

AAUW Little Rock Board Meeting  
January 20, 2022

Present: Maria Jones, Nell Matthews, Debra Tillery, Maureen Terrafranca, Mary McGehee, Gloria Bastidas, Kathryn Buriil  
Susan Holt assisted in taking notes.

Meeting began at 6:35 PM

AGENDA with NOTES:

1. Regular Meetings/Virtual or In-Person: Due to the omicron virus, the decision is made to continue with virtual meetings. If the situation changes, this decision can be re-evaluated.
2. AAUW Yearbook: Mary McGehee has membership directories ready. The directories will be mailed to members.
3. Financial Report: Nell Matthews presented the treasurer report. She noted a new member has joined. She presented the bank balance and indicated a \$10 dues deposit was added. Current balance is \$4,324.70 with \$749 for NCCWSL. Maureen Terrafranca made a motion to put the yearbook in the budget with money from the convention; Debra Tillery seconded. The motion passed as a budget motion with \$500 for the cost.
4. NCCWSL 2022: Maria presented because Lottie Adams could not attend the meeting. NCCWSL will be virtual again this year. Question was if anyone has a student to recommend to attend. Maureen Terrafranca suggested taking a rest from it this year with Kathryn Buriil asking about sending one person. In discussion, it was noted that it is complex and a lot of work to identify who to talk to and to talk to each person independently. And AAUW Little Rock has to figure out who to pay for and how to make the payment. Virtual meetings have made this activity difficult.
5. Officer Nominations Committee: Maria reported the offices open this year are Vice-President for Programs, Finance Position, and Co-President (Zenobia Harris has another year to serve as Co-President). There is no term limit for Treasurer so Nell Matthews is eligible to serve again.
6. Update on AAUW National Initiatives: Initiatives are to update the mechanics of how national members vote and to streamline the process for nominating people on the National Board. Also the membership data base will be taken down and replaced with a new system. There are relevant national seminars also. Kathryn Buriil reported now is the time for submission of art for notecards. The art contest is on the national website and you can vote on the website.
7. Update on State Initiatives: Maria Jones reported on:
  - a) The coalition with Arkansas Advocates for Children & Families (Arkansans for Responsible Spending)– working with them to maintain services. From now to September, budget work is to identify policy areas to highlight with the legislature. Most activities have been in Little Rock, and it is a good time to get involved – meetings will be occurring.
  - b) The Arkansas Women's Hall of Fame is scheduled for April 20 at the Statehouse Convention

Center. A former state president of AAUW, Dr. Margaret Louise Sirman Clark, will be inducted. Cost is \$2000 for a table of 10, or \$200 per person to attend.

c) Voter empowerment – Get Loud and Indivisible will do a series of virtual presentations. There is a lack of data for Arkansas. Maria recommended supporting this effort.

8. The 5-Star Program application for AAUW LR will be presented by Zenobia Harris at a later date.

Other Business: Mary McGehee cited a need to discuss expanding membership. AAUW used to have student organizations, but that is not being done now.