

**MINUTES OF THE MAY 6, 2010  
AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD MEETING**

**Co-President Mary Jermak called the meeting to order at 9:30 am with the recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement.** She extended a hearty “thank you” to our May hostesses: Mary Kay Wolfe and Jane Miller. She called for additions to the agenda. Hearing none, she shared the following President’s Information:

\*Senator Claire McCaskill has signed on as a sponsor of the *Paycheck Fairness Act*.

\*Ten copies of the AAUW research report *Why So Few?* were available for checkout, and members signed up to take a copy. Since AAUW is encouraging wide distribution of the report, each member is entitled to order up to 10 copies, free of charge. Following discussion, board members were encouraged to order additional reports so the branch can provide copies for

1. teachers/committee members of the Expanding Your Horizons planning team,
2. libraries in high schools, middle schools, and elementary schools (members request copies and bring them to Fall Brunch for distribution, Jayne Kasten will work with this distribution project.
3. Book Club Discussion Bag for book clubs. Jo Ann Black will be in charge of setting up this bag.

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Marsha Weppelman confirmed that a **quorum** was present.

**Minutes:** Co-President Mary stated that the Minutes from the April Board and Branch Meetings were read and approved. Minutes are available on the Branch Website or from Secretary, Jayne Kasten.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Carol Thomas reported on our Branch Assets. Total branch assets are **\$21,292.46** (Attachment # 1)
- The 2010-2011 dues, \$81.00, are now being collected. The deadline for paying 2010-2011 dues is June 15, 2010. Carol said that members should get a copy of the new tax letter if they buy items for branch meetings or special projects.
- Following a discussion of the Leadership Development Fund and the timing of the transfer from current accounts, it was moved by Leslie Wier and seconded by Teri Miller that the treasurer should transfer \$500 from the 2009-2010 budgeted Operating Funds to the Leadership Development Fund, with the rest of the budgeted amount to be transferred in the fall. The motion unanimously passed.
- **Budget Committee Members:** Co-President Mary announced the 2010-11 committee: Treasurer, Carol Thomas, Chair; Co-Presidents, Bette Bude and Marcia Block; Mary Jermak (selected by Presidents); Leslie Wier (selected by Treasurer). She also announced the 2010 Financial Review Members: Linda Bader and Mersine Kallaos.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership:** Harriett Hirschfield and Yvonne Morrison reported that our current membership numbers is **262** with five new members since our last meeting. They celebrated the New Member Coffee, which was held on April 29. Thirty-two people attended, including 10 new, enthusiastic members!

Yvonne will provide lists of members interested in various committees from the Member Interest Survey sheets and distribute the names to committee chairs after the Spring Luncheon. The board approved a suggestion by Jan Prichard to begin a Mah Jongg Interest Group.

Out to Lunch: Harriett Hirschfield distributed the signup sheets for the months of May and June.

**Programs:** Doris Nistler and Suzanne Couch: Doris announced results of the April evaluation feedback with everyone but one giving the presentation highest marks. Program will continue using the monthly evaluations. Suzanne invited all board members to attend the Program Selection Meeting at 1 pm on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, and asked that members please RSVP.

**Bylaws:** Marsha Weppelman reported that AAUW is no longer a member of International Federation of Women (IFW). She has removed all references in our bylaws as required by National AAUW.

**Hospitality:** Judy Stagoski and Teri Miller. Teri presented a THANK YOU gift to Trinity Lutheran’s Morris Larson for his excellent help in facility set-up and use each month.

**AAUW PRIORITIES**

**Educational Opportunities Fund:** Marcia Block and Jan Horner -- Marcia reported on our Silver Anniversary Fund. Contributions have totaled more than \$59,000 since 2005. We have until 2015 to complete the \$75,000. She stated that we are # 1 for contributions to EOF for MO with a per capita gift of \$59.32.

**Dollars for Scholars:** Sandy Camillo and Jackie Fleck stated that two remaining events are scheduled for May. Two Summer Events have also been planned.

**Legal Advocacy Fund:** Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart helped us celebrate our second successful Trivia Event! Doris Nistler was acknowledged as the outstanding chair of Trivia Night. Julia reported that our profit was \$4,872.69. We also received the award as # 1 in the state for LAF with a donation of \$12,391.66 and per capita giving of \$46.59.

**IBC:** Leslie Wier announced that the two IBC 2010 meeting dates are August 24 and November 23. Leslie and Pat Shores are co-chairs of the Barbara Lackritz Service Award Committee for 2011.

#### AAUW MO

Missouri State Conference, May 1: Julie Triplett reported on new officers for State organization, and Mary and Marcia reported on the many Ballwin-Chesterfield Awards. Julie was installed as State President. Four of the five MO Named Gifts were given to our branch members: Joyce Katz, Sue Barley, Julie Triplett, and Debbie McWard.

**Five-State Conference:** Bette highlighted the event, to be held at the Crowne Plaza, Little Rock Arkansas, **June 11-12**, 2010. Registrations are due to Bette by May 26.

#### BRANCH PRIORITIES

**STEM Projects:** Sandra Murdock-- Science Fair (Attachment # 2) stated awards are being made this month. Sandra has designed a certificate to give to winners. Our senior winner attends Cor Jesu Academy; she based her project on the use of solar panels to utilize water in the Meramec River.

**Interest Groups:** Out-to-Lunch, (sign-ups circulated earlier)

**Spring Luncheon:** Update by Erlaine Eltomi--“Champion, Challenge, and Change,” Whitmore CC, May 13. Erlaine reported that 124 reservations sold. Centerpieces will be sold for \$10.

**Summer Picnic:** Update by Jo Ann Black-- Tremayne Shelter, Creve Coeur Lake, July 8. Jo Ann reported on plans for the picnic and that fans will be used this year. Eileen Lesevoy invited everyone to her air-conditioned home following the event.

**Collection of End of Year Data:** Co-President Bette Bude reminded everyone of the End-of-the Year May Reports:

- two HARD copies of Committee/Officer Report
- an electronic copy to go to Mary Jermak
- Items to be given to Treasurer Carol Thomas: Budget Request Form for 2010-2011 and all bills for reimbursement for 2009-2010.

**Preparing for the Future:** Co-President Bette discussed the New Board Member Orientation Coffee. She reminded board members to schedule transition meetings with Incoming Board member who will succeed you. She reminded us of upcoming dates: the first Board Meeting, Aug.26 and the Fall Brunch, September 2. Co-President Mary distributed sheets asking everyone to celebrate the 2009-2010 year by writing down one or two positive things we have accomplished in our Board positions this year. These were collected and read at the luncheon. Members were given a different color sheet to write down ways to improve our branch. Both lists will be sent to the Board via email.

The Board Meeting was adjourned for a delicious luncheon prepared by Mary and Bette. Mint plants were distributed to out-going Board members, symbolic of ‘wisdom and virtue’. One person at each table who has resided in St. Louis for the longest time took home the mum centerpiece.

**Jayne Kasten**