

**BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD AAUW
MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING of OCTOBER 1, 2009**

Co-President Bette Bude called the Board meeting to order at 9:30 am, asking everyone to please turn off electronic devices. Bette and Co-President Mary Jermak led Board members in a recitation of the AAUW MISSION STATEMENT.

She offered a thank you to September hostesses: Arlene Spector, Marian Bauer, and Nance Roth. Our November hostesses will be Pat Shores and Becky Kruse, with substitute Jackie Fleck.

Co-President Bette made corrections and revisions to the printed agenda and gave the following President's Information report: She reminded us at we have a partnership with CARE and that Oct. 17 is the date when "Half the Sky" written by Kristof and WuDunn will be reviewed across the country. Members are urged to visit the Care website and order the book from Amazon as 4% will be donated to CARE.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

We joined in CONGRATULATIONS to members who have been chosen for the AAUW Leadership Corps: Sandy Camillo, Julia Triplett, and KenyattaThatcher.

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

Treasurer's Report was given by Mary Jermak in the absence of Treasurer Carol Thomas. The Assets Report has been filed with both presidents and secretary. (Attachment # 1)
Total assets as of this date are: \$16,867.77.

Mary Jermak (for Carol Thomas) shared a member's concern regarding the Board approved Proposed 2009-2010 Budget.

In the discussion which followed, Ruth Griffin suggested that the treasurer have the Budget Committee meet earlier than usual next spring for advance planning and to give consideration to national's membership program currently in its pilot year. Leslie Wier reported that based on her professional work with budgets this is NOT a deficit budget. Marcia Weppleman stated that years ago the branch had a reserve of \$2,000 to cover contingency expenses. Pat Shores related that the Budget Committee decided to observe the operations of the AAUW's Membership Pilot Program in the first year and revisit it after its initial year of existence. Mary stated that these suggestions would be duly noted and referred to the Budget Committee. Mary reported that the books have been taken the accountant prior to the November 15 deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

WEBSITE: Our Ballwin-Chesterfield website contains instructions on how to join the branch and association on the Home Page under the Value Promise.

MEMBERSHIP Co-Vice-President Harriett Hirschfeld stated that we currently have 243 members with four new members joining at the September Kickoff Brunch. She encouraged Board members to attend the New Member Coffee which will be held on October 29, 2010 at 1:30 at the home of Pat Shores.

Program Co-Vice Presidents Doris Nistler and Suzanne Couch distributed the PILOT MONTHLY EVALUATION FORM. (Attachment # 2) and announced that the October Speaker will be Sidney Watson, Professor of Law, at SLU. Board members were reminded that VP Programs will begin the Program part of the meeting and adjourn it.

Hospitality, Judy Stogoski reported that volunteer slots are filling but that we need April hostesses.

Technology: Bette reported for Joyce Katz to look for the Branch Biennial Goals and Minutes which are featured on our Website. HYPERLINK "<http://www.aauwballwin-chesterfield.org/>" www.aauwballwin-chesterfield.org

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Programs & Research, Jan Horner, Co-Chair, reported that our six scholarship awardees have been recognized and we have received two acknowledgements. She reminded Board members to sign up for the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk, Chaired by Rosann Swaringim. It will be held on Oct. 14, 2009 in Faust Park. Those who would like to join the walkers for lunch should meet at Chesterfield Macaroni Grill at 11:45 am.

Dollars for Scholars Co-Chair Sandy Camillo reported on upcoming events and encouraged members to continue to plan projects.

Legal Advocacy Fund, Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart will report at the Branch meeting regarding LAF Express.

Public Policy, Co-Chairs Erlaine Eltomi and Jane Miller will report in November.

International Relations, Marian Bauer reported that the four topics have been set for the upcoming speaker series. (The Geo-political Consequences of Global Warming; Afghanistan; Empowerment through Micro-financing; Conducting business in a competitive non-ethical environment.) (Attachment # 3)

IBC. Leslie Wier reported that the IBC Spring Fling Luncheon, March 20, 2010 at Greenbriar Country Club,

AAUW MO – Julie Triplett reported that the Missouri State Convention will be held at Rickman Center, south of Jefferson City on May 1, 2010. A regional conference is also planned for Little Rock, Arkansas, on June 12-13, 2010.

STEM Chair Sandra Murdock reported on the activities of the Mentor program, Science Fair, and Expanding Your Horizons, (Attachment # 4 & 5) Expanding your Horizons will be held on March 8, 2010 at SLU. Mary reported that there is a need for members to serve on this committee to assist Sandra.

Julie Triplett reported on the accomplishments of gaining funding for this year's Each One Teach One. IBC is co-sponsoring the program and a Missouri State Peg Witt Grant is being sought.

Julie's church will give half of their collection Nov. 8 to the project.

Following discussion which included the possibility of having two separate motions: one to show support and another to appropriate funds, Linda Tinker moved that Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW appropriate \$800 for the EACH ONE TEACH ONE PROJECT. Ruth Griffin seconded the motion. The motion passed with 8 YES votes and 5 NO votes.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Bylaws, Marsha Weppelman reported on the vote to be taken at the October meeting:

A Branch vote is necessary on the proposed deletion of Article XIV. Committee, Section I, e. AAUW Issues and Diversity Committee j(Policies, p.97). to align our Bylaws with those of the Association.

Publicity, Pat Shores, Doris Nistler, and Suzanne Couch met and prepared statement on focus for branch Press Releases. (Attachment # 6)

Committees for 2009-2010, Mary Jermak discussed the new list of committee members and the importance of inviting branch members to be part of committees in the future. Please let Mary know of additions/corrections to this list. (Attachment # 7)

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Fall Brunch Kickoff, Arlene Weise and Chris Magilligan, Board members CELEBRATED the successful event. Committee recommendations:

1. Change name from Brunch to Breakfast
2. Eliminate danish and/or not have fresh baked items
3. Decision on how to fund the event
4. Eliminate centerpieces or use uniform ones each year.

During the lengthy discussion, several Board members related that branch members were unaware that Board members and Interest Chairs paid "out of pocket" for the cost of the brunch. They further stated that members seemed to be willing to pay for the Brunch.

Others on the Board said that the welcoming brunch was a long-standing tradition that they believed was worth continuing, with more research on how to cut costs.

First Motion: Erlaine Eltomi moved that the Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW Branch continue the catered event for the 2010 Fall Brunch. The motion was seconded by Marcia Block and passed unanimously.

Second Motion: Linda Tinker moved that the Board discontinue paying for the food at the Fall Kickoff event and charge the members a nominal amount. It was seconded by Harriett Hirschfeld. This motion passed with 7 affirming, 6 opposing, and 1 in abstention.

Holiday Auction, Nance Roth reported on the excellent planning by all members of this committee and that our Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch is a gift to each of us. The Theme for the Holiday Auction (December 10, 2009) carries this out. She reminded members to purchase tickets and prepare their items for the Oral AND Silent Auction. An explanation was given of the 50-50 raffle with 1/2 of the receipts going to the branch and the other 1/2 being split between three winners.

INTEREST GROUPS

Out to Lunch, Harriett Hirschfeld passed around sign-up sheet for October OTL which will be held at Cafe Osage on Wed., 10/21/09.

Everyone was *invited for post meeting Lunch at Lester's; everyone is Welcome.*

NEW BUSINESS

Rosemary Manley invited members to sign up for the Talbots' Dollars for Scholars event.

Co-President Bette reported that the Next Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 5, 2009, and adjourned the Board meeting at 11:23 am. (We are banking the 7 saved minutes for a total of 19 from Sept. and October meetings.)

Jayne A. Kasten, Secretary