

AAUW Board Meeting
September 2, 2021
Zoom Meeting

Members present: Board –Bonnie Auchincloss, Mary Lou Davis, Maria DeWald, Sue Doyle, Betty Harrel, Barbara Hespenheide, Gwen Higgins, Marcine Humphrey, , Monique Jones, Pat Luczai, Linnea Masson, Amelia Roger, Mary Scalise-Annis, Celia Serotsky, Sheila Zweifler

Non voting attendees: Kay Saderholm

President, **Monique Jones** called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
The minutes for the June 3, 2021 meeting were approved as amended.

The minutes for the June 10, 2021 business meeting were approved as presented.

President's Report

Monique Jones proposed keeping the Board meetings on Zoom until at least March or when the term of service expires. The Board supported this plan. There will not be a meeting in January.

The president met with **Pat Luczai** and **Roz Werner** regarding the completion of the examination of the financial records for the branch. This needed to be completed by the end of September.

The bylaws need minor changes to include the name change for the diversity group. A few members will be asked for help with this in the next few weeks.

Completed Conflict of Interest forms should be submitted to the Secretary/Bylaws.

Treasurer's Report

Pat Luczai gave the Financial Position of the branch as of July 1, 2021. Total Assets are \$71873.00. Total Revenue \$2661.74 and Total Expenses are \$3516.31.

Program- Marcine Humphrey and Maria DeWald

Marcine Humphrey reported that October and November programs are set and that there will be a strong start to the year.

It was decided that thru February, meetings will be on Zoom to make information available to prospective presenters. Some presenters weren't comfortable doing their program on Zoom.

There will be a discussion of moving the programs from March thru the end of the year back to the Unitarian Church.

It was suggested that further discussion about a location for in-person program meetings be put on the December agenda.

Membership – Mary Scalise-Annis and Bonnie Auchincloss reported that 75 members signed up for the Zoom open house.

Claudette Hennessy and Darlene Yerdon are working on a database and want input on who can access and edit the data base. It was decided that only Claudette and Darlene will edit and update the database. They will put together procedures for anyone needing access. It was proposed that all Board members should have read-only access.

Membership booklet- To prevent duplications it is suggested that interest groups have their own drop down box on the menu of the website and integrate information into the website. A motion to eliminate the printed copy of the member booklet starting next year was proposed by Mary DeWald. It was passed unanimously.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion -Gwen Higgins should contact the website committee to review how her committee information shows. Gwen reported that a DEI website is in the works with DCC. She also reported that having topical discussions on current events is in the works.

Membership Treasurer - Sue Doyle reported that 245 members have renewed. There are 48 people yet to renew. There are 11 new members.

Development – Mary Lou Davis reported that 2 scholarships have been awarded. One is to Jessica Gleason for a nursing program. The second scholarship is to Renee Niles for a criminal justice program.

She also recommends that the Woman of the Year program be restarted.

Honors and Awards – Margaret Nijhuis sent a report that there is a committee formed. Members will be Sandy Lash, Diane Jablonski, Betty Harrel and Margaret Nijhuis. They hope to have a report ready for board approval by the December meeting. If you have any suggestions please contact a member of the Committee. They will be selecting the 6 honorees for named gifts, emerging leader and maybe a cornerstone award which is not given every year.

Communications - Barbara Durniak sent a report that generic email addresses are all up and posted.

Community services – Sheila Zweifler.

Sheila Zweifler reported that **Lula Allen** and **Kay Bishop** have stepped down from the Mothers Project.

Lori Scolaro and **Diana Babington** have stepped down from the Girls' Conference as coordinators. Lori is not at DCC and running the program was part of her position.

Days for Girls session on September 18 was moved to a new location at Zion Episcopal Church.

Math Buddies continues to work with Literacy Connections but is not currently looking for new volunteers.

Interest Groups – Linnea Masson

Linnea reported on upcoming interest group activities.

State/National Liaison - Barbara Van Itallie sent in a report that a \$100 grant is available to support the Zoom payment. We should continue to send our Zoom program announcements to the State if we would like to invite others from around the state. She thinks that Marcine Humphrey handled this.

Nominating Committee- Betty Harrel reported that they will be looking for nominees to fill the positions of president, treasurer, secretary/bylaws and communications vice president.

Newsletter – Cyd Averill sent a report reminding the board that October Branch articles are due on September 10, 2021.

Historian -Barbara Hesperheide reported on the distribution of the movie “A City on the Hudson,” the film AAUW made in 1982 on the history of Poughkeepsie” one was kept and another one was donated to the historical society. The ongoing project of moving our information to the cloud continues.

Old Business – Sue Doyle asked for permission to send an email to members regarding donations to Grace Smith House. It was agreed that the same language used in last year’s notification to members should be used again this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 by Monique Jones.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amelia Roger, Secretary