

AAUW Greensboro Branch  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2020  
On-Line Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Attendance

Present:

Board Members: Laura Tew, Lena Murrill-Chapman, Elaine Morehead, Libby Haile, Everlena Diggs, Mary Fran Schickedantz, Saundra Yates-Evans, Dahlia Ashford, Tiffany Jacobs

Guests: Tiffany Fearington, Millie Hoffer-Foushee, Janie Dominique, Elaine Ostrowski, Trisha Gite, Ginger Caress, Deidra Hobbs, Nikki Armstrong, Paula Ward

Absent: Sue Metz, Felicia Cherry, Mary Woodrow

Business

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Laura Tew at 5:30 p.m. President Tew introduced all those in attendance and extended a welcome to Board members and guests. She noted that Elaine Ostrowski would take the Minutes in the absence of Secretary Sue Metz.

2. Minutes: Minutes of the August 18, 2020 Board meeting were not available for review but would be presented for approval at a later meeting.

3. Financial Report: Finance Officer Libby Haile presented the following reports which are attached: Budget vs Actual 9/30/20; Balance Sheet September 2020; and Profit and Loss September 2020. After review and discussion, the September 2020 Financial Report was unanimously accepted.

Libby Haile requested Millie Hoffer-Foushee to present the June 30, 2020 Year End Financial Report which is attached. This report was prepared by Sam Masry, EA, who reviewed the organization's financial records for FY 2020 and prepared the report. Ms. Hoffer Foushee noted that this review was in lieu of an annual audit which was deemed unnecessary due to the limited financial transactions of the organization. No problems were found during the review. After discussion, the FY 2020 Year End Financial Report was unanimously accepted.

4. Membership Committee: Chair Mary Fran Schickedantz listed the following Committee members: Jenise Abdul-Razaaq, Denise Brown, Janie Dominique, Jennifer Feather, Debbie Fritz, Roddy Hurewitz, Tiffany Jacobs, and Sue Mengert. She presented the Committee's report, the membership roster, which is attached. She indicated that the updated roster is available on the AAUW Greensboro Branch website.

Ms. Schickedantz announced the following new Branch members: Deidra Hobbs, Niki Armstrong, Paula Ward, Ginger Caress (transfer from Virginia), Una Davidson (transfer from Tucson, AZ), Dr. LaToya Gathers, Mitzi Bond and Saadia Mehr. Paula and Saadia each have a free National Membership.

Dahlia Ashford and Denise Brown were wished success in their relocations from Greensboro and thanked for their service to AAUW Greensboro.

5. Diversity/Inclusion Committee: Chair Everlena Diggs reported that her Committee members are Peggy Knox, Tiffany Jacobs and Deidre Hobbs. She indicated that the Greensboro Branch was already well diversified as it has been for several years and noted that in this regard “our Branch is the best in the state.” She recommended that a program for an upcoming Branch meeting should focus on Black Lives Matter to make members aware of what each race brings to the table.

6. College/University Partners Committee: Chair Sandra Yates-Evans presented the Committee’s report which is attached. She reported that five local colleges and universities now had coordinators as contacts for the Greensboro branch. Ms. Yates-Evans said she was exploring with the national AAUW office on how to make the named coordinators official.

7. Program Committee: Committee Co-Chairs are Elaine Morehead and Felicia Cherry. Ms. Morehead presented information on two events slated for November 10 which are described in the attached report. The first event is a drive-through at the Congregational United Church of Christ parking lot from 4 to 6 p.m. in which members can drop off donations needed by the YWCA, the Branch’s collaborative nonprofit. The second is a zoom presentation at 7:30 p.m. by guest speakers on the topic of Health & Wellness of Female Veterans.

8. Public Policy Committee: Chair Dahlia Ashford reminded everyone to vote and shared details of early voting sites and key election dates leading up to the November 3<sup>rd</sup> election date and deadlines for registering and submitting mail-in ballots.

9. Women in Non-Traditional Careers: Chair Tiffany Jacobs reported that “Girls Exploring Tools and Tech GETT” started with four students on October 6, aided by Joe Rotundi, executive director of Forge Greensboro, and collaborators: 1) RTRIAD partnership for cyber security, Saadia Mehr – AAUW G WINC and 2) Career & College Managers (formerly CTE).

Ms. Jacobs noted that the week of November 10<sup>th</sup> is National Apprenticeship Week. Also, an AAUW Community Action Grant application will be submitted by the deadline on December 1.

10. Past President Report: Lena Murrill-Chapman described a new initiative called “AAUW READS” (Readers Excel, Achieve, Develop, Succeed) in which five North Carolina authors will read their books aloud via Zoom on the second Tuesday of each month. A description of the program is attached. Member donations will be welcome to provide books to children. That

11. STEM/Education: President Tew provided a brief status report on the STEM program. She reported that the Branch had submitted four applications to NCWIT for ASPIREIT grants on October 1 on behalf of four students. She also announced a collaboration with Dr. Leila Hashemi Beni, an assistant professor in the Geomatics Program in A&T’s College of Science and Technology, and her graduate student Terra McKee. AAUW is providing educational materials and processes, including the participation of our high school students in reviewing the GIS and Drone curriculum in December. The A&T program will be offered as part of our IT is for Girls camp in June 2021.

### New Business

1. Nominating Committee Chair: Tiffany Fearington was proposed as Chair of the Nominating Committee. Her selection was unanimously approved. The two offices for which nominations will be required for the upcoming term are President-Elect and Finance Officer.
2. The Membership Roster will be distributed at the November 10<sup>th</sup> membership event.

### Old Business

1. The Greensboro Branch Handbook is being readied for distribution.

Next Meeting: December 15, 2020, 5 to 6 p.m.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.