

**AAUW Arkansas Zoom Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.**

Present: President Felisha Perrodin called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Present were: **Little Rock** (Maria Jones, Kathryn Buri, Lottie Adams, Michelle Rhoden), **Conway** (Maria Jones), **Fayetteville** (Felisha Perrodin), **Hot Springs/Hot Springs Village** (Meg Koziar, Myra Sanders), **Jonesboro** (Avis Adams). Corrected minutes from our February 16, 2020 conference call meeting were read and approved.

OFFICER/BOARD REPORTS

Finance Report: Michelle Rhoden submitted the Treasurer's Report by email and our balance was reported to be \$9,829.08 as of 5/31/20. We received numerous deposits from dues, NCWSL fundraising, and proceeds of the 2019 state convention for a total of \$3516.55. Expenses include a \$100 donation to AAUW in honor of Dr. Margaret Clark, \$465 for support of NCWSL candidate from HS/HSV, \$300 sponsorship to ACRJ Platinum Sponsorship, \$150 sponsorship to Arkansas Citizens First Congress, and \$155.20 for travel giving us a total of \$1170.20 in expenses. Michelle was not sure what the \$50 refund to Fayetteville was but she assumed it was for overpaid dues. Felisha said that they would be checking deposits and withdrawals on Thursday of next week. Meg brought to our attention that we have more money this year than usual due to not having national or regional conventions.

Membership Report: Lottie Adams reminded everyone that dues are due by June 30, 2020 and commended HS/HSV for having the most paid members to date.

Programs Report: there was no program report because of Gloria Bastidas' absence.

AAUW Funds Report: Meg Koziar reported that 2 branches have donated a total of \$425. this year in the first quarter. Felisha mentioned that AAUW would be matching donations through June 30, 2020.

Communications Report: Maria Jones stated that our last newsletter was on April 21. She is preparing to send out another one soon. This next newsletter will have the new state officers, our new proposed budget for 2020-2021, and a message from the President. Felisha agreed to get her all information by June 19 and it was noted that if anyone had other information for the newsletter they should adhere to the same deadline.

College/University Relation Report: Kathryn Buri reported that she is simply waiting for schools to re-open so she could make contact with them.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Maria Jones and Lottie Adams announced the nominations for next year's President, Felisha Perrodin; Vice President of Programs, Gloria Bastidas; and Finance Officer, Nell Matthews. All of these officers will serve two-year terms. Maria

asked for further nominations. None being received Meg moved to accept the slate of nominations as they stand. Kathryn Buri seconded it and the motion carried unanimously.

AAUW Regional Convention Update: The 2020 convention has been canceled. They are hoping to have one in 2021.

NEW BUSINESS

Review of and Approval of 2020-2021 AAUW Arkansas Budget: The board was given copies of the 2020-2021 proposed budget with a beginning balance of \$9829.08. Felisha estimated dues to be collected with approximately 130 Arkansas members, state convention monies received, and NCCWSL funds raised for a total proposed income of \$2850. which would give us a balance of \$12,679.08. Felisha pointed out that Arkansas AAUW should be able to pay the entire \$300 to Arkansas Coalition for Reproductive Justice this year without branch contributions. Meg Koziar moved that we make that change in the budget, Maria Jones seconded, and the motion passed. There was discussion of increasing the NCCWSL line item from \$500 to \$1025. Meg Koziar proposed the item line change to \$1025 for NCCWSL, Maria Jones seconded, and the motion carried. Felisha wanted to propose that another line item be added for a “Zoom” subscription, which could also be used by all branches. There was some discussion about which software package to purchase. It was decided that Felisha and others would research different kinds of software for video meetings. Maria Jones made a motion that we add this line item to the budget in the amount of \$200, Meg Koziar seconded, and the motion carried unanimously. Felisha agreed to adjust proposed expenses for next year to \$4120 leaving a projected closing balance of \$8559.08. Meg Koziar moved that the proposed budget for 2020-2021 be approved as amended. Maria Jones seconded the motion and it carried.

Updates from AAUW National: Felisha announced that National AAUW Staff has been doing on line presentations and suggested that all branches need to make use of them. We need to learn more ways to create different opportunities for younger women to participate. It was noted that colleges need to be reached and we are unclear on what Nat'l plans to do about that.. She gave a report on the “State of AAUW” by Kim Churches. Maria Jones reported that National has a new Equity Network that members may join for \$50 and it is uncertain what all that entails. She hopes to be able to give more information on this as time passes. Felisha said that AAUW National organization is down 50% in staff, which should trim their expenses considerably.

Comments: Meg Koziar reminded the group that AAUW would be one hundred years old in three years. All branches need to be thinking about what they will do in celebration. Felisha said that we might need to perhaps tweak our “Diamonds in the Rough” program to align more with the 5 Star national program. She plans to add that to our agenda for the next board meeting.

Agenda/Date Setting for next Zoom Meeting: The date for our next Zoom meeting was set for July 14 from 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Felisha pointed out that anyone with agenda items for that meeting should send them to her asap.

Review of Action Items: Action Items were reviewed and the meeting was adjourned at 7:49.

Signed by Myra Sanders, Secretary for AAUW Arkansas