

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BRANCH MEETING MINUTES

MARCH 11, 2010

Co-president Mary Jermak called the Branch meeting to order and led all members in reciting the AAUW MISSION: AAUW ADVANCES EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, AND RESEARCH.

She thanked Teri Miller, Coordinating Hostess, and March hostesses: Norma Beckerman, Gloria Campion, Jane Clendenin, Susan Haynes, Becky Kaley, Michele Mangnall, Kathy Overall, Kathy Skiles, and Susie Teicher.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

In the absence of Parliamentarian Marsha Weppleman, Yvonne Morrison declared a quorum present for the transaction of Branch business. Co-President Mary made the following

Announcements: Mary McFarland will receive the St. Louis University Education Department's Alumni of 2010 Award; Mary's leadership in education involves many areas including an on-line, international course she teaches for Harvard University.

Sandra Murdock, our STEM coordinator, is selected as one of ten KMOX 2010 Women of Achievement Award recipients for Youth Enrichment

Directory Pictures will be taken today by Rosemary Manley, and Scrapbooks are available for check out (\$5.00 for Dollars for Scholars) from Historian Carol Derington.

Minutes from February Branch Meeting and the March Board Meeting have been read, approved, and are available from Secretary Jayne Kasten and posted on website under 'Meeting Reports.'

Treasurer's Report: Carol Thomas presented the current Branch Assets with an ending balance of **\$14,454.83**. (Attachment # 1) She encouraged everyone to shop at Schnucks and thanked members for continued use of escrows. Carol encouraged members to pay the 2010-2011 dues of \$81.00 early to help facilitate the collection process. The dues reflect the April 2009 annual meeting approval of a \$5 increase in local dues.

Membership: Harriett Hirschfeld/ Yvonne Morrison welcomed five new members and encouraged them and new members this year to attend the "New Member Coffee", April 29^{at} 1:30 pm at Linda Tinker's home. Our current membership number is **254**.

Yvonne invited members to sign up for March Out-to-Lunch event.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund: Marcia Block/Jan Horner - Marcia reminded everyone that Named Gift Honoree Nominations are due today, March 11. She told members that our branch had given \$15,779, in addition to \$6,000 in local scholarships.

Dollars for Scholars: Jackie Fleck/Sandy Camillo -- Upcoming events (Attachment # 2)

Legal Advocacy Fund: Doris Nistler encouraged everyone to attend our second annual Trivia Night on Saturday April 24.

Individual Giving Report, Barbara Butchart thanked members for participating in the LAF Individual Giving at the February Branch meeting -- **47 members and 1 guest contributed \$1,795.00**.

Public Policy: Erlaine Eltomi/Jane Miller - Erlaine reported on the *Half the Sky* movie presentation. Jane reviewed the upcoming OWL-AAUW "Journey to Wholeness Women's Retreat" event hosted by St. John's Mercy, May 8. Informational flyers were distributed.

Co-President Bette reported that information on the April 6, 2010, Lobby Day, appeared in our newsletter. Erlaine or Jane have information.

International Relations: Bette Bude, for Marian Bauer, stated that the final lecture will be held on April 13. SLU Professor James Fisher will discuss "Taking Ethics on the Road."

IBC: Leslie Wier reported on **Spring Fling which will be held on March 20, 2010**, at Greenbriar Country Club. Registrations are due by 3/11 to Carol Davis McDonald.

AAUW MO: Julie Triplett reported on the MO State Convention to be held at the Rickman Center in Jefferson City on May 1, 2010. Members were encouraged to attend and were directed to advise Treasurer Carol Thomas who will submit registrations. Julie also mentioned the Five State Conference which will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Little Rock, AR, June 11-12.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Nominating Committee: Mersine Kallaos, Chair, presented the Slate of Officers for 2010-2012:

Marcia Block, Co-President
Erlaine Eltomi, Co-Vice President for Programs
Joan Lunt, Co-Vice President for Membership
Judy Stagoski, Secretary

A biography of each nominated officer will appear in the April Newsletter. Voting will take place at the Annual Branch Meeting, April 8. Additional nominations may be made from the floor at that time, but only with advanced approval from the nominee.

Mary Jermak extended appreciation to Mersine, Joyce Katz, and Rosann Swaringim for serving the Branch on the Nominating Committee.

Wellston STEM: Julie Triplett reported that the Mentoring program went very well. Twenty-four mentors have met with students for the final session. Julie encouraged Board members to **attend the Science Celebration at Curtis Bishop Middle School on March 24, 1 – 2:30 p.m..**

STEM: Sandra Murdock reported that Ballwin-Chesterfield sponsored 12 girls at the Expanding Your Horizons Conference held on March 8, 2010 at St. Louis University (Attachment # 3). Sandra, Bette, and Mary accompanied the girls on the bus to the conference and attended the sessions with them. Sandra will judge the St. Louis Science Fair honors projects for our awards. The awards will be presented on May 5, 2010.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Summer Picnic: Co-President Mary reported for Eileen Lesevoy that the Summer Picnic will be held at Tremayne Shelter at Creve Coeur Lake on July 8. A planning meeting follows this meeting.

Spring Luncheon: Erlaine Eltomi reported that plans are going well for the event at **Whitmoor Country Club, May 13, 11:15 AM**. Board members have signed up to host each table. Members were directed to make their reservations by check (\$24.00) when they reserve a place at a table. Reservations will be taken at the March and April Branch meetings or by contacting Rose Buck. The theme is "Champion, Challenge, and Change".

Special Event: The business meeting was adjourned as we sang "Happy Anniversary" to Joyce Katz to celebrate her ten years of service as Editor of the Ballwin-Chesterfield Newsletter. Beautifully decorated cakes were served to celebrate.

PROGRAM: Co-Vice Presidents of Program Suzanne Couch and Doris Nistler called the meeting back to order. Doris thanked members for participating in monthly evaluations. She announced the April Program: "Human Rights – A Report Card After 60 Years", speaker, Melissa Waters, Professor of Law, WU. Suzanne Couch announced the goals of the March Program and introduced Joyce Katz, Ballwin-Chesterfield Technology Chair. Joyce's presentation was entitled "What's New 4 U at AAUW: How Modern Communication Brings Members Together Nationwide."

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 am.

Jayne A. Kasten, Secretary