

AAUW Little Rock Summer Annual Board Planning Meeting  
July 22, 2021

Present: Maria Jones, Diana Glaze, Lula Brooks, Maureen Terrafranca, Zenobia Harris, Lottie Adams, Nell Matthews, Mary McGhee, Gloria Bastidas, Kathryn Buri, Debra Tillery and Susan Holt (who assisted in taking notes.)

Meeting began at 6:35 PM

COMMITTEES:

Kathryn B will continue as the AAUW representative on the Charlie May Simon Book Award Committee.

Greater LR Federation of Womens Clubs – Maureen agreed to continue as our branch’s representative there. Alice Stuff will be the back up representative.

Parliamentarian – Diana Glaze will continue.

AAUW National Policies – Lula Brooks will continue this position and would like to have someone to mentor for this in the future.

Fundraising Chair – Amanda Potter Cole is willing to mentor someone this year. Draft ideas include a Stay-at-Home Tea fundraiser or have an Unbake Sale.

NCWSL – Lottie Adams will continue as Committee Chair, with Nell Matthews’ able assistance. Nell struggled to get information from the national office on the students we sponsored. So it is hard to know who attended or who was supposed to attend. This will be brought up at the state and national level.

Communications and Social Media – Need to find someone who will work with Maria Jones. Any ideas who? Zenobia Harris said she would help and will be an administrator for Facebook.

Diversity Officer – Gloria Bastidas said she would continue.

Sunshine and Hospitality – Maureen Terrafranca said she would continue with it. Debra Tillery said she would help.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Mary McGehee has received orientation from June Lloyd. For the yearbook and directory, Mary will see if she can produce a yearbook through Publisher. Needs to update names and officers. Will wait until September to update membership information. She would like new information to send to new members. Ideas discussed:

- Wants to send a calendar of events for the upcoming year.
- Re: delinquent members – Sept 30 is the deadline to maintain membership;

- can do an email from Nell, and then, a personal postcard from Mary McGehee will follow up as needed.
- Orientation for new members will be by email or personal phone calls – not in person for now because of Covid. Might be able to have an outside get-together like at a park except for the Covid situation being so bad. Maybe wait until next year.

#### FINANCE REPORT:

Nell presented the end of fiscal year report ending on June 30. Ended with \$3,216.98 at the end of the year. She expressed concern about more funds coming in. Maureen asked if, for 1 year, could we not use money for NCCWSL this time and save it for the chapter. This will be discussed later, based on funds from pre-Covid years.

#### POTENTIAL BRANCH ACTIVITIES:

We need to recruit a fundraising chair. Re: the silent auction, Maria said it will not be online. It did not raise a lot of money but it was a lot of work. There might be a better company to work with online however. We cannot do it in-person this year. Topic is deferred for now.

#### ENCOURAGING COVID VACCINATIONS:

Zenobia said this can be part of the 5 star program – Have a program to talk about vaccine hesitation and how people can encourage vaccination. Diversity and equity would be addressed with this. We could focus the October meeting on this in a program presentation.

#### VOTER REGISTRATION:

Maria discussed helping support the League of Women Voters and Indivisible activities. Nell suggested checking into people's updating signatures in case their handwriting has changed or they don't remember how they presented their name in the past. She will check with Terri Hollingsworth about that.

#### PUBLIC SCHOOL SUPPORT:

Lottie is checking on possible support activities for the Jacksonville School District. We are working on restarting the Book Club at Carver for 5th grade girls. But that may not be possible before the second semester this school year. Kathryn said volunteers may come in the public schools, but there is a hold on that for now. We can keep checking on that because it will be another challenging year.

#### AAUW FIVE STAR PROGRAM:

Zenobia is willing to take this on and Lula Brooks can work with Zenobia. Activities for 5 areas are needed: Advancement, Public Policy and Research, Governance and Sustainability, Programs (focus on diversity, equity, inclusion), and Communications and Public Relations.

#### PAY EQUITY:

Maria said an interim study on this is in the state legislature. August 4 is African-American equal pay

day. That will be posted on the AAUW Facebook page. The National AAUW website has a training class on negotiating pay that is free and virtual. You can use Facebook to get information out about that.

#### REPRODUCTIVE JUSTICE RALLY:

Maria said it is usually in January but, with Covid, she does not know when/if it will occur.

#### OTHER:

Zenobia said we could sponsor a quality improvement program re: the health of African-American women.

#### SCHEDULE:

We will meet virtually through December on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 11:00 AM.

Sept Program: NCWWSL students or an alternative program.

Oct Program: Covid

Nov Program: Diversity

Dec Program: Usually a fundraiser

Meeting ended at 8:09 PM.