

BALLWIN/CHESTERFIELD AAUW
MINUTES of SEPTEMBER 10, 2009 BRANCH MEETING

The Fall Kick-Off Brunch meeting was called to order by reciting the AAUW Mission Statement led by Mary Jermak, Bette Bude, and Pat Shores. Event Co-Chairs Chris Magilligan and Arlene Weise welcomed everyone and gave directions for serving at the Brunch Buffet.

Following brunch, the meeting was again called to order. Co-President Mary thanked the Brunch Committee, Board Members, and Interest Chairs who hosted this event. Mary recognized Joan Bushman, owner of As You Like It catering. She recognized Board Members and invited all Branch members to participate in committees.

A special song written by Doris Nistler was sung as a Kick-Off to our new Branch year. (Attachment # 1) Mary thanked Doris and Betty Hartman for the beautiful music which they provided.

Mary announced that Minutes from the September Board Meeting had been read, approved, and are available from Secretary Jayne Kasten for review. Minutes of Board meetings will be posted on our brach website under 'Meeting Reports'.

Treasurer Carol Thomas gave the August Asset Report (Attachment # 2). Total Assets as of this date: **\$20,911.69**.

Co Vice-Presidents for Membership, Harriett Hirschfeld and Yvonne Morrison, reported on Membership and invited new members at attend the New Members Coffee on October 29 at Pat Shores' home. New Member Kay Trebilcock was introduced as were the guests in attendance.

Co Vice-Presidents for Program, Doris Nistler and Suzanne Couch, provided information on our 2009-2010 Programs.

Directory Co-Chairs, Dodie Barnes and Rosemary Manley, shared information about the new directories and asked for corrections. The midyear update will be distributed in December.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Programs and Research: Marcia Block and Jan Horner encouraged members to read the article in the newsletter and mentioned the change in name from EF to EPR. They encouraged members to participate in the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk.

Dollars for Scholars: Sandy Camillo and Jackie Fleck. emphasized the outstanding events which are available for members and thanked hostesses who arrange for them.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Barb Butchart (co-chair, Ruth Griffin) told about the fundraising event to be held on October 6 at the home of Linda Stark.

Public Policy: Erlaine Eltomi (co-chair, Jane Miller) encouraged members to participate in AAUW Networking efforts to make progress in all areas of AAUW priorities including Pay Equity.

AAUW Convention: Mary highlighted the many accomplishments of Julie Triplett and Pat Shores in making the AAUW Convention (2009 St. Louis) a very successful event.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Awards: Bette Bude shared the scope of the awards accomplished by our branch in relation to the number of Branches in the country. {Award certificates were displayed on bulletin board for all to observe.} She led branch members in a round of applause for what we have done to achieve these outstanding awards.

Bylaws/Parliamentarian: Marsha Weppelman told members that our Bylaws had been updated to fulfill the Association's mandatory requirements and that a vote will be taken in October on the deletion of the Issues and Diversity Committee from our Branch Policies section.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Nance Roth and Arlene Spector reported on the upcoming Holiday Auction fundraiser to be held on December 10, 2009. Committee Co-Chairs, Nance Roth, Arlene Spector, Becky Kruse, and the various committees are hard at work on preparing for this outstanding event. The Fall Kick-Off Brunch Branch meeting was adjourned at 11:10 am.

Email sent to Board members after Branch meeting:

FROM: Co-President Mary Jermak

TO: Board Members DATE: 9/15/09

CARE is a cooperating organization of AAUW. You may recall, CARE was a sponsor for the documentary "A Powerful Noise", which some of us viewed in March. The following information contains updates on events and resources in the world wide fight against poverty. There also is a section for contacting our senators. Another way to join CARE in the movement against global poverty is by reading Nicholas Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn's book "**Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide**". "Half the Sky" shares poignant tales of women's struggles and triumphs in the face of poverty and discrimination. Through the compelling stories, the authors brilliantly illustrate the connections between women's empowerment and social and economic progress. You'll meet inspiring women in the developing world including Gorette Nyabenda of Burundi, a CARE project participant featured in the book's chapter, "A CARE Package for Gorette."

Enlist your book club, women's group, alumni chapter, or family and friends to join you in reading "Half the Sky" to start a conversation about the challenges and opportunities women and girls face. Discussion Guide:

<http://www.care.org/downloads/care-half-the-sky-discussion-guide.pdf>