The meeting was called to order by President Diane Jablonski at 7:09 PM.

Minutes
Ruth Sheets explained that the minutes from the previous general business meeting which was held on November 14, 2019 were referred to the board, approved and are on the AAUW Poughkeepsie website.

*Ruth Sheets moved to dispense with the reading of the minutes from the Nov. 14, 2019 general business meeting, and to refer the minutes for tonight’s meeting to the board for approval.* The motion passed.

Treasurer’s Report
Treasurer Pat Luczai reported on the Financial Position as of June 2, 2020: Total Assets are $75,763.80. For the current fiscal year, Total Revenue is $38,030.56 and Total Expenditures are $30,551.60.

Pat reported a total of $7654.03 in contributions has been received from the combined fundraising appeal for initiatives and donations with the membership renewals.

Bylaws
Ruth Sheets explained that the board approved several changes to the Bylaws and these were published in the Branch and are included in your program for this Annual Meeting. In summary, these changes

- Allow for business to be conducted by remote meetings and
- Specify the rules for how Nominations from the floor shall be conducted
- Specify the Committees of the corporation to reflect our present structure
- And reflect our current practice of referring the General Membership meeting Minutes to the Board for approval.

*Ruth Sheets moved that the bylaws changes as approved by the Board for Article VIII Nominations and Elections: Section 4 and Section 7, Article XIII Committees: Section 1.A. and Article XV Meetings: Section 5 be adopted.*

During discussion, concerns were raised by Jacqueline Goffe-McNish regarding combining Diversity with International Relations, that it needed to be its own committee, not an add-on to International Relations. Gwen Higgins, Roni Cavalla, Cathy Kinn, Vivian Rose and Sandy Goldberg also voiced their support to the need to have a separate Diversity Committee. Marti Madory, chairman of the International Relations/Diversity Committee, voiced her concern of the need to specify who was to be served and how the mission of the proposed two separate
committees would be split up. She also pointed out that members would need to come forward to lead and staff a separate Diversity Committee. Margaret Nijhuis and Maria DeWald helped by suggesting how to proceed with the parliamentary procedure to get the remaining bylaws changes passed.

*Sandy Goldberg moved to amend the motion to the Bylaws changes to table the Article XIII segment of the motion.* The amendment passed. Diane asked if everyone was satisfied that we had tabled the changes to Article XIII and adopted the changes to Article VIII and Article XV. There was no objection, and Diane stated that Article VIII and Article XV passed.

**Nominations**

Betty Harrel, Nominating Chair, presented the following slate of officers for election:

- **President** Monique Jones
- **Communications VP** Barbara Durniak
- **Secretary** Linda Freisitzer
- **Treasurer** Pat Luczai
- **Program VP (1 year term)** Marcene Humphrey

Betty Harrel stated that there had been no other nominations and asked that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate. Mary Lou Davis, AAUW-NYS Past-President, installed the new officers.

**In Memoriam**

Mary Scalise-Annis, Membership Co-VP, led those present in a Moment of Silence for AAUW members who passed during 2019-2020, namely, Linda Roy, Sandy Sherman, Mary Louise Van Winkle, and Betsy Vivas.

**Membership Honors**

Sheila Zweifler, Membership Co-VP, presented the longevity awards which are based on the number years a member has been part of our local AAUW branch:

- **10 Years:** Geraldine Allan, Verna Carr, Beth Devine, Maria L. DeWald, Joanne Dyson, Christine Anne Eidel, Rochelle Friedman, Sandy Goldberg, Mary Anne Hogarty, Barbara Hugo, Diane Jablonski, Mildred Jones, Judy Killmer, Jacqueline L. Klein, Maria L. Ong, Ann Carmen Pinna, Sharon Ann Rizzo, Kay Saderholm, Diana R. Salsberg, Sally Edwards Taylor, and Sally Weglinski
- **20 Years:** Jeanette Cantwell and Mary Jane Von Allmen
- **25 Years:** Mary Lou Davis
- **30 Years:** Kathleen Martin

Sheila thanked all the women who have made AAUW strong. Certificates for longevity awards may be requested by contacting Sheila.
Honors and Awards

Marge Barton, Honors and Awards Chair presented the following awards:

2020 AAUW Funds Named Honorees: Cyd Averill, Sue Doyle, Diane Jablonski, Monique Jones and Ruth Sheets.

A Special Honoree for AAUW Award was presented to Dick Granda, A Friend of Leading to Reading who has helped with packing and delivering books to the newborn babies at Vassar Brothers Medical Center.

Emerging Leader Award: Alyssa Covelli.

Concluding Remarks

Monique Jones presented Diane Jablonski with the President’s pin and thanked her for her strong, steady leadership for the past two years, spearheading the Equal Pay Day Proclamation, and navigating the COVID-19 challenges. Monique thanked the Board for being willing to serve and all who attended the meeting.

Diane Jablonski thanked all who served on the Board, Initiatives and Interest Groups, stating she was proud of all the accomplishments, and grateful for the time, talent, and financial contributions from all the AAUW members. She knows we have a strong new leadership which will have the full support of the members going forward.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Ruth Sheets, Secretary