

BRANCH MEETING MIINUTES
AAUW BALLWIN- CHESTERFIELD
OCTOBER 14, 2010

After gathering, socializing, and signing up for Dollars for Scholars events, the October Branch meeting was called to order by Marcia Block who led the recitation of the AAUW Mission by the members.

LISA MAATZ: AAUW DIRECTOR OF Public Policy and Government Relations, Lisa Maatz was introduced along with Carol Rognrud and Kristie Malley, AAUW Development.

Lisa spoke briefly to the assembled members and guests. Her enthusiastic message focused on the importance of getting the Bill on pay equity for women passed without amendments at the November elections. She encouraged members to make phone calls to Senator McCaskill and even to Senators in Maine Massachusetts requesting their support.

There was a quorum.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Carol Thomas presented the September Asset Report. See Attachment 1. Total assets are \$19, 043.89.

Next Carol presented the proposed Budget for 2010-2011. Members had received this online, and the Board had received and perused it at the October Board meeting.

MOTION: On behalf of the Budget Committee and Board Carol Thomas moved to accept the proposed Budget. Members were asked to respond by an oral vote. The results were as follows: Everyone responded YEA with the exception of one NAY.

THE MOTION WAS PASSED.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Joan Lunt

- There are 242 Branch members at present. Four new members and a number of guests were welcomed.
- The New Member Coffee will be held on Wednesday, October 27, 1:30 at Barb Schillhahn's home.
- Members were reminded to pick up their name tags at each meeting. This year a data base of those attending the meeting is being kept in order to help future planning.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES: Jan Horner

- The Branch will meet two Post Doctoral Scholarship winners at the November Branch meeting. They will speak to the group briefly.
- This is the last meeting at which Panera Gift Cards can be ordered.
- A donation may be made in memory of or in tribute to a special person. A notification that a donation has been made will be sent to that person or to the family

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT WALK: Roseann Swaringim

- The Walk will take place on Monday, October 18, Faust Park, at 10:00 AM, In the event of rain, the Walk will take place at Chesterfield Mall. Lunch at Macaroni Grill will follow.
- The cost to enter is \$25. Walkers will get sponsors and/or donors.
- All money received goes to research.

STEM: Bette Bude

- The members of the STEM Committee who were present at the meeting were introduced.
- *Why So Few* research findings have been summarized. Bette has created a trifold brochure for parents and their daughters.
- Bette enumerated an impressive list of the persons and groups where copies of the booklet have been disseminated.
- All those interested in joining in this effort are welcome and encouraged to join the Committee.

DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Judy Green

Dollars for Scholars is active with nice attendance at events already scheduled. Sign-ups will be available at each Branch meeting. All money goes to scholarships.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Barb Butchart

- The Champagne Brunch and Book Discussion raised \$ 880 for LAF.
- Thanks were extended to Sandy Camillo for the use of her home and to Ruth Griffin who led a thoughtful discussion of the book, *Click*.
- An exciting LAF fund raiser will be held in the spring. Details are:
 - A. A 1:30 Matinee production of the musical "Beehive" at the Rep on April 6, 2011 followed by a discussion with the cast and the production crew after the show.
 - B. Happy Hour at CJ Muggs will end the afternoon festivities.
 - C. Cost is \$50. \$22 of the cost will be a tax deductible donation to LAF.

PUBLIC POLICY: Sandy Camillo

- Another opportunity to have our voices heard exists right within AAUW in the form of "One Member, One Vote" which is on the AAUW web page. Any member can now go on to the web page and directly express concerns, questions, suggestions, etc.
- On November 5, at 2:00 PM, the first organizational meeting for "Great Decisions" will take place at Sandy Camillo's home.
- The Forum on Title IX will take place in February. Information will be shared at the next meeting.
- Members were reminded by Teri Miller to get out and vote on November 2nd.
- Teri was invited to take part in a telephone conference on Breast Cancer Awareness with Dr. Jill Biden and Kathleen Sibelius on October 15, 2010. She will report back to us after this telecom takes place. Look for information on our website.

HOLIDAY AUCTION: Harriett Hirschfeld and Pat Shores

- The Auction is the only fundraiser we have which feeds our operating fund and our leadership development fund.
- Date for this year's Auction: December 9, 2010. Snow date, December 10th.
- Time: 9:30-1:30.

OUT TO LUNCH: Harriett Hirschfeld

The October Out to Lunch is at Farrato's in the Valley. Date: Wednesday, Oct. 20th. See the Newsletter for complete information.

NEW INTERESTS GROUP FORMING: Ann Jacques

- A new Bridge group is forming for those who are not a member of another group.
- The group will meet on the third Thursday of the month at Hearth Room at Lamp and Lantern.

Bette reminded everyone to read the Newsletter and check it for events. She made note of the new weekly calendar strip that Joyce is sending on Friday of the preceding week via email.

The business part of the meeting was adjourned, and the meeting resumed twenty minutes later.

The Program Speaker was Sister Antoinette Temporitti, a Sister of the Most Precious Blood, who is the founder of the non-profit, "Microfinancing in Africa". Sister spoke on the history of this group and how it operates to aid poor women in Africa become more independent.

Submitted by Judy Stagoski
Secretary

