



Date: September 20, 2023

Time: 5:30pm

Meeting Location: Virtual

Members Present: Kathy Pearre, Pat Ashe, Katie Pincura, Mary Ann Bents, Beverly Larson, Lori Bunton, Sandy Bernard, Jeanne Smolkin, Laura Tew

Members Absent: Tiffany Jacobs, Nicole Sherrill-Jamison

Subject Discussion/Progress/Decisions	Topic	Facilitator or Speaker	Role
Decision made to make a gift of \$500 to AAUW Greatest Needs in Janet Bunger's memory	Memorial to Janet Bunger	Pat Ashe	President
Vote requested by Board to appoint Jeanne Smolkin to fill Treasurer's position due to the death of Janet Bunger. The board approved unanimously.	Treasurer's Report	Pat Ashe	President
Pat brought the June 21, 2023, minutes up for approval. Unanimous vote to approve minutes as written. Pat brought up the August 16, 2023, minutes for approval. Unanimous approval to accept as distributed.	Meeting Minutes	Pat Ashe	President
1) Policy Statement voted on. Kathy P made a motion to approve, Mary Ann seconded. Motion approved to accept updated policy statement. 2) Appointment of Sandy Bernard as AAUW Funds Chair. The board voted unanimously on the appointment of Sandy. Sandy reminded the Board to save Jan. 20, 2024, for a Fellows ZOOM meeting.	Executive Committee Report	Pat Ashe	President
Update on September meeting of PP Chairs. Focus is on education funding by the NCGA including using vouchers for private school with public funding. Plans are to have a series of education funding seminars on this policy in the near future. Reminded Board that top 3 policy priorities are 1) Voting Rights 2) Equal Pay and 3) Opposition to using public funds for educational programs that do not adhere to the same civil rights standards as public schools do	Public Policy	Katie Pincura	Public Policy Chair
(See attached report) Laura updated Board on current work including a reminder of the October 24 event from 2-3 PM targeting high school & early college female students. There will be a moderated panel at WCU with STEM women as panelists. Laura discussed Shannon Mann who received a 23/24 Community Action Grant as is working on a program to provide STEM books to girls in the community. Laura purchased 3 of the books to study. Recommended they be left behind at local school libraries. June 24, Shannon Mann will be attending the Student Assoc for STEM Advocacy in Wash DC & will take 2 students to that program in DC. Discussion around who AAUW branches should invite. Recommended	STEM	Laura Tew	STEM Chair

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No report	DEI	Tiffany Jacobs	DEI Chair
<p>46.2% open rate on newsletter. Urging more branches to be involved in book groups. Need to communicate books or other Branch information to CONNECT by Sept. 25. Website Analysis: Mary Ann and Pat working on updating AAUW NC website. Focused on the mini-grant section. Kathy recommended that AAUW NC have a statewide book group selection.</p>	<i>Connect</i> Newsletter	Mary Ann Bents	<i>Connect</i> Editor
<p>Updated all Membership Chairs. 4 branches have not listed a Membership Chair. All membership communications will go directly to those Branch Presidents. Created letters for Branches to send to local colleges & universities to notify them on availability of grants & process to procure them. Beverly addressed the issues that former President of AAUW ODC brought up around access to membership portals & information with AAUW National.</p>	Membership	Beverly Larson	Membership Chair
Areas of focus for the board in 2023-2024: Asked Board to review and comment to Pat & EC. Mary Ann	Areas of Focus	Pat Ashe	President

Next Meeting

Date: Wednesday, October 18th

Time: 5:30pm

Location: Virtual

Minutes Prepared and submitted by:

Name: Lori Bunton, Secretary (note all content in **BOLD** is follow up)

Appendix A – Board Meeting Agenda

AAUW NC Board Meeting

September 20, 2023

AGENDA

AAUW Mission: Advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy

Strategic Goal of AAUW NC: To develop program planning, communication, and advocacy to advance the climate for women’s equity in North Carolina

- I. Meeting opening and Remembering Janet (Pat)
 - A. Potential of a Memorial gift to AAUW, Greatest Needs Funds or NCCWSL

- II. Treasurer’s Report (Pat)
 - A. Vote needed to appoint Jeanne Smolkin to assume Treasurer duties due to small Executive Committee

- III. Meeting Minutes
 - A. June 21, 2023 (Pat)
 - B. August 16, 2023 (Lori)

- IV. Committee Chair Reports
 - A. Executive Committee (Pat)
 1. Policy Statement approval

 - B. Public Policy (Katie)
 - C. STEM Ed (Laura)
 - D. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (Tiffany)

- E. *Connect* newsletter (Mary Ann)
- F. Website analysis update (Mary Ann)
- G. Membership (Beverly)

V. Areas of focus for the board in 2023-2024

VI. Other business