

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD

MINUTES OF THE February 4, 2010 BOARD MEETING

(19 members in attendance)

Co-President Bette Bude called the meeting to order at 9:30 AM with the unison recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement. She thanked February hostesses, Jayne Kasten, Carol Derington, and Yvonne Morrison and announced March hostesses, Marcia Block, Rosemary Manley, and Ruth Griffin (sub).

Co-President Bette called for any additions to the agenda and reported on the following:

February is **Black History Month** and there are wonderful exhibits around town to visit.

February is **Women's Heart Month**; wear red for heart and learn how to care of your heart.

A memorial was sent to Educational Opportunities Fund **in memory of Margaret Kemner**.

Association has been active in **legislative areas** in 2009, not just the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Professional STEM women sought for **National Lab Day** May 10, 2010. Mentioned in an Action Alert. Wellston STEM project might qualify.

Partner research on **long-term care is seeking volunteers** at the grass root level.

Three of our branch members will be judging at **History Day at UMSL** on Feb. 27: Debbie McWard, Jan Ruegge, and Jayne Kasten.

#### OPERATIONAL REPORTS

CONGRATULATIONS were extended to Julie Triplett at having been chosen **Chair of the AAUW Community Action Grants Panel** and to Sue Barley, chosen for a **special AAUW task force** for fund raising whose goal is 1 million dollars.

Minutes from the January Branch Meeting have been read, approved, and are available on our branch Website or from Secretary, Jayne Kasten.

Treasurer's Report, Carol Thomas (Attachment # 1) Our total assets for January are \$18,296.08. Carol also reminded the Board that \$46 of 2009 dues are tax deductible.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership, Harriett Hirschfield and Yvonne Morrison -- Harriet reported that we have 253 members with five new members. She reminded everyone to Give a Grad a Gift membership.

Harriet passed around a Sign-up sheet for OTL to be held on Feb. 17 at 11:30 at Fire Company # 1 in Lafayette Square.

Programs, Doris Nistler and Suzanne Couch -- Doris reported on the monthly Program Evaluation Form (Attachment # 2). Over 60 percent of attendees completed form. Suzanne announced that our February speaker will be Amy Blouin, Executive Director of the Missouri Budget Project.

Technology: Branch's participation in the Association national calendar will be discussed by Joyce Katz next month.

## AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund, Maria Block and Jan Horner -- Jan stated that the third name for the committee in this year is apparently "the one which will stick"! She reminded everyone to nominate branch members for Named Gift awards.

Dollars for Scholars, Sandy Camillo -- co-President Mary Jermak reported for Sandy on upcoming events and stated that she sent an email to all Board members once again requesting new Dollars for Scholars events. We discussed a new proposal {coupon "Complimentary Chiropractic/Bodywork Package"} and decided not to utilize it.

Legal Advocacy Fund, Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart --Plans for Individual Giving were outlined by Julie for Ruth. Barbara displayed the forms for individual giving.

Our LAF Trivia Night Fundraiser which will be held on April 24 was highlighted by Doris.

She gave each Board member a Goldenrod sign-up sheet for this event (Attachment # 3) and announced that Pat submitted Publicity with the first Flyer already being sent and another due the first week of February.

Public Policy, Erlaine Eltomi and Jane Miller --Jane discussed that the CARE Film entitled

“Half the Sky Live” will be shown on, March 4, 2010. Information on attending this event and pre-film get-together will be in next newsletter. A discussion of the Owl Program with St. John’s Mercy Hospital to be held on Saturday, May 8, 2010, resulted in the following motion:

Jayne Kasten moved that we participate with OWL in this event and that we use the \$15 as a Dollars for Scholars event if we have definite word that the money will be returned to us. Seconded by Erlaine Eltomi and Passed. {Vote: 13 Yes; 1 No}

Jane stated that plans for Women’s Lobby Day to be held on April 6 in Jefferson City will be in next newsletter.

International Relations, Marian Bauer reported that the January seminar was well attended and encouraged board members to attend the February 9 lecture on “The Puzzle of Afghanistan”.

Bette thanked Leslie Wier for jumping into the fire and chairing the IBC, Barbara Lackritz Award Committee. She encouraged members to submit their reservation for attending the Spring Fling Luncheon which will be held on Saturday, March 20, at Greenbriar Hills Country Club

AAUW MO, Julie reported that the Missouri State Board had a long meeting and has worked on the By-laws as the structure of the state board is changing. (For example: no longer will there be an LAF Chair AND an EO Chair; a new position called **AAUW Funds Director** will include both Chair titles)

She encouraged everyone to attend the Missouri State meeting on May 1, 2010, at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City. Registration is \$40 early (and \$45 after deadline). Yvonne reminded everyone that this is when Julie will be installed as President of Missouri AAUW.

The Five-State Conference will be held on June 11-12 at the Crowne Plaza in Little Rock Arkansas. (Registration, \$35.00, Luncheon, \$20.00, donation for Student Conference Registration)

Mary reported on the 25th anniversary of National Conference for College Women Student Leaders,. This outstanding leadership event will be held on June 3-5, 2010. “Leadership for Today and Tomorrow” is the theme for this year. Ballwin-Chesterfield will make a donation for scholarship support.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Date Change for September 2010 -- Jayne addressed the need to change the date of our September Board and Branch meetings. She presented the following MOTION:

I move that Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW change the date of our September 2010 Board and Branch meetings due to the Jewish holiday. We would move the stated September 2, 2010, Board meeting from Sept.2 to Thursday, August 26, 2010, and the stated September 9, 2010, Branch meeting to Thursday, September 2, 2010. Our 2010 Fall Brunch would therefore be on **Sept. 2, 2010**. Following discussion, it was seconded by Jane Miller and Carol Derington and passed. (13 Yes; 0 No)

STEM Projects, Julie and Sandra: Julie explained that the Wellston Mentoring Program is going well and called for substitutes to help in this program; The Celebration will be held on March 24.

Sandra reported on the Expanding Your Horizons Conference which will be held on March 8, 2010 at SLU. Jayne (a member of the EYH Planning Team), Bette, and Sandra will attend this event. We are paying registration for 14 girls from Wellston to attend. (Attachment # 4))

We celebrated the success of our 2009 Holiday Auction and thanked Nance, Becky, and Arlene for their outstanding leadership of this event. A profit of \$7,500 was recognized for our Operating Budget. Nance reported that Sue Lancaster is the "official warehouse" for items to be used at Branch events.

A discussion of Interest Groups led to methods of publicizing our outstanding Interest Groups with Linda Tinker volunteering to be our "Interest Group Guru," helping interest members in participating.

There was no OLD BUSINESS;

NEW BUSINESS -- Erlaine Eltomi reported on the Spring Luncheon planning meeting held at her home on Feb. 1, 2010. Plans for this annual celebration are going well. (Attachment # 5)

A new way to **support our Fall Brunch** by going to lunch at Mimi's was suggested by Jayne, who also sold 1/2 dozen bags of bagels!

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 (using some of our previously banked minutes!)

Jayne A. Kasten, Secretary