

AAUW GREENSBORO BOARD MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, May 3, 2016 at 1:00 PM

Location: 2707 Turner Grove Drive S (Cheryl Wheaton's home)

Members Present: Cheryl Wheaton, President – Linda Jensen, Programs – Libby Haile, President-Elect – Stephanie Ghotbi-Taheri, Treasurer - Everlena Diggs – Membership - Sue Mengert, C/U Liaison – Mary Fran Schickedantz, Nominations – Lena Murrill-Chapman, Fundraising – Ann Schwabeland, Membership - Jane Terwillegar, Secretary

| TOPIC | DISCUSSION/DECISIONS |
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| Welcome/Introductions | The joint meeting for FY'16 and FY'17 Boards was called to order at 1:05 PM by President Cheryl Wheaton. |
| Minutes, Board meeting April 12, 2016 | Secretary Terwillegar reported adding two proofreading corrections. Libby Haile moved to accept the minutes as corrected (2nd Mary Fran Schickedantz). The April minutes were approved by voice vote. |
| Membership | Ann Schwabeland was welcomed as incoming Membership Chair. Treasurer Stephanie Ghotbi-Taheri and Everlena Diggs will help train her to enter branch membership information on AAUW's website. |
| Branch "Notes" for May | President Wheaton reported she had written a short summary of Branch activity over the past two years of her term in office for the May <i>NOTES</i> to be posted on our website and emailed to members. (See attached.) |
| Treasurer's Report | Treasurer Ghotbi-Taheri reported \$6,991.26 in the bank account, including \$3,047.33 held as part of the old CD reserve. There were 63 attendees at the Spring Luncheon and \$1305 was donated for 2017 NCCWSL scholarships. The total income from the Spring Luncheon was \$3,144.0 and expenses were \$1260.58. Other expenses for the month included a \$150 honorarium for rental at Congressional United Church of Christ, \$100 for printing and \$258.00 for three <i>Tech Savvy</i> honorarium gift cards. (See attached report.) Profits from the Spring Luncheon, once all the expenses are accounted for, will also be reserved for 2017 NCCWSL, thereby meeting, or exceeding, the goal of \$2100 for three scholarships in 2017. Sue Mengert moved to accept the Treasurer's Report (2nd Libby Haile). The report was approved by voice vote. |
| Spring Luncheon | Chair Peggy Knox was unable to attend, but two main suggestions were offered: 1) Several suggested separating installation of officers from the luncheon event, as it requires too much time when there is a program or speaker(s), and, 2) With our Spring Luncheon always occurring near Easter, the date needs to be more carefully researched. |
| Membership | Winners of the raffle at the Spring Luncheon for free national dues for 2016-2017 were: Margaret Curtis, Carmen Wood, Sue Mengert, Ann Schwabeland and Dot Mason. Chair Everlena Diggs questioned the decision to raffle these, as she believes that AAUW's <i>Shape the Future</i> free national dues for members should be offered only to new members. This sparked a discussion about AAUW dues reduction programs. President Wheaton asked Everlena Diggs, Ann Schwabeland and Stephanie Ghotbi-Tehari to proceed as a committee to recommend a policy to the Board that can be implemented for free national dues in the future. Chair Diggs reported 93 members, with only 23 renewed as of May. Madison Lowe is our newest member. |

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| <p>Ad Hoc Committee for 501(c)(3) status</p> | <p>President-Elect Libby Haile reported the Ad Hoc committee has completed new Bylaws to be in compliance with national and to use for 501(c)3 applications. Millie Hoffler-Foushee has been assisting the committee. After a review by AAUW, the new Bylaws will be sent out to the Board for review and to members for a vote of approval.</p> |
| <p>Fundraising</p> | <p>Chair Lena Murrill-Chapman provided a report from the 2017 Fundraising Committee with suggestions for the coming year (see attached) and she asked for direction from the Board as to which ideas seemed most feasible. The consensus centered around two ideas: 1) Plan a fall fashion show event, either at a tea or at the fall luncheon, and 2) Identify a local restaurant willing donate a percentage of profits in exchange for our patronage. The committee will provide more concrete plans at the next Board meeting.</p> |
| <p>New Member Wine & Cheese</p> | <p>The committee planning the new member Garden Party is Mary Fran Schickedantz, Lena Murrill-Chapman, Cherrie Wheaton and Libby Haile. The event is planned for Sunday, June 5, 4:00-6:00 PM at Cherrie Wheaton's home. Board members will be asked to help provide wine and edibles for the event. There are 19 new members that have joined the Branch since July 2015.</p> |
| <p>Public Policy/ Communications</p> | <p>Chair Laura Tew was not able to attend, but sent a query to the Board about the possibility of applying for an AAUW Impact Grant related to Voter GOTV this fall. Two branches will be awarded grants of \$500 in selected states. Since the grant deadline was May 27, there was little interest in preparing a grant and more interest in collaborating with other local organizations for the Get Out the Vote effort this fall.</p> |
| <p>College/University Liaison</p> | <p>Chair Sue Mengert indicated the committee will be contacting all the C/U representatives at our five C/U partners before the fall term begins. She noted that Allen Mueller, Asst. Dean, Career Development Center at Guilford College, has indicated the college is not renewing their C/U membership next year, but will consider doing so in the future. Kim Hewitt is willing to continue as coordinator of the Branch project to provide local scholarships for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Margaret Curtis cannot continue chairing the award committee for NCCWSL scholarships. Chair Mengert is sending thank you notes to all the donors to this spring's NCCWSL 2017 fundraising efforts.</p> |
| <p>Ann Chipley Fund</p> | <p>Long time member, Carolyn Taylor, passed away and Mary Fran Schickedantz noted that branch donations in her honor could be given in Carolyn's memory to the Ann Chipley Fund. Sue Mengert made the motion, "that the Branch give \$50 to the Ann Chipley Fund in memory of Carolyn Taylor" (2nd Mary Fran Schickedantz). The motion passed by voice vote. Libby Haile offered to email Laura Tew about including this information in the June <i>NOTES</i>. The notice will suggest that members wishing to contribute in Carolyn Taylor's memory may also send their contributions to the Ann Chipley Fund.</p> |
| <p>Announcements</p> | <p>Mary Fran announced she was corresponding with Diane Vaughn, an AAUW member presently living in Knoxville, who is considering relocating to Greensboro. Ms. Vaughn expects to visit in late May and Mary Fran is looking for others to meet with this prospective member then.</p> <p>Vice-President Linda Jensen gave a moving tribute to out-going President Wheaton for her leadership of AAUW Greensboro for the past two years.</p> |

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 14th, 1-3 PM, at the home of Mary Fran Schickedantz. It will again be a joint meeting between the old and new boards and it will be the final meeting for President Cherrie Wheaton and Board members whose terms are expiring. President Libby Haile will officially take office on July 1.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

The next scheduled Board meeting is Tuesday, June 14th, at 1:00 PM, at the home of Mary Fran Schickedantz.

New Branch Members:

Madison Lowe – 336-773-5080

(Vice-Chair, Women and Equality, Commission on the Status of Women, City of Greensboro - 335-617-8156)

2016-2017 Board of Directors elected or appointed as of May 3rd

Elected Officers: Libby Haile, President
Peggy Knox, Vice-President/Programs
Stephanie Ghotbi-Taheri, Treasurer
Jane Terwillegar, Secretary
Cheryl Wheaton, Past President

Appointed Committee Chairs:

Voting Ann Schwabeland, Membership
Lena Murrill-Chapman, Fundraising
Laura Tew, Public Policy/Communications
TBA, College/University Liaison

Non-voting: Mary Woodrow, Book Browsers
Elaine Morehead, Hospitality
Mary Fran Schickedantz, Nominating
Lakshmi Iyer, STEM Projects