

**BRANCH MEETING MINUTES
AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
OCTOBER 13, 2011**

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

The January Hostesses led by Jan Pritchard were acknowledged and thanked.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Quorum: There is a quorum present at this meeting.

Minutes: The minutes from the October 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:

1. **Asset Report:** Leslie Wier, Treasurer, reviewed the September Asset Report. The ending balance is **\$15, 848.97**.

2. **MOTION: IT IS MOVED THAT THE AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BRANCH ACCEPT THE 2011-2012 BUDGET AS PRESENTED TO THE MEMBERSHIP, FIRST IN THE OCTOBER NEWSLETTER AND THEN AT THIS MEETING.**

MOVED BY: Leslie Wier

Passed by an oral vote

Membership: Joan Lunt and Barb Schillhahn

1. **Current membership: 245**

2. **New members:** One member joined at this meeting.

3. **Guests: Two**

4. **New Members Coffee** will be held on Wednesday, April 27, 2011 at 1:30.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund: Mary Kay Wolfe and Jan Horner Reports were given regarding three imminent fundraising efforts: Eleanor Roosevelt Walk, Jewelry box raffle, and Panera Co. gift cards.

Two future events, Canasta at Whitmoor Country Club in November and the used book sale in February, 2012 were described.

STEM Marcia Block encouraged members to read the Presidents' column which will appear in the November Newsletter to find details regarding a STEM project which involves the possible participation with the Girl Scouts by Branch members in a project at Normandy Middle School.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart

Thanks were extended for membership participation in the recent book event in which over \$1,000 was realized for the support of LAF activities.

\$START \$MART: Ruth Griffin

Ruth presented an overview of the recent salary negotiation workshop held at UMSL. The facilitator was from the WAGE project, a non-profit from Washington, DC.

Care Notes: Mersine Kallaos

Members were asked, when advising the Care Notes Chairs, to confirm what privacy restrictions are desired by the potential recipient of cards or notes.

Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green and Barb Tackitt

- A. 1. Dollars for Scholars is unique to the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch
- 2. Upcoming events were highlighted, and a complete list was given to each member.
- 3. This is the last month to order AAUW business cards.
- B. Susan Haynes, Financial Aid Lead, highlighted the use of Schnuck's cards for all types of purchases. The Branch has realized over \$1000 thus far from the use of these pre-registered cards.

IBC: Yvonne Morrison

IBC has as one of its goals to foster cooperation among the six Metro St. Louis Branches. The "Spring Fling" social and fundraiser is planned for March 24, 2012, at Norwood Country Club.

Public Policy: Sandy Camillo and Terri Miller

- A. A brief meeting will be held after the November Branch meeting for Great Decisions, and a brainstorming meeting is planned for October 28th. See the Newsletter for details.
- B. Julia Triplett reported on an Impact Grant that was recently awarded to AAUW-MO. Missouri is one of thirteen states to receive this Grant.

Directory: Rosemary Manley and Mary Lou Wilson

Directories are available for pickup at this meeting. Any corrections to appear in the December supplement should be submitted by November 10th. Members are encouraged to support the advertisers.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Winter Auction: Pat Shores and Harriett Hirschfeld

- A. Proceeds from this event help cover what costs are not covered by the annual dues. Specifically, they go to the operating and leadership development fund.
- B. Details about both the silent and oral auctions were given. See the Newsletter for specific details.

Interest Groups: Becky Kruse and Pam Valentine

1. "Expressions" group was highlighted at this meeting. Details pertaining the upcoming session on November 1st can be obtained from Becky Kruse or Mary Kay Wolfe.
2. The formation of a new group entitled "Better Duplicate Bridge, Learn, Practice, Play" was highlighted by Marilyn Morton. Contact her or Jane Miller for more details.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM. After a fifteen minute break, the Speaker, Kristin Metcalf-Wilson, was introduced by Erlaine Eltomi, Co Vice President for Programs. The topic of her presentation was "The Status of Women in Missouri".

Adjournment was at 11:30 AM.

Submitted by

Judy Stagoski,
Secretary