

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 7, 2010**

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President, Marcia Block, called the meeting to order at 9:30 with the recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement by all in attendance.

Bette Bude noted that our Branch has suffered three losses of spouses or companions of members in recent weeks. On behalf of the Branch, she extended sympathy as well as wishes for peace and comfort.

The October hostesses, Erlaine Eltomi and Carol Derington were thanked for providing refreshments. Thanks were also extended to Doris Nistler, Harriet Hirschfeld, and Sandra Murdock who contributed treats as well.

NOVEMBER HOSTESSES: Diane Siegel, Ruth Griffin, Sub: Carol Thomas.

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:

1. DATE CHANGE: The date for the Spring Fling has been changed to March 19, 2011; the location is Norwood Hills Country Club. Information about this will be in upcoming Newsletters. Our Branch is in charge of Program, and no speaker has been secured yet. Please contact Leslie Weir or Pat Shores with suggestions or ideas.

2. RECEPTION HONORING LISA MAATZ : Sue Barley is hosting a reception for AAUW DIRECTOR OF Public Policy AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS, Lisa Maatz, at Sue's condo on Thursday, October 14, 2010, 6:00-8:00 PM. There is still room for additional members to attend. Contact Sue if you would like to join the group that evening.

Lisa and two other ladies from National will be at our Branch meeting next Thursday, October 14th. Since this is such a unique occurrence, Lisa will be invited to speak briefly at the meeting.

There were no additions or corrections to the agenda, and it is accepted.

There is a quorum present at this meeting.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. **MINUTES:** Minutes from the September Board and Branch Meetings have been read and approved. They are available on the Website or from Secretary, Judy Stagoski.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT: The 2010-2011 proposed budget was accepted by a 100% affirmative email vote (Article XII, Sec. 6, pg. 89 Bylaws). See Attachment 1.

1. **BRANCH ASSETS:** Carol Thomas, Treasurer, presented the 2010-2011 Branch Assets Report. See Attachment 2.

2. **RECOMMENDATION** from Financial Review Committee: Carol Thomas met with the Financial Review Committee for the annual report. As an outcome of that meeting, Carol presented the following motion:

MOTION:

It is moved that all special event fundraising activities such as, but not limited to, Trivia Night, go through the Branch Treasurer. The Treasurer would then issue payments as needed.

After a lengthy and in-depth discussion, it was suggested that the vote on the motion be postponed definitely, i.e. until the next Board Meeting.

Carol Thomas then proposed the following:

MOTION:

It is moved that we postpone definitely to the next Board Meeting the action on the motion that all special event fundraising activities such as, but not limited to Trivia Night, go through the Branch Treasurer. The Treasurer would then issue payments as needed.

Affirmative: 17 Negative: 1 Abstaining: 1 Motion passed.

C. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. **MEMBERSHIP:** Yvonne Morrison and Joan Lunt.

Membership number: 242 members at present

New Member Coffee is October 27th 1:00 PM, at Barb Schillhahn's home. See the October Newsletter for additional information.

2. **PROGRAMS:** Suzanne Couch and Erlaine Eltomi.

a. October speaker: Sr. Antoinette Temporiti will be the Program Speaker. Sister Toni is the founder and director of the Organization, "Microfinancing Partners in Africa", a non-profit organization which makes loans to poor entrepreneurs in Kenya.

b. Evaluation Forms: Program evaluation forms will again be distributed at Branch meetings. Members will be asked to sign their names if a question or concern is included in their comments. This will facilitate a follow up reply which seems needed.

3. **TECHNOLOGY:** Joyce Katz

Weekly update: In an effort to help minimize the numbers of emails sent to members as reminders of upcoming events, Joyce suggested that, at the end of the week, she send a "calendar line" via email which would highlight the events of the upcoming week. This would include some note as to which events still have openings for participation. This suggestion was put in the form of a motion by Joyce Katz and seconded by Carol Thomas.

MOTION:

Shall the Branch send a reminder email on Friday listing events occurring during the next week?

Affirmative: 19

Negative: 0

Motion passed.

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Jan Horner and Mary Kay Wolfe.

1. **Eleanor Roosevelt Walk:** Rosann Swaringim and Helen Fick.

Date: October 18, 2010. Place: Faust Park. Time: 10:00. Additional signups will be taken at the October Branch meeting.

2. **Memorial/Tribute form:** Introduced this year will be another way in which to donate to EOF in memory of or in tribute to a particular person. Forms will be available to which the donor's check will be attached. Notification of the donation, but not the amount, will be sent to the [recognized] person or to the person's family by the co-chairs of EF.

B. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Barb Tackitt and Judy Green.

Events: The two events held so far were successful. A list of future events was distributed and will be available at the Branch meeting. We were reminded that the Branch will benefit from 100% of all money collected from the sale of the Macy's Shopping Day Card. Enthusiastic participation is hoped for. The date for this shopping day is October 16, 2010.

C. LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Ruth Griffin and Barb Butchart.

1. **Book event:** On September 30, 2010, Ruth Griffin led an excellent discussion of the book, *Click* at this LAF “**CHAMPAGNE PUNCH, HORS D’OEUVRES and BOOK EVENT**”. Thanks were extended to Sandy Camillo for the gracious use of her home and to Barb Butchart for excellence in refreshment planning. \$880.00 was raised for LAF through this event.

2. **Spring fundraiser:** Barb Butchart reported that plans are complete for the LAF fundraiser to be held on April 6, 2011. Participants will attend a matinee production of the musical, “Beehives” at the Repertory Theater. Reservation signup will begin at the October Branch meeting, and the goal is to sell 50 tickets. Cost per person is \$50 with \$22 of that amount being tax deductible. The afternoon will conclude with a Happy Hour in the party room of CJ Muggs. Those who are Rep season ticket holders may exchange a ticket for one for this show. However, in this event, the Branch asks that a separate donation of \$22 be made to LAF.

D. PUBLIC POLICY: Sandy Camillo and Teri Miller

1. **Donation:** Sandy informed the Board of a new opportunity to contribute to AAUW Public Policy. With a contribution of \$100 or more, one receives a pin and a copy of the book, *Secrets of Powerful Women*. The donor can do this online.

2. **Voter’s Guide:** As a part of the Grant that MO Public Policy was awarded this year, a “voter’s guide” was formulated. Since AAUW is non-partisan, this guide does not steer a voter to any specific candidate but asks the voter to find out how candidates stand on issues important to equity for women and girls. The AAUW logo will appear on the heading. Sandy will investigate the possibility of obtaining a “clean” copy and sending it to members via email.

3. **Title IX forum:** The planned Title IX Forum is scheduled for February 1, 2011, 7:00 PM, at Trinity.

4. **Great Decisions discussion group:** A meeting will be held at Sandy Camillo’s home on November 5, 2010, at 2:00 PM. Please inform Sandy if you want to be a part of this group but are unable to attend this organizational meeting.

5. There will be a thirty minute (approximate) meeting of Public Policy after the October Branch meeting.

E. STEM: Bette Bude: Bette reported the following pertaining to STEM:

* A committee is in place with several members strong in the math sector. All interested people are welcome.

* The previously ordered books, *Why SO Few*, may be dropped off at a number of locations or at the October Branch Meeting. We are asked to label the box as to who is leaving the books.

- * The three prong focus of the STEM Committee for this year is
 - a. Science Fair headed by Sandra Murdock
 - b. Expanding (Your) Horizons
 - c. Disseminating the *Why So Few* books to people and places where the findings will be used and can affect change for girls.
- * Joyce Katz has made a Powerpoint presentation from the contents of the book, and it is available for use.
- * A stamp for AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield has been made and will be used to stamp the books.
- * Joyce Katz has created a Facebook page for AAUW of MO. It will be used to post news of activities and projects, awards, photos, etc.

F. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Marian Bauer. There was no report.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Bylaws meeting: October 12, 2010 at Doris Nistler's home. Time: 10:00. Anyone interested is welcome. Please let Doris know if you plan to attend.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Fall Brunch: Phyllis Oakes. In Jayne's absence, Phyllis extended thanks to everyone for their support of this major event and followed this with reading the complete Fall Brunch Report. See Attachment 3.

Holiday Auction: Pat Shores and Harriett Hirschfeld

Report: Highlights of Pat's portion of the report are as follows:

- * The Auction dates are firm.
- * Donation of auction items are coming in.
- * Anyone or any group donating an item to the Oral Auction needs to get the information to Pat Shores promptly so it can be published in November i.e. in advance of the Auction itself.

Raffle:

- * Pat highlighted the contents of the package entitled "Loop It Up In University City" to be raffled at the Auction. See Attachment 4.
- * Tickets will be sold at \$5 for one and \$20 for five tickets.
- * If one buys five tickets, that person will be entered into a separate drawing for a large winter wreath created and designed by Harriett Hirschfeld's daughter.

S Since there is such a short selling season for the raffle tickets, the following motion re. a separate, one-time mailing was presented by Pat Shores:

MOTION

I move that the Holiday Auction Committee be allowed to email and postal mail tickets for the Loop It Up In University Raffle Package to all our members next week.

**Affirmative: 19
passed**

Negative: 0

Motion

INTEREST GROUPS

Out to Lunch: Harriet Hirschfeld.

* The October Out to Lunch Is at Farrato's in the Valley.

* SAII of the information for the special December Out to Lunch will be in the Newsletter. The location is Table Three. Cost: \$25.

UNFINISHED (OLD) BUSINESS There was no unfinished business.

NEW BUSINESS There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 11:08.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be on November 4, 2010.

Submitted by Judy Stagoski, Secretary