has agreed to be the mistress of ceremonies. Linda Jensen and Cherrie Wheaton have conferred on member awards for 2014-2015 and these will be announced at the luncheon. Millie Hoffer-Foushee will conduct the installation of new officers.</p> <p>A question was raised about setting a date with Starmount for next year's luncheon. Ellie Dolata made a motion: "To approach Starmount County Club about setting a date with them for the Spring 2016 Luncheon" (2nd Sue Mengert). This motion passed by voice vote.</p>
<p>Spring Luncheon</p>	<p>Chair Sue Mengert reported the committee has a meeting scheduled with Dr. Goldie Byrd, Dean of Arts & Sciences at North Carolina A&T State University on May 13th to discuss the possibility of A&T becoming a College/University Partner with AAUW and the Branch. Adding A&T is one of the goals set by the C/U committee for this year.</p> <p>Chair Mengert also announced that two college women have been selected to receive a scholarship to attend NCCWSL in May: Shaylon Duncan and Jessica Twitchell, both UNCG students. Their registration and lodging is already paid. In addition to the \$1000 reserved by the Board for NCCWSL 2015, a few members donated extra to bring each scholarship to \$700. This provided \$465</p>

	<p>for NCCWSL registration and lodging, along with \$275 for each to help with their other expenses, such as transportation. Kim Hewitt chaired the committee that judged the applications to select the two scholarship winners. Both students were invited to be guests at the Spring Luncheon and are expected to attend, along with one friend.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion concerning NCCWSL selection criteria and how to manage if both candidates selected are attending the same institution. Should that issue be addressed for future NCCWSL selection committees? No motion was offered and Chair Mengert suggested this topic be placed on the next Board meeting's agenda. Also, a question was raised about the possibility of providing NCCWSL scholarships for up to three students in the future. That question may be decided with the total funds raised by the plan for Sponsors for NCCWSL at this year's Spring Luncheon.</p>
Fund Raising	<p>Chair Ellie Dolata reported that a small group met at the Greensboro Historical Museum to check on the facility and decide about using that venue for the August 22 fund raiser. The charge for the museum is \$350 for the lobby/staircase area after hours. Including the Auditorium for 2 hours is an additional \$250 and Security costs are \$75. That is a total of \$675 for the evening event. No money can be exchanged in the museum or on their grounds. There is adequate parking and the lobby area is ideal for a 1920's themed party. The museum does not ask for a deposit and will send a bill to AAUW Greensboro after the event.</p>
New Members	<p>Chair Charlotte Divitci was not present, but left a request for a complete list of new members. Everlena Diggs agreed to make sure she received a printed copy. Those invited will be all our new members and the Board. Everlena will also print stick-on name tags for this event scheduled for Sunday, May 31 at Mary Woodrow's home. The menu will be white wine, fruit, cheese and a few sweets. Mary Woodrow requested that Board members let her know what they planned to contribute for the refreshments – either wine or food.</p>
Announcements	<p>President Wheaton announced that Mary Fran Schickedantz will finish her term as Treasurer on June 30, and has agreed to be the Chair for our Fall Luncheon. Marilyn Cotten-McMichael will turn the Hospitality Chair for 2015-2016 over to Tiffany Jones. President Wheaton also asked that each non-returning Board member give the Procedures Booklet back to her, so she can provide it to for the incoming chair.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>President Wheaton brought up possible dates for the next Board meeting. It was agreed to meet on the 2nd Tuesday in June (6/9) at 5:30 PM, at a location to be determined. The Board also set Tuesday, July 14 as a date for July.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Mary Woodrow made the motion to adjourn, 2nd by Marilyn Cotten-McMichael. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.</p> <p>The next Board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM, Tuesday, June 9th, with location to be announced later. Cheryl Wheaton, Ellie Dolata, and Jane Terwillegar will provide a light supper.</p>