AAUW GREENSBORO BOARD MINUTES

Date: Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at 5:30 PM

Location: 1006 Gretchen Lane, Unit B, Greensboro, NC (home of Catherine Magid)

Members Present: Cheryl Wheaton, President - Linda Jensen, Programs - Libby Haile, President-Elect - Sue Mengert, C/U Liaison - Stephanie Taheri, Treasurer - Catherine Magid, Fundraising - Lena Murrill-Chapman, Fundraising - Mary Woodrow, Book Browsers - Charlotte Divitci, New Members - Everlena Diggs - Membership - Mary Fran Schickedantz, Fall Luncheon - Jane Terwillegar, Secretary

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TOPIC	DISCUSSION/DECISIONS
Welcome/Introductions	Meeting called to order at 6:00 PM by President Cheryl Wheaton. Lena Murrill-Chapman was welcomed as new co-chair for Fundraising.
Minutes for 8/11/15	There were no corrections or additions for the minutes as emailed. Mary Woodrow made the motion to file the minutes as printed (2 nd Catherine Magid). The minutes were approved by voice vote.
	Secretary Terwillegar also noted two actions between Board meetings. On 9/03/15, President Wheaton requested a Board email vote for approval of an invitation to AAUW NC to come back to Greensboro for the 2016 Convention, on the weekend of our Spring Luncheon. The email vote was in favor, nine to three. (See attached.) Second, in the absence of President Wheaton, Jane Terwillegar emailed both Linda Jensen and Libby Haile that several members were organizing a table for AAUW at the Women to Women Luncheon on October 19 th , since Lakshmi Iyer is our nominee for Woman of the Year. There was no cost to the Branch for this action. Each agreed to pay their own ticket, so AAUW will be in the list of luncheon sponsors. (See attached.)
Financial Report	Treasurer Taheri and Mary Fran Schickedantz indicated they were still working together to provide base numbers for the start of this fiscal year, but no printed report is yet available. The current bank balance as of August 30 is \$14,817.79. Of that, \$1,288.36 is reserved for the 2016 NCCWSL scholarship awards and \$500 is a mini-grant from AAUW NC, earmarked for the first <i>Start Smart</i> workshop at NC A&T. Current dues revenue is \$969.60 and nearly \$2,000 will be available for administrative expenses. There was no recent check activity. They have spent many hours verifying the accounts for <i>It is for Girls, Tech Savvy</i> and Branch funds and they expect to provide the Board with a final report for last year and base numbers for the beginning of this fiscal year very soon.
	President Wheaton reported on another financial issue. AAUW recognizes branches that raise funds for National, but some branches, such as Greensboro, are raising funds to promote AAUW and AAUW programs locally and do not receive national recognition for that effort. Millie Hoffler-Foushee is planning to discuss this with Mike Gellman, AAUW CFO. Last year AAUW Greensboro raised more than \$15,000 that was spent in local programming, such as <i>Tech Savvy</i> , <i>Start Smart</i> and NCCWSL scholarships.
Membership and Member Directory	Chair Everlena Diggs reported 80 members according to National's list. There were some questions about getting member information corrected for the new edition of the online Directory and how to develop a better process for organizing, as new members join and need to be added. It was noted that

Eugenia Perkins - given Honorary Membership this year - was omitted. There was also discussion about our C/U Representatives, as those who are appointed by our colleges/university partners do not always joi AAUW. When that is the case, C/U representatives are not included in National's list of Branch members. Therefore, local C/U representatives who are not members will only be listed on the Directory C/U page. If they elect to join AAUW and pay dues, they will also be included with our membership list.

Programs

Vice-President Linda Jensen reported that Merle Green (Health Director for Guilford County Dept. of Public Health) will be the speaker for the October 13th meeting on "Food Insecurity in Guilford County.' Libby Haile is coordinating and has invited others to join us from Back Pack Beginnings, Vista Volunteers, One Step Further, and other similar organizations active with this local issue. Members will be urged to bring non-perishable food from a suggested list to be donated to the Back Pack Beginnings.

There will be no membership meeting in November (Fall Luncheon) or December, so the next meeting is the annual soup luncheon planned for Saturday, January 9th at the YWCA. Since our Fall Luncheon is now scheduled at the YWCA, the question was raised about having two events there. Given the cost of that venue and current plans of the Fall Luncheon committee, Linda Jensen suggested the January meeting be moved back to our normal location at Congregational United Church. **Sue Mengert called the question. Catherine Magid made a motion to have the January soup luncheon at CUCC (2nd Linda Jensen). The motion passed by voice vote. It was noted that Directory information about meeting locations will need to be corrected and members need to be notified about this change. Lindy Garnette, CEO of the YWCA is the speaker for January and Catherine Magid is coordinating that program.**

Although there is also a rental cost for the planned March meeting at the Historical Museum, Linda Jensen suggested we keep that venue in the meeting schedule as planned.

Public Policy/ Communications

Chair Laura Tew was unable to attend, so President Wheaton distributed *Voter Guides* prepared by the League of Women Voters and urged all to vote in this fall's election for Mayor and Greensboro City Council members. Chair Tew is keeping members informed by email about the many end of session bills from the NC legislature that are ready for the Governor's signature.

College/University Partnership Liaison

Chair Sue Mengert reported that Janie Dominique has joined the Committee and will be the liaison member with our newest C/U Partner, NC A&T. There is a meeting October 12th with Dean Goldie Byrd and their newly appointed C/U Representative, Dr.Margaret Spinkes-Kanipes. AAUW NC has awarded a minigrant of \$500 to the Branch for the first *Start Smart* workshop at A&T.

Mary Krautter, Head of Reference at Jackson Library has agreed to be the new C/U Representative for UNCG and Lakshmi Iyer is planning a *Start Smart* workshop at the Bryan School sometime this fall. There is an effort to have that contract fee paid by the UNCG Provost's office. If more departments and schools plan *Start Smart* workshops, the Provost may provide the \$1500 needed for AAUW's three year contract that allows multiple workshops within that time period.

The new C/U Representative at Guilford College is Dr Nancy Daukas, Chair of the Women, Gender and Sexuality Department. Dot Mason and Sue Mengert met with her and they plan to schedule a *Start Smart* workshop this year.

High Point did not receive renewal of their grant that funded so many AAUW events last year. Chair Mengert plans to meet with their C/U representatives soon, as well as the C/U representatives at Bennett College. With so many personnel changes and the addition of A&T as a C/U Partner, it has been a busy fall for this committee.

Linda Jensen asked about contacting the Title IX coordinators at C/U Partners. One way to identify these people may be thru the C/U representatives. Chair Mengert indicated she would ask for this information. AAUW provides online resources on Title IX compliance and it is appropriate for the Branch to make this information available to local schools, colleges and universities. Libby Haile offered to check online for a list of Title IX coordinators at Guilford County Schools and she will also inquire about how to provide them with the AAUW booklet.

Tech Savvy 2016

Chair Iyer was unable to attend, so Mary Fran Schickedantz made the announcement that AAUW has awarded a grant of \$5000 to the Branch for *Triad Tech Savvy 2016*. The date is set at UNCG's Sullivan Science Building for Saturday, April 9, 2016. Plans for 2016 are to add a technical music component, so it will be *STEM3*: Science, Technology, Engineering, Math, Medicine and Music. Laura Tew nominated Dr. Iyer for *Woman of the Year* and members have paid for an AAUW table at the Women to Women Luncheon when CFGG announces this year's winner.

Fall Luncheon

Chair Mary Fran Schickedantz reported on arrangements for the Fall Luncheon, planned at the YWCA on Saturday, Nov. 14th. The speaker will be Congresswoman Alma Adams, and it was suggested she be asked to speak about her STEM efforts in Congress. Invitations will be sent out to AAUW members throughout her Congressional District and to other AAUW branches, including Tar Heel members. Silent auction items are needed and may be delivered to Mary Fran Schickedantz or Libby Haile. Invitations will be ready for the October 13th meeting and then will be mailed to those who do not pick them up. Tickets are \$25.00. **There was a question about using PayPal to buy tickets and Mary Fran will check on that availability.** All funds raised at the luncheon will be earmarked for local AAUW programs. **It was decided to have a Fall Luncheon meeting at Mary Fran's home on Friday, October 9th at 9:30 AM.** Catherine Magid, Lena Chapman-Murrill, Cherrie Wheaton, Laura Tew and Libby Haile volunteered to help.

Spring Luncheon

President Wheaton reported there had been no reply yet from AAUW NC about her invitation to schedule the NC convention in Greensboro in April on the same weekend as our Spring Luncheon.

Announcements

Degrees Matter will meet at Revolution Mills on October1st The Women to Women Luncheon is Monday, October 19th

Adjournment

Everlena Diggs made the motion to adjourn (2nd Linda Jensen) The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Next Board Meeting

The next Board meeting is scheduled for 5:30 PM, Tuesday, October 20, at Cherrie Wheaton's home (2707 Turner Grove Drive S. Phone 336-540-8953 or email gcwheataon@earthlink.net) Supper to be provided by Cherrie Wheaton and Libby Haile.