

## AAUW Tar Heel Branch

### Annual Meeting Minutes

April 1, 2017

#### CALL TO ORDER

The Annual Meeting of AAUW Tar Heel Branch was called to order at 7:48 am on April 1, 2017 by Co President Lill Van Order.

#### MINUTES

Michelle Evans was appointed Recording Secretary for the Annual Meeting.

#### ROLL CALL

Bea Keller	Diana Gray	Ellen Morris (Guest)
Desmond Woods	Kathy Pearre	Siobhan Murphy Guest)
Rachel Sossoman	Diane Schneider	Grace Knechtel
Wendy Haner	Cherrie Wheaton	Julie Carlino (Guest)
Ellen Garbarino	Millie Hoffler-Foushee	Sue Mengert
Joanne Hall	Karla Atkinson	Lill Van Order
Mary Peterson	Joanne Hill	Denny McGuire
Jane Terwillegar	Michelle Evans	
Phyllis Leimer	Nancy Shoemaker	

#### PIECE BY PATRICIA HO

Co-President Lill Van Order shared a letter from Patricia Ho. Patricia thanked the THB on its advocacy efforts. AAUW is not permitted to discriminate on the bases of gender identity. The letter is based on a resolution presented to the AAUW NC with regard to House Bill 2.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Shoemaker reviewed the financial report that was shared with the membership. Dues may be submitted this weekend to enter the drawing. The Branch has been more generous in that state dues are paid through the give a grad a gift program. The program continues whereby dues relief is provided for those who need a discount. Generally, a few members each year take advantage of this program. The financial report will be posted to the website.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Shoemaker reported the Branch has been holding steady on membership numbers. The Branch reached 100 in total when a new member joined yesterday. Nine members who used to be in other Branches are now primary members in the Tar Heel Branch (2 of which pay dues to a land Branch). Others are joined after their Branches folded. Most of the 52 primary members were either new members to AAUW or they were at-large members of AAUW prior to joining. Although the Tar

Heel Branch does not have as many projects as other Branches, we offer a connection. Cards for Doris Bernlohr, Mary Fran Schiedantz, and Lib Laney were distributed for signature.

## **PRESENTATION OF PINS**

Co-President Joanne Hill shared information about new membership pin. The following were recognized:

- Dana Jennings – 5 year pin;
- Dorota Tulodziecka-Adams – 5 year;
- Nancy Harris – 5 year;
- Mari Pino Del Rosario – 10 year;
- Cathy Shoemaker – 10 year; and
- Jenna Johnson – 40 year.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### Nominating Committee

Co-President Lill Van Order provided a report of the Nominating Committee. Christy Whitworth is working on a slate. Members will vote electronically.

### Drawing

Rachel Sossoman won the drawing for membership renewal dues waiver.

## **REPORTS / DISCUSSION / NEW BUSINESS**

### ERA NC Alliance

Diana Gray shared information about ERA work in North Carolina. Diana described a newly formed collaborative organization named ERA NC Alliance. Diana recommended the film Equal Means Equal for those who are interested in learning more about the ERA. This work makes a huge difference in the lives of women and men. A resolution has been sent to local government offices. Members are encouraged to contact Speaker of the House. A redistricting petition will be shared at the meeting with members if they want to sign.

*Motion 1: Denny McGuire moved that the Tar Heel Branch join the ERA NC Alliance as an organization. (Motion Passed)*

### Marches

Various members indicated marches were held in their areas after the inauguration.

### Women's Advocacy Day

Denny McGuire and Nancy Shoemaker attended the event. Event speakers shared information about common issues to be shared later with the attendees' legislators. Two-hundred attendees participated.

### STEM

There is a movement to have a STEM initiative in Research Triangle Park.

## **CLOSING COMMENTS**

Co-President Joanne Hill indicated gratitude to Co-President Lill Van Order and Treasurer Nancy Shoemaker for their continued efforts.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Co-President Joanne Hill adjourned the meeting at 8:46am.

*Michelle M. Evans*

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Michelle Evans, Interim Secretary