

Minutes of BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD AAUW BRANCH MEETING

held on **OCTOBER 08, 2009**

8:45 GATHERING, SOCIALIZING, and SIGNING UP FOR DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS 9:20 TEN MINUTE WARNING TO BE SEATED;
MEETING TO BEGIN IN 10 MINUTES 9:28 TWO MINUTE WARNING TO BE SEATED

9:30 CALL MEETING TO ORDER – **Reminder to turn off cell phones.**

Co-President Bette Bude called the Branch Meeting to order and asked members to join in the recitation of the AAUW MISSION STATEMENT: **AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR ALL WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION AND RESEARCH** She extended a hearty thank you to the October Hostesses.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

AAUW Leadership Corps has selected members; Congratulations were extended to Sandy Camillo and Julia Triplett.

Suzanne Couch, Co-VP Programs encouraged everyone to complete one of the Program Evaluation Forms located on their table.

Historian, Carol Derington was unable to attend, but Co-President Bette reminded everyone to take photos and submit them to her for our Branch scrapbook.

Minutes from the September Board and Branch Meetings have been read, approved, and are available on Website or from Secretary, Jayne Kasten.

Treasurer's Report, Carol Thomas (Attachment # 1) The September Asset Report shows a balance of **\$16,867.77**.

Carol presented the Proposed Budget for 2009-10 and said that the Budget Committee and Board moved to Accept Proposed Budget, Bette called for the vote, and **Motion Carried.**

Membership, Harriett Hirschfeld and Yvonne Morrison stated that the Number of Branch Members is **243**, "all of whom are working to make the world a better place for women and girls." There were five guests present. Yvonne announced that the next New Member Coffee will be held on Thursday, October 29, at 1:30 p.m., at Pam Shores's home.

Hospitality, Teri Miller announced that there would be a brief meeting after the meeting and displayed the new centerpiece which shows monthly hostesses.

Directory, Rosemary Manley reminded members to pick up their new directories.

Care Notes, Mary Kay Wolfe asked everyone to let her know of members in need of support.

Technology, Joyce Katz reported on the RSS Feed section of the website which provides instant and constant updates from the Association.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Programs and Research: Rosann Swaringim reported on the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk, and encouraged everyone to participate or sponsor a walker.

Dollars for Scholars, Sandy Camillo and Jackie Fleck (Attachment #2).

Escrips Program, Susan Hayne encouraged everyone to sign up for this easy way to earn money for our branch.

Legal Advocacy Fund, Ruth Griffin updated members regarding the university the six remaining academia LAF plaintiffs who are currently being supported by LAF. The Association Board recently approved \$4000 for each plaintiff for further support.

International Speakers Series 2010, Marian Bauer mentioned the wonderful programs which will be held during the months of January - April 2010 at the Ethical Society at 10:45 am on the second Tuesday of each month.

IBC, Bette Bude for Leslie Wier announced a 'save the date' for Spring Fling: March 20, Greenbriar Country Club

AAUW Missouri: Julie Triplett -- May 1, 2010 will be the Missouri Leadership event; there will also be a regional event in Little Rock in June 11-12.

STEM – Wellston STEM Julie Triplett shared information on the program for this year.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

BYLAWS: Proposed deletion of Article XIV. Committee Section Ie. This action is recommended by the Bylaws Committee and the Board because the areas are covered under other standing committees and there has been a duplication of effort, according to the past chairs. Since it is coming from a committee, no second is needed, just a vote of the members.

AAUW Issues and Diversity Committee Marsha Weppelman: "I move that Article XIV. Committees, Section 1,e. AAUW Issues and Diversity Committee be deleted from the Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW Polices." **ACTION --The motion carried.**

Publicity, Pat Shores explained that we are attempting to utilize more press coverage and asked members to bring in articles if they see them in

newsletters.

Committees, Co-President Mary Jermak encouraged members to join committees, especially AAUW's highly emphasized STEM, and that there would be a brief meeting of the Spring Luncheon Committee following the meeting.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Holiday Auction, Nance Roth and Arlene Spector spoke regarding the December 10, 2009 event. Tickets are for sale today (\$15.00) and at next month's meeting. She reminded members that this is our branch fund raising event and encouraged everyone to participate.

Co-President Bette adjourned the meeting.

10:28 a.m. Co-Vice President PROGRAMS gave two minute warning for the speaker
10:30 a.m. Co-Vice President—called meeting back to order and introduced the speaker
11:20 a.m. Speaker ended presentation/ takes questions.
Co-Vice President thanked the speaker; ended the Q & A
11:30 a.m. Co-Vice President adjourned the meeting

Jayne Kasten, Branch Secretary