

AAUW North Carolina
March 29, 2014
Annual Meeting Minutes

At 9:05, Mary Peterson, AAUW NC President, opened the annual AAUW NC Business meeting and welcomed those attending by reading a letter from Patricia Fae Ho, National AAUW President.

In attendance were the following branches: Jacksonville Regional, Wilmington, Chapel Hill, Greensboro, Tar Heel, Gaston Regional, Brevard, Salisbury, Sandhills/Southern Pines, Asheville, Raleigh, Charlotte, Hendersonville, Twin Rivers/New Bern.

Grace Knechtel made a motion to dispense with the reading the minutes from last year's meeting.

Sandra McLaurin seconded the motion.

Motion was unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Denny McGuire presented the following financial report: As of March 17, 2014, income totaled \$7325.45 and expenses were \$7942.92. The increase in expenses was the amount used to fund NC officers and branch members to attend the 2013 National Convention.

A major expense is the printing, duplicating, and distribution of the newsletter.

Checking account balance: \$16,154.92

CD Balance: \$15,407.64

The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers:

The Council of Presidents as the Nominating Committee presented the following names for Executive Committee Officers: Peg Holmes for Vice-President and JoAnn Hall for Treasurer. The Nominating Committee slate was approved and voted on unanimously. With no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Doris Bernlohr and seconded by Michelle Evans to close the nominations for Vice-President. The motion was passed. With no further nominations from the floor, a motion was made by Bernardine Carpenter and seconded by Grace Knechtel to close the nominations for Treasurer and the motion passed. Kathryn "Kat" Braeman, Director AAUW of Washington, DC, did installation of the new officers. Next year will be the election of President and Branch Advocate.

President's Council Meeting:

It was reported by Sandra McLaurin that National would cut dues at special events. The Executive Committee will look at this regarding State dues to make sure it is handled correctly and treated in the same way. The importance of advocacy is being stressed as well as projects regarding mini grants were addressed. Several were Start Smart and Elect Her. These are National sponsored projects as well. What's on your Mind: Lill Van Order, Grace Knechtel and Nancy Shoemaker will work Policy and Bylaw changes regarding the State. Other items of interest from the branches were: College connections, legislative issues, and more girls involved in STEM.

Old Business:

Kay White updated the Body on the AAUW Mission Films Report. It was suggested to not use films as a fundraiser due to copyright restrictions. It would be better to work with a college partner as many have the license to show a film or the branch can work a group that is a film distributor such as Tugg.

Robert Madden reported on a 2013 \$500 contribution to Ratify ERA. These funds helped to provide workshops to build awareness and ongoing advocacy for passage of the ERA amendment. Another focus is on Congress to provide legislation to eliminate the ERA deadline.

New Business:

Bylaws: Grace Knechtel gave the report. Last year new Bylaws were reviewed and a vote was taken. That version is still in effect as well as the mandatory changes applying to the branches. The State Policy Statements found in a manual explain how we operate and should make changes easier and provide smoother running. Handouts were provided to make the mandatory changes to branch Bylaws and it was suggested to also put this information on the AAUW NC site. It was suggested to change Policies to Procedures as this might clarify the information more.

Coalition Update: Grace stated we are a part of the NC Women United coalition. This group disseminates information to a wide audience, providing public policy alerts and advocacy on women's issues, voting rights, and the Affordable Care Act.

Pat Orrange reported on NC Women Matter, an organization founded in 2011 that informs women about issues that concern them and their families and encouraging women to get out and vote. Training in race, gender and class have been offered to help engage many more women to have a more inclusive women's movement in NC. Letter writing was also encouraged as way of engaging more women.

Resolutions: Virginia Adamson presented a resolution that we at AAUW NC support the NC Teachers who have to deal with all the upcoming changes as proposed by the Legislature. The resolution was unanimously passed.

Denny McGuire made a motion that NC AAUW respond to the need for scholarship funds for College Student Leadership as outlined by Patricia Ho by donating \$250 to this fund. Sandra McLaurin seconded it. There was discussion and Denny then amended the motion to donate \$600 a full scholarship. Lois McCarthy and Peg Holmes made and seconded the motion and it passed.

Denny made a motion that NC AAUW join the Democracy NC Jumpstart Voting Project and have a representative join the monthly meeting. Karla Atkinson seconded it. The motion passed. Denny said she would be happy to be the rep.

The annual business meeting was adjourned at 10:15.

Kathy G. Pulliam
Appointed Secretary for the meeting