

AAUW BOARD MEETING MAY 5, 2020

Board meeting conducted online via Zoom due to COVID 19 Pandemic.

Attendees were President Pat Ashe; Leslie Apple, Executive VP; Susan Ikerd, Treasurer; Barbara Robinson, Secretary and SIG coordinator; Johanna Manasse, VP Programs and co-chair Advocacy/Public Policy committee; Alice Doner, GEM President; Kitty Schaller, co-chair Advocacy/Public Policy committee; Michele Anderson, VP Membership; Nancy Donnelly, STEM committee; Jan Huskey, College/University Partners; Karen Wallace, Meigs, Member at Large

Meeting called to order at 3:45PM by President Pat Ashe.

Minutes from last board meeting March 3, 2020 unanimously approved.

Susan Ikerd, Treasurer: The following expenses occurred since last report:

- ** Ad in Mountain Express paper for the WorkSmart program: \$193
- ** February branch meeting catering: \$475.08 (\$479.00 lunch fees rec'd)
- **USPS stamps for directory mailing: \$30.08
- ** Reimbursement to Johanna for branch meeting supplies: \$34.55
- ** STEAM camp scholarship through Community Tool School: \$475
- ** Local membership dues from 3 new members: \$39

State conference expenses: Book purchase\$293.80--- reimbursed by state

Contribution by V. McGaughey donated: \$20

First Capital Bank checking account balance: \$5221.13

Credit Union balance unavailable as unable to log in at present.

Discussed membership renewal process with dates for renewal requests. National request for renewal sent to all members May 4, and can be done through paper application and check to Treasurer, or online directly to National.

Further discussion by President Ashe and Executive VP Apple on doing phone/verbal reminders to non-renewing members by June 1st, and asking SIG leaders to call their non-renewing members as a reminder also.

Alice Doner, GEM report: June fundraiser postponed due to COVID 19 virus pandemic, tentatively re-set for October 4. Available funds for scholarships sufficient for 2020-2021 year. Concern expressed about soliciting gifts, gift cards for auction from so many businesses closed for pandemic at this point.

Johanna Manasse, VP Programs: Programs dates and speakers not set for next year due to uncertainty of holding large group meetings. Plan is to solicit ideas and speakers from members to further increase participation. No program specifics will be in 2020-2021 directory. Possible changes for meeting may include evening meetings (GoodWill is available for evening meetings) or ZOOM meetings. Further decisions about meetings will be made at a summer planning meeting with incoming board under President Leslie Apple.

Michele Anderson, VP Membership: No new member applications received since March. 143 members at present. She has compiled a list of all valid cell or home phone numbers which will be used in the next directory and whenever needed to contact members.

Kitty Schaller and Johanna Manasse, co-chairs Advocacy/Public Policy committee: Board members referred to May 5 email to all branch members about the committee work to support increase in funding for the COVID 19 testing and Medicaid expansion in all of North Carolina.

Nancy Donnelly, STEM committee: Several new members now on committee. Working on re-do of website with webmaster to include STEM information and links to resources and opportunities.

Jan Huskey, C/U Partner: No current activity with UNC-A or A-B Tech as both shut down due to pandemic. Jan's title will change to **WORKSMART chair** as she will be presenting the workshop for pay equity to women in business once we begin activities again. In the meantime Jan's niece has asked, and Jan agreed, to present the workshop to women her niece works with this summer. She encourages all board members to do the free online version.

Barbara Robinson, SIG coordinator: There are currently 7 active SIGs (Special Interest Group) but no meetings were held in March, April or May due to Pandemic. All leaders have agreed to continue as leaders next year, but no meetings will be scheduled until Sept., depending at that time upon the state of the Pandemic and if group meetings will be allowed.

Pat Ashe, President, Board appointments and business:

Announced Jeanne Smolkin will assume board position of Treasurer and Johanna Manasse has agreed to continue as VP Programs, both as of July 1, 2020. Two new Members-at-Large are appointed, Susan Ikerd and Susan Grabel after resignation of Peg Steiner and acceptance by Karen Wallace-Meigs to be new Executive VP.

Policy changes: Financial reimbursement, and public support of other organizations or causes by this branch are tabled until new board meets. Susan Ikerd is putting in writing the financial policies for the bylaws before exiting the Treasurer position.

Pat invited all board members to “attend” the annual state meeting via Zoom to be held May 15, 2020.

Meeting adjourned by President Pat Ashe at 4:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Robinson, Secretary