

MINUTES OF THE November 12, 2009 BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Co-President Mary Jermak called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and reminded members to silence their cell phones. With Co-President Bette Bude, she led members in reciting the

AAUW MISSION: AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH.

Mary extended a thank you to our November Hostesses: Coordinating Hostess: Betty Hartman and Hostesses Joanne Barnes, Sybil Blumenberg, Judy Green, Diane Greenspan, Pat Jennings, Doris Nistler, Diane Siegel, Helen Wall, and Mary Lou Wilson.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Parliamentarian Marsha Weppleman determined that a quorum was present for the transaction of business. Co-President Mary announced that Minutes from October Branch Meeting and the November Board Meeting had been read, approved, and are available from Secretary Jayne Kasten. They are also posted on website under 'Meeting Reports'.

Treasurer's Report: Bette Bude reported for Carol Thomas that our September Asset total is **\$17,482.42** and that the Tax form 990 is in the mail. It was signed and mailed on 11/09/09.

Membership: Harriett Hirschfeld and Yvonne Morrison: Yvonne reported that we currently have **246 members**. She introduced our New Members and welcomed the eight guests who were present today. Yvonne thanked everyone for participating in the New Members' Coffee.

Historian Carol Derington: Mary Jermak reminded members to continue to send event pictures to Carol for our annual History Book and that books are available for a newly-reduced rental fee of \$5.. Interest Groups who may enjoy reminiscing at their meetings should contact Carol ahead of the Branch meeting to be sure she brings their chosen year/s.

Directory: Dodie Barnes and Rosemary Manley -- Rosemary reminded members that today is the last day to submit changes for the Directory Supplement which will be printed in the December newsletter. Photos will be taken today during the break by Joyce.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Programs and Research: Marcia Block and Jan Horner -- Marcia reported on our successful 2009 Eleanor Roosevelt Walk which netted **\$2904.00** and presented the top fundraising award to Pat Shores. Jan explained the 2009 EPR Individual Giving Campaign, the name change to EPR, and how our donations are used to provide fellowships and enhance research projects.

Dollars for Scholars: Sandy Camillo and Jackie Fleck.-- Jackie shared upcoming events and encouraged members to sign up as well as to plan new events during 2010.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

International Relations: Marian Bauer -- Marian invited members to attend the January 12, 2010 lecture at the Ethical Society beginning at 10:45 am.

Nominating Committee for 2010: Co-President Mary Jermak informed members that Joyce Katz, Rosann Swaringim, and Mersine Kallaos form this committee and stated that the December Newsletter will have information on submission of names to the committee.

Wellston STEM: Julie Triplett provided a Project Update and Mentor Recognition about this exciting continuation of our Action Grant, which will be so-sponsored by IBC this year. Additional funding has been obtained from Elliot Unitarian Chapel, The Peg Witt Grant, and individuals.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Holiday Auction— Celebrating the Gifts of AAUW, Dec. 10, 2009: Nance Roth, Arlene Spector, Becky Kruse -- Arlene provided Event Information stating that members should be certain to purchase their tickets today. Nance explained that this is our only branch fund-

raising project and encouraged **all members to participate**.

Co-President Mary adjourned the business meeting at 10:10 am followed by the 15-minute break. Program V-P: Suzanne Couch reconvened the meeting by introducing our speaker, Scott Baier, Executive Director of Teach for America.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 am.

Submitted by Jayne A. Kasten, Secretary