

AAUW Zoom meeting 7/9/20

Call to Order – Jan Horner, Mission Statement

President's remarks – Jan:

This is a work in process. The plan for today had been a tea celebrating the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote. Put this celebration on the calendar for 2nd Thursday of July, 2021. We are not sure how we will do meetings this year. We are relying on committees to come up with Plans A, B and C. The goal is to give everyone a chance to participate. Always check the Friday Notes sent out by Mary Kay Wolfe and Bette Bude.

Thank you to Jean Elliott for two years of outstanding leadership. I have asked to her make a few remarks.

Jean Elliott (who had already been on the golf course this morning) – I always referred to Eleanor Roosevelt, usually with a quote, and thought about her remarks about selfishness in a good and necessary sense. We need to take care of our minds and bodies, but also remember those who may not have all that we have. Keep the mission statement in mind. On each new day, find strength and courage in what we do, and gain strength in everything we do.

Sage Tabor – new co-President- It is certainly an interesting year. Thank you to Jan for being a font of knowledge to help me get started. Several people have asked to talk:

Pat Shores – Finance Officer – June is end of AAUW year. Our accounts are Operating Fund - \$42,969.55; Dollars for Scholars - \$6,327.40; Schnucks - \$3,625.27; for a total of \$52,922.22

There will be two members participating in the financial review for 2019-2020 and five on the committee for the coming year's budget.

Eileen Krahnman – We will not hold the brunch in September because of the Covid situation; it is now planned as an Oktoberfest for the October meeting. We would have box lunches and send e-vites to get a count and list of who's coming. The ER walk is October 13 at Des Peres park; Bring your own lunch and drink

Judy Stagoski – membership – As of this morning we officially have 210 members per national website, with 147 renewals. The committee will start calling those who have not renewed after mid-July. Jean Light has agreed to be co-chair with Judy.

Karen Francis – Public Policy – if no face-to-face or brunch in September, we will have to look at different ways to communicate important policy issues. By now everyone should be registered for the August primary and know how to apply for an absentee ballot for November. AAUW Missouri recommends a YES on Medicaid expansion. Missouri put it on August ballot because turnout is traditionally low. Check the national website to keep up to date with what is going on at that level. LAF – Russo case ruling that companies cannot use past salary history when a woman is negotiating a salary. Contact Karen or Angie Janik with any questions

Ann Patrice O’Shaughnessy – Directory – She and Joan Hewitt are finalizing the new directory. Let them know about any changes – name, address, phone, etc. by July 31. If your photo is missing or you want a new one used, please send them – take selfie, if necessary. Not sure when a paper directory will be handed out, but the new one will be sent electronically to everyone. We need new people on the committee so someone with interest can be available to replace Ann Patrice and Joan.

Susie Teicher – Dollars for Scholars; Suzie thanked everyone for their support of the virtual events listed in the Friday notes, and for their donations. Please send a list of any ideas you have for events to Susie who is compiling a master list to work from. Janet Sloey has agreed to be the co-chair of Dollars.

Pat Bishop, Web manager and International Relations – voting information is on the web site. For security, we can now lock PDF documents to allow instant personal information to be used. August 11 is voting meeting for International Relations series. If interested, check the web site for updates.

Joyce Katz – care notes – asked that members let her or Joan Reed know of bereavement or illness in the immediate family.

Marcia Block – fundraising – the winter event is still up in the air. We need to raise money but will 150+ people be willing to attend a large gathering? The committee is planning to sell raffle tickets – prizes and method of sales to be determined – and it is important to sell to non-members. The committee has already decided to eliminate the silent auction and the boutique. Watch for emails with details.

Jan – closing remarks – Question is how are we going to get together in October? There is a 90 person capacity in the gym if social distancing is observed. Zoom meetings are an option. Committees will need to think of ways to include people. An idea for Dollars – got the idea from film on UTube

– Ann Pamela Cunningham, in the mid 1850's, united people to come up with money to save the Mount Vernon Estate of George Washington from a relative who wanted to develop it. She formed the Ladies Association of Mount Vernon which raised the money to keep Mount Vernon the attraction that it is. There is a 20 minute video available. Further proof that we CAN unite in good things.

After adjournment, Roz Marx answered a question about theater and arts events. No news from Washington U theater; Webster – nothing on fall schedule and no notes from student theater; Jazz not opened yet. No docent tours even though Art Museum is open

Mary Jermak reported that program speakers are set through April and all have agreed to do video presentations if needed