The meeting was called to order by Vice President Monique Jones at 7:07 PM.

Ruth Sheets explained that the minutes from the previous business meeting which was held on June 14, 2018 were referred to the board, approved and are on the website. *Ruth Sheets moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the June 14, 2018 general business meeting, and to refer the minutes for tonight’s meeting to the board for approval.* The motion passed.

Monique Jones reported that Treasurer Pat Luczai had submitted a written report that as of Jan. 9, 2019 our total assets are $54,993.04.

Linda Roberts reminded everyone that the Writers’ Tea will be held Sunday, April 14, 2019. This is the 10th year she and Lula Allen will be chairing the Tea. There are articles in the Branch which provide the details. Linda asked for donations for the auction: please email her to arrange to provide donations to the committee. Mary Coiteux asked that we let the public know about the Tea by putting up the Tea invitation cards in public places.

Monique Jones announced that the Annual Meeting will be held June 13, 6 p.m. at the Poughkeepsie Grand.

Peggy Kelland announced that Extending Girls’ Horizons will be holding a cooking event on Friday Jan. 11, 4:00 – 8:30 p.m. at Zion Episcopal Church. They need 2 or 3 other helpers from AAUW to assist. Gwen Higgins re-emphasized the critical need for AAUW members to help with Extending Girls’ Horizons events which are held once a month. She suggested that we offer our help once a month or once a year so that there is more of an AAUW presence in our partnership with the Girl Scouts, and the program can better serve the girls.

Maria DeWald reminded us that the AAUW Tea deserves our support because it is the fundraiser for scholarships and community service initiatives of Poughkeepsie AAUW.

New business: none.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m. and followed by the program, “RACE SOLDIER: Growing Up Black in a White Environment in the 1960’s”. The program was introduced by Karen Goodman and presented by Jocelyn Johnson-Kearney, and assisted by Amina Kearney.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Sheets, Secretary