**AAUW Board Meeting—September 3, 2019**

Meeting was called to order at 3:47PM by President Pat Ashe.

Attendees: Leslie Apple, Executive President-elect, Barbara Robinson, Secretary, Molly Keeney, webmaster, Peg Steiner, member-at-large, Karen Wallace-Meigs, member–at-large. Decisions deferred due to reduced number of elected board members present.

Introductions of members-at-large, including new member, Karen Wallace-Meigs.

Minutes of last board meeting June 4, 2019 approved.

Committee reports reviewed:

1. Programs--(Johanna Manasse) found a new venue for monthly branch meetings at GoodWill Career office building. We have 28 members and guests registered so far for annual Picnic in the Park meeting Sept. 15th. New magnetic name tags will be distributed, as well as the 2019-2020 Directories.
2. Membership --(Susan Ikerd) has directories for distribution at all branch meetings. 141 members this year thus far. We are in need of a new membership chair as Susan is moving to Treasurer’s position on board, and Kathy Schofield unable to move to chairmanship as previously planned.
3. Advocacy/Public Policy—(Kitty Schaller and Johanna Manasse) will continue to recruit members, focusing on support of pay equity for women as well as early childhood education, and continued vocal and written support of moving the ERA approval through the NC legislature for confirmation.
4. STEM --(Nancy Donnelly) is planning on developing a speaker’s bureau to go to events/ career festivals in community, and recruit middle & high school students to help with state meeting in March. Will meet with STEAM group to better understand their goals and hopefully collaborate with them.
5. College/University Partnership—(Jan Huskey) has sent letters to director of Buncombe Co. Library system and the YWCA in Biltmore asking for their assistance in marketing the WorkSmart program. She’s contacted Dr. Jill Moffatt at UNC-A to discuss further opportunities for our involvement there, and perhaps involve students at the March state meeting.
6. Treasurer’s Report—(Susan Ikerd) “As of Aug. 20, 2019 the branch has cash on hand of $6,878.68 at Capital Bank. There is also approximately $3,100 in a money market account at the Self Help Credit Union. A more detailed report will be provided in October” For ease of purchasing by committees, or for supplies for members, we have a debit card attached to the Capital Bank account. Requests for any purchases should be made directly to Susan who can then use the debit card, thus eliminating the need to reimburse the member.
7. SIG report—(Barbara Robinson) at present there are 9 SIGs (Special Interest Groups), with 2 tentative additions depending on member interest. Upcoming this year will be finishing the SIG criteria and governing regulations document.

Discussion was then led by President Pat Ashe about our hosting the NC State AAWU meeting in March of 2020. She will contact the other local branches (Brevard, Hendersonville, WNC Univ., and Tryon) to include them in planning. Our first goal will be finding keynote speakers. The venue is set for the Doubletree Hotel in Asheville, and Pat has distribute to the board members a proposed schedule for the 2 day event.

President Pat Ashe also distributed a proposal of goals for our chapter for this upcoming year, and further discussion will be held at next meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05PM.

 Respectfully submitted, Barbara Robinson