

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD MEETING
MINUTES OF MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 3, 2009

Co-President Mary Jermak called the meeting to order at 9:30 am and asked everyone to please turn off their cell phones during the meeting. We expressed our thanks to Mary and Co-President Bette Bude for bringing our treats for this meeting. Mary asked if there were additions to the agenda. Everyone present repeated the AAUW Mission statement (noting that the word Philanthropy has been added).

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

Board Information: Co-President Mary reported on the following:

1. Our Liability insurance policy covers Branch meetings here at church and at the picnic;
2. Everyone is URGED to check their email DAILY and respond promptly;
3. The Association Leadership Corps members will be announced soon;
4. a reminder that each speaker at the Kick-Off brunch should be brief;
5. thanked those who have submitted the committee lists.

Co-President Bette Bude reported on our wonderful AAUW Awards. She mentioned the awards in context of the entire US Branches: we are sixth place in EPR and fifth place in Branch giving. (among many other awards)

Minutes from the May Board meeting have been read, approved, and are available from Jayne Kasten. This year our minutes will also be posted on our website.

Treasurer Carol Thomas presented the Treasurer's Report as of Sept. 1 2009. (Attachment # 2). She distributed copies of the Proposed Budget for 2009-2010 (Attachment # 1), Reimbursement forms, and Tax exempt letters.

Bette presented the financial review letter from the committee comprised of Pat Shores and Linda Bader. Attachment # 3)

Following review and discussion led by Carol Thomas, the 2009-10 Proposed Budget was approved unanimously as recommended by the Budget Committee.

(The Board expressed its appreciation of Carol and for the outstanding work she is doing in this complex, time-consuming job.)

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Membership – Harriett Hirschfeld/Yvonne Morrison: Harriett stated that the current number of members will be verified and reported at the Branch meeting. She urged Board members to attend the New Members Coffee on October 29.

Program – Suzanne Couch and Doris Nistler: Suzanne distributed Attachment # 4 stating our programs for Branch meetings for this year.

Care Notes – Mary Kay Wolfe reported on letting her know about members who should be sent cards and how information will be disseminated to members.

Historian - Carol Derington: Carol asked everyone to submit photos for our Branch History Scrapbooks.

Directory – Dodie Barnes and Rosemary Manley: Rosemary distributed the EXCELLENT new directories. The cost for additional binders is \$8.00. Breakdown of costs for printing and binders was discussed. (Attachment #5). Expression of thanks was extended to Dodie and Rosemary for their hard work on this

project.

AAUW PRIORITIES:

Educational Programs and Research – Marcia Block and Jan Horner discussed the new name for what was formerly Education Foundation. (EPR stands for Educational Programs and Research). Jan reported that scholarship recipients were named at UMSL (returning recipients) and the others would soon be selected. She reported that we are looking at other possible schools. A question on HOW TO WRITE CHECKS was addressed by Marcia:

Donations to EPR should be written to “AAUW FUNDS” with Message line on the check designating which fund. Donations to Ballwin/Chesterfield should still be made out at to “AAUW Ballwin/Chesterfield”.

Jan encouraged everyone to participate in the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk on Oct. 14 at 10:30 am. in Faust Park. Registration costs \$25 and you may sponsor walkers. Lunch will be at 11:45 at Macaroni Grill at Chesterfield Mall area. (it is not inside the mall)

Dollars for Scholars - Sandy Camillo and Jackie Fleck: Jackie distributed the new list of events and encouraged members to sponsor events and ATTEND them. (Attachment # 6)

Legal Advocacy Fund – Ruth Griffin/Barbara Butchart: Ruth asked members to contact her if they wanted to know how much they have contributed. She invited everyone to attend the Tuesday, October 6, 2009, Book Discussion Event / Wine and Cheese gathering at Linda Stark’s new home beginning at 3:30 pm. Donations of \$25 will go to LAF.

She announced the importance of supporting the Trivia Night which will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church on Saturday, April 24, 2010. We are encouraged to get sponsors with the sponsor fee being \$100 this year. We are also encouraged to check for matching funds.

International Relations – Marian Bauer reported on the meeting of the committee with possible topics to be presented this year.

IBC – Leslie Wier reported on attending the August Interbranch Council meeting and gave a very thorough presentation. She reviewed the process for archiving branch records. IBC will be a co-sponsor of our Wellston project and pledged \$100 in financial support. Plans are underway for the Spring Fling 2010. The date will be either March 13 or 20 and the location will probably be Green Briar Country Club.) (Attachment # 7)

Brief reflections on the AAUW 2009 Convention were given by Mary, Pat and Julia. Carol Derington stated that MANY people stopped by the registration desk to say that it was the BEST Convention they had ever attended.

BRANCH PRIORITIES:

Ballwin/Chesterfield Goals/Strategies and Action (Attachment # 8) were presented by Co-President Mary. Co-President Bette stated rationale for having goals: they provide guidance and direction; they help when we plan events and projects; they motivate and inspire members; and they help us evaluate how we’re doing in serving and women and girls. (Recognition section needs to be added.)

Bylaws - Marsha Weppleman: Marsha discussed the process of reprinting the bylaws eliminating all references to the wording changed by the Association (Association, EF, delegates, Regional Conferences, etc.). She thanked the by-Laws Committee and Marcia Block for proofreading and helping with this task.

Following discussion that past Issues and Diversity Committee Chairs have suggested that we remove this committee due to overlapping function. Marsha moved that the AAUW Women's Issues and Diversity Committee be deleted from Article XIV Committees, Section 1,e (p. 97 in Current By-Laws). Attachment # (9) It was seconded by the Bylaws committee, and passed.

Focus Groups discussion was led by Co-President Mary that the current groups should continue but that there is no need for a chair. The information is listed in the Directory. Carol Derington suggested the Focus Groups provide information by having a table at Branch meetings and submitting articles for the newsletter,

Publicity – Pat Shores: Pat will be submitting information to many new sources this year. Press releases will be sent to media for announcing our programs. Jane Miller suggested a brochure to hand to potential members. Such a brochure could be available on the membership table.

Co-President Mary presented the Pacing of Meeting information in an attempt to maximize the time allotted for the presentation of important information; to provide an ample break for members between business meeting and the program; AND to ascertain that our speakers have ALL of the time allotment provided. NEW this year is that the Program Co-Vice Presidents will begin the second half of the meeting with warning and introduction of program.

SPECIAL MEETINGS:

Fall Brunch -- Arlene Weise and Chris Magilligan: Arlene reported that 51 members submitted their \$20 and that As you Like It caterers are ready to serve at the Kick-Off Brunch.

Holiday Auction – Nance Roth, Arlene Spector, and Becky Kruse: Nance and Arlene reported on plans for the gala event to be held on December 10, with Dec. 11 and Dec. 17 as possible snow dates. The theme will be “Celebrating the Gifts of AAUW” , and the cost of tickets will still be \$15. They will be on sale beginning at the October Branch meeting.

Following a discussion that everyone is URGED to participate in the Holiday Auction by donating OR bringing items to be sold, Harriet suggested that the Co-President's could possibly announce the OPPORTUNITY for everyone to participate, starting with the September meeting.

Summer Picnic – JoAnn Black and Eileen Lesevoy: JoAnn reported on plans for the picnic to be held at Tremaine Shelter at Creve Coeur Lake on July 8, 2010. It was moved by Judy Stagoski and seconded by Doris Nistler that the place and date be approved. Motion passed. (14)

INTEREST GROUPS:

Out to Lunch - Harriet passed around sign-up for OTL and Mary asked how many would attend Lunch today.

NEW BUSINESS: Jane Miller proposed a TASK Force to discuss and study what we can (or should) do differently due to the large increase of members over the years. Brainstorming session were proposed, ie on costs of hospitality, how to increase participation among those who seldom get involved, etc. Co-President Mary stated that the Kick-Off Brunch Committee will evaluate and possibly help in this. (NOTE: The Executive Board will be asked to evaluate this idea first.)

ADJOURNMENT of meeting at 11:18 (we now have 12 minutes in the bank for later use!).