

## AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING, April 1, 2010

Co-President Bette Bude called the meeting to order at 9:30 am, reminding everyone to turn off cell phones. She report that the AAUW Mission Statement now includes "Philanthropy" as part of the wording. Board members repeated the newly-revised statement in unison. Bette extended a thank you to April hostesses: Barb Butchart, Teri Miller and Erlaine Eltomi. She announced that the May hostesses are Mary Kay Wolfe, Jane Miller, and Erlaine Eltomi (sub)

Bette shared the following President's Information and called for any additions to the agenda:

Highlighted the newest Outlook. Women and Girls in Science and Math: Why So Few? report can be downloaded at [www.aauw.org/whysofew](http://www.aauw.org/whysofew).

EYH Conference Events for young women are the winner of the 2010 National Science Board Review Award. AAUW sponsors 20% of EYH events nationwide.

View Wellston STEM webpage at [www.aauw.ballwinchesterfield.org/wellston2010](http://www.aauw.ballwinchesterfield.org/wellston2010)

### OPERATIONAL REPORTS

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

Treasurer's Report, Carol Thomas reported on Branch Assets (Attachment # 1). Branch Assets as of March 31, 2010 are \$16,847.23. Carol asked everyone to encourage members to pay their dues and that the amount of dues for 2010-2011 is \$81.00 due by June 30, 2010.

### Committee Reports

Membership, Harriett Hirschfield and Yvonne Morrison reported that the current membership is 257, which includes three new members. Board members are encouraged to sign up for New Member Coffee which will be held on April 29, at 1:30 pm, at the home of Linda Tinker.

Harriett reported that the April "Out to Lunch" will be held at Hendel's Market in Florissant, April 21.

Programs, Doris Nistler and Suzanne Couch stated our April speaker is Melissa Waters, WU Professor of Law and her topic is "Human Rights." Doris stated that the monthly Evaluation feedback forms are very effective and will be continued. There will be an End-of-the-Year Evaluation Form which will be distributed at the April and May meetings and published in the May newsletter.

Suzanne invited all Board members to attend the 2010- 2011 Programs Selection Meeting on Wed., May 19, at Suzanne's home at 1 pm.

Hospitality, Judy Stagoski and Teri Miller expressed appreciation to members at the Branch meeting for their participation as Hospitality hostesses.

Directory, Dodie Barnes and Rosemary Manley: Rosemary asked for ideas for changes needed for the *Directory* for next year. At the April Branch meeting, she will promote members' advertisements to be included in the *Directory* and sold for \$30. The ad revenue significantly defrays printing costs. We have 43 binders remaining from last year's order. Members may purchase additional binders for \$8 and inserts for \$3. A request for updated directory information will appear in the May-June Newsletter.

Newsletter, Joyce Katz and Linda Tinker: Joyce shared the summer deadlines for the two-month issues of May-June (April 8) and July-Aug (June 10).

Technology, Joyce Katz discussed our participation in the Association National Calendar and the difficulties she has experienced as the project is in its initial stages.

### AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund- Jan Horner and Marcia Block: Marcia stated that Named Gift Nominations have been received and will be reviewed by the Selection Committee. She mentioned that Memorial donations are good contributions to EO.

Dollars for Scholars, Sandy Camillo and Jackie Fleck: Sandy distributed and highlighted the wonderful activities scheduled for April and May. (Attachment # 2)

Legal Advocacy Fund, Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart gave a status report for our 2nd annual Trivia night which will be held on April 24. Ruth reported that we currently have ten round Sponsors, and Julia Triplett reported on number of tables sold. Doris asked for donations of diet soda in coolers with ice. Ruth volunteered to be a judge. Julia told that we will have a penny jar guessing game as an additional fundraising possibility. Erlaine will handle this.

Publicity, Pat Shores has been submitting items to local newspapers and asked members to let her know if we see them in print.

Public Policy, Erlaine Eltomi and Jane Miller reported on Women's Equal Pay Day on April 6, 2010, in Jefferson City. Jane promoted the St. John's Mercy /Owl Program, May 8, 2010, which we are co-sponsoring with OWL. Jane urged members to sign up. We will receive 1/2 of the money received. She will send Board members an electronic copy of the brochure so we can sign up and invite others to participate. Jane and Erlaine will wear posters at April's branch meeting to advertise Equal pay Day and will send an email to all members regarding this date.

International Relations, Marian Bauer stated that the lecture series has been well attended and that the last one is on Tuesday, April 13.

IBC, Leslie Wier reported that the 2010 Barbara Lackritz Award winner is our nominee, Dr. Pat Shores; she told us to begin thinking about who to nominate for next year. Leslie appreciated the planning Pat had done for the Award Committee and thanked Becky Kruse and Kathy Skiles for their help with the program and certificate. Pat thanked everyone for their support in being given this highly-regarded award in honor of our friend Barb Lackritz.

AAUW MO, Julie reported on the Missouri State meeting which will be held on May 1, 2010, at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City.

Parliamentarian Marsha Weppleman moved that we approve the following Delegates to the AAUW MO convention: Marcia Block, Bette Bude, Sandy Camillo, Harriett Hirschfeld, Mary Jermak, Joyce Katz, Doris Nistler, and Pat Shores. The motion was seconded by Teri Miller, and the delegates were unanimously approved by the Board.

Julie also gave information about the Five-State Conference at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Little Rock Arkansas on June 11-12, 2010. (Registration, \$35.00, Luncheon, \$20.00, donation for Student Conference Registration).

### BRANCH PRIORITIES

STEM Projects, Julie and Sandra reported on the success of the Wellston Mentoring Program and thanked everyone who helped with the reception. Sandra spoke about the Expanding Your Horizons Conference held at SLU on March 8, 2010. (Attachment # 3)

Mary stated the importance of a quorum for the April Annual Meeting when we will hold election of officers and approval of delegates to the State Convention. Mersine Kallaos presented slate of officers to the branch in March, per the By-Laws. Election shall be by majority vote of those present and voting.

Co-President, Marcia Block;

Secretary, Judy Stagoski

Co-Vice President Membership, Joan Lunt;

Co-Vice President Program, Erlaine Eltomi

Approval of delegates to the AAUW MO State Convention: Marcia Block, Bette Bude, Sandy Camillo, Harriett Hirschfeld, Mary Jermak, Joyce Katz, Doris Nistler, Pat Shores

Bette Bude reported for Linda Tinker, Interest Group "Guru". The focus for April will be Play Readers groups, highlighted by Julie Triplett. Linda will have an Interest Group display at the Fall Brunch on Thursday, September 2, 2010.

Spring Luncheon, Erlaine Eltomi reported that the Steering Committee is working well and asked Board members to encourage members to make reservations by the April 29 deadline.

## OLD BUSINESS

Bette said that the May Board meeting would begin at 9:30 am as usual, and it will be followed by Lunch provided by the Co-Presidents as appreciation for the good work of the Board this year.

## NEW BUSINESS

Bette reminded officers to bring the following items to the May 6 Board Meeting:

1. Committee/Officer End-of-the Year Report: Place TWO paper copies of Committee/Officer Report in the basket \_\_\_\_\_ by Parliamentarian and email an electronic copy to Mary Jermak
2. Budget Request Form in basket by Treasurer
3. All Bills to be submitted for this year's activities, ASAP.
4. Suggested Biennial Goals for 2009-2011 be referenced in committee reports

Mary stated that Job Descriptions are currently being updated; the process is near completion.

Mary presented information about the 2010 Fall Brunch and its importance as a recruitment tool in welcoming new members. Brunch Chair, Jayne Kasten, has plans underway for an excellent event with delicious food! Board members were reminded that by tradition the Board hosts the Fall Brunch and stated that both out-going and in-coming board members are asked to donate \$20 for the Fall Brunch.

Meeting adjourned at 11:07 am.

Jayne A. Kasten  
Secretary