

**BRANCH MEETING MINUTES
AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
MARCH 10, 2011**

The meeting was called to order and led by Co-President, Bette Bude, at 9:30 AM. The AAUW Mission was recited by all.

The March Hostesses led by Nancy Beckmann were acknowledge and thanked.

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

A. AAUW BIRTHDATES: This year, 2011, commemorates the First International Women's Day, the establishing of the National AAUW (1881), and the establishing of AAUWMO In 1921.

B. One Member, One Vote: The upcoming election for ten National Directors at Large is extremely important in its own right, however it is especially important to the B-C Branch as member, Sandy Camillo, is one of the candidates. Members were encouraged to consul the most recent issue of *Outlook* and find valuable information about this election as well as bios on all candidates. Voting may be done electronically from May 1st through June 17th, and each member's pin number will be needed for her to place her vote. Voting via paper ballots is an option, and ballots will be received in the mail. Everyone is urged to take advantage of this opportunity to cast her own vote.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Quorum: There is a quorum present at this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the February Branch Meeting and the March Board meeting have been read, approved, and are available from Secretary, Judy Stagoski. They are posted on the website under "Meeting Reports."

Treasurer's Report: Carol Thomas, Treasurer, reviewed the February Asset Report. The ending balance is **\$18,104.12**. Members are encouraged to make use of Schnuck's escrips. See Susan Haynes to obtain cards.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership: Yvonne Morrison reported that the current membership number is **253 members**. Three guests were present and acknowledged.

The New Members' Coffee will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 1:30. Additional information is included in the March Newsletter.

Directory: Dodie Barnes stated that member photos will be taken today at the March Branch meeting OR email photos to Joyce Katz or to Dodie Barnes. Retakes will appear only in the September Directory. The March supplement has been sent via email and should have been received by now.

Program: Erlaine Eltomi Members are encouraged to make suggestions for Program topics and Program speakers for the next year. There are two ways to accomplish this: an email version of the Program Form now available via email and a paper form available in March and April. There will be a planning meeting in mid-May to finalize the list of speakers.

Bylaws: Doris Nistler Three motions were presented to and approved by the Board at the February Board Meeting. They pertain to Quorum changes; Financial administration; Review of Bylaws and Policies. Each motion was presented, opened to discussion, and voted on orally. All passed unanimously.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund Mary Kay Wolfe

Mary Kay Wolfe thanked members for contributing to the success of the Used Book Sale. She reported that the sale earned \$574 which was added to Dollars for Scholars.

Dollars for Scholars Barb Tackitt

The current list of Dollars for Scholars events was distributed at the meeting, and all members are encouraged to participate. The Co-Chairs welcome all new ideas for future events.

Legal Advocacy Fund Barbara Butchart

1. Individual Giving: Thirty-nine members participated in Individual Giving at the February Branch meeting, and \$1,763 was realized for LAF. Participating members were thanked.

2. Beehive: Tickets for the production of "Beehive" at the Rep are still available, and all members and guests are welcome. The deadline for ticket purchase is Friday, March 18. See the Newsletter or contact Barbara for more details.

3. Amicus Brief: Ruth Griffin Ruth reported on the Class Action Suit in which 1.6 million women will be taking action against WalMart in regards to pay equity and women.

Public Policy Teri Miller

1. **The Title IX Forum** was a success although attendance was lower than hoped for. Conflicting schedules resulting from the change of date was thought to be the primary reason.

2. **Women's Lobby Day**: This event will take place on March 29th in Jefferson City. Information and registration form can be found in the Newsletter as well as registration opportunity at this Branch meeting.

3. **Pay Equity Day**: Pay Equity Day will be April 12th. Over one hundred women will have written articles pertaining to this subject, and these articles will be marketed throughout the Nation. Each member is encouraged to cast her vote.

International Relations: Marian Bauer The final presentation at the Ethical Society is scheduled for April 12th at 10:45 AM. The topic is "International Red Cross: The Political Implications".

Interbranch Council (IBC): Leslie Wier

Members may still sign up for Spring Fling Luncheon. The event on March 19th is at Norwood Country Club. Contact Leslie Wier or consult the Newsletter for additional information.

Upcoming Meetings: Julie Triplett

1. MO State Meeting: This event which, will be at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozarks, April 29 - May 1, continues to be open to registrants. All members are invited to attend.

2. AAUW National Convention: Members are invited to attend the National Convention to be held in Washington, D.C., June 18-19, 2011.

Ballwin-Chesterfield Nominating Committee: Ann Jaques

Thanks were extended to Mersine Kallaos, Chair, Yvonne Morrison, and Ann Jaques for serving as the Nominating Committee.

The Slate of Officers for 2011-12 is:

Treasurer- Leslie Wier

Co-President: Membership- Barb Shillhahn

Co-President: Programs- Susie Teicher

Co-President-Marian Bauer

Elections for these offices will be held at the April meeting.

Named Gift: Mary Jermak

The deadline for submission of names as candidates for the Named Gift Award is March 10, 2011. The Committee is to meet the following day to make final choices.

STEM: Sandra Murdock The highlights of the March STEM Program were highlighted: Expanding Your Horizons Conference, March 14th; Science Fair Awards; and Mentoring. See the Attachment for more information.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

SPRING LUNCHEON: Diane Siegel Plans are In place and moving along well. Registrations

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are being taken at this meeting, and more Information can be found in the Newsletter.

Summer Picnic: Susie Teicher and Jane Clendenen The annual Summer Picnic will be held at Creve Coeur Lake, Tremayne Shelter on July 14. Help with the picnic was requested, and sign-ups were taken before and after the meeting.

The Business Meeting ended at 10:20. After an intermission, Professor Stuart Greenbaum, PhD was introduced, and he spoke about, "Major Forces Influencing Our Economic Well-Being".

Judy Stagoski
Secretary