

## MINUTES OF MAY 8, 2021 MEETING VIA ZOOM

Present: Maria Jones, Nell Matthews, Gloria Bastidas, Lula Brooks, Carol Young, Maureen Terrafranca, Lottie Adams, Jean Pennucci, Diana Glaze, Mary McGehee, Kathryn Buri, Zenobia Harris, Susan Holt

11:03 AM – The annual meeting was called to order by Pres. Maria Jones. She described the move to online meetings at this point in time and welcomed attendees.

Announcements – Alice Curtis has moved to New York to be with family. She turned her house at 2300 Pear Orchard Drive in Little Rock over to an estate sale company. If interested, Maria encouraged association members to check out the sale.

Open membership vote continues through May 17. The national association needs all of us to vote.

The April 23-24 state convention was a good one with excellent speakers. News from the convention is that an equal pay filing for interim study by the state legislature has been done. AAUW will follow up on that issue.

Program Presenter – Arkansas State Representative Denise Ennett presented excellent information about current legislative issues. She is supporting an interim study regarding equal pay for women and has a goal of aiding uterine health services and bringing awareness to “period poverty.” Other areas of focus have been historic tax credits, preventing discrimination against people with disabilities in receiving organ transplants, and a resolution to honor the Arkansas lawyer, Scipio Jones.

Business Meeting – AAUW Secretary Tara Shepherd is working with minutes from the past year's meetings. Minutes will be presented for review when their compilation is completed.

Nell Matthews presented the Financial Report. The association's balance as of today is \$3,037. The balance at the end of the 2020 fiscal year was about \$3000. Total income for last year was \$459. Total expenses were \$286.63. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit now.

The next fiscal year begins on July 1 with estimated membership at 70 members. Considerations for raising more money for the association include donations and possibly resuming the Barnes & Noble gift wrap fund raiser.

Nell moved that the 2021-2022 budget be approved. Attendees voted to adopt the budget.

Elections – Maria Jones reviewed candidates for association offices. Zenobia Harris was elected to serve as co-president for 2021-2022. Others elected to offices were: Dr. Mary McGehee for Vice President for Membership, Susan Holt for Secretary after Tara Shepherd withdrew due to her current schedule. New officers were installed after taking the oath of office and will assume their duties on July 1. A planning meeting is scheduled for June.

NCWSL – Lottie Adams presented the 7 participants who are involved this year. These students who received scholarships are from a variety of post-secondary educational institutions including Philander Smith, UALR, and Pulaski Tech. They are featured in the current newsletter. These young women will attend the virtual conference on May 25 and 26. In the future, the convention may be in-person as well

as virtual. These attendees will share their experiences with us at a fall AAUW meeting.

Former NCWSL attendee, Brenna Arnold, is graduating from college now. Meeting attendees supported a plan to send her congratulations.

Meeting adjourned at 12:02 PM.

Minutes by Susan Holt substituting for Tara Shephard.