

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES: JANUARY 14, 2010

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Past President Dr. Pat Shores reported that a quorum was present. Bette reported that the minutes from November Branch and Board Meetings have been read, approved, and are available from Secretary Jayne Kasten. They are posted on our branch website under 'Meeting Reports'.

Bette presented the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Treasurer Carol Thomas. (Attachment # 1) The Branch Asset total as of this date is **\$18, 285.36**. Everyone is encouraged to use Schnucks' escrips cards as potential fundraising effort. Susan Haynes will arrange for members to have an escrip card.

Membership: Harriett Hirschfeld introduced two new members and six guests. She also reminded everyone to sign up for the January Out to Lunch event to be held on January 20

Historian: Bette Bude reported for Carol Derington that scrapbooks are available for check out @ \$5.00 for Dollars for Scholars.

Directory: Bette Bude reported for Rosemary Manley that changes for the March Directory Supplement are due by February 11. Member Photos will be taken at today's or February's meeting. Members may also email photo to Joyce Katz OR mail photo to Dodie Barnes. Retakes will appear only in next September's directory.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Programs and Research: Jan Horner spoke on Dollars for Scholars events and how our Local Scholarships are funded. She told the membership that last year we earned \$12,000 and that \$6,000 stayed here in St. Louis for local scholarships. Jan introduced three of our Scholarship Recipients, and they shared the importance of our awards to their educational endeavors.

Dollars for Scholars: Sandy Camillo shared the new events which are planned for this year.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Teri Miller presented a short talk on Gender Pay Equity and encourage everyone to plan to attend our second annual Trivia Night on April 24, 2010.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

International Relations: Marian Bauer told about the successful January presentation and invited everyone to attend the February 9, 2010, seminar entitled "The Puzzle of Afghanistan".

Wellston STEM: Julie Triplett reported that this year's project will begin on January 28. She presented a funding and volunteer update which included introducing volunteer mentors from our branch.

IBC: Leslie Wier invited everyone to attend the IBC Spring Fling which will be held on Saturday, March 20, 2010, at Greenbrier Country Club. Registration Information will be included in the next newsletter.

Bette Bude reported that the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Nominee for the 2010 Barbara Lackritz Service Award is Dr. PAT SHORES. Leslie is serving as Barbara Lackritz Selection Committee Chair for IBC.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Nance Roth gave a wonderful report on the 2009 Holiday Auction. She reflected on how we should continue to “Celebrating the Gifts of AAUW” in 2010 and reported that we earned a profit of **\$7,324.51**. Thanks were extended to Nance, Arlene Spector, and Becky Kruse for an outstanding job.

Bette encourage everyone to check pages 8-9 and the Calendar of events in our branch monthly newsletter for information on Interest Groups and to participate in all of them which are of interest.

Bette adjourned the BUSINESS MEETING at 10:10 am.

Co- Program Vice-Presidents Suzanne Couch and Doris Nistler called the meeting back to order at 10:30 am. Doris Nistler announced that the February program entitled “The Impact of State Economic and Budget policies on Missourians” will be presented by Amy Blouin, Executive Director of the MO Budget Project.

Members were thanked for utilizing the monthly evaluation form.

Suzanne announced our January program goals as she introduced Rohini Kamath, M.D. Dr. Kamath’s presentation was entitled “Aging Gracefully and the Spirit of Women Health Mission”.

Jayne Kasten, Secretar