

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD  
BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
April 7, 2011**

**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.

The April hostesses, Gloria Campion, Susie Teicher and Judy Green were thanked for providing refreshments.

**PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:**

- \* Marcia called attention to a variety of upcoming dates and their associated events.
- \* Marcia noted that of the National Breaking Through Barriers Award nominees, two are from the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch: *Welston STEM Project* and *Growing STEM Girls: A Toolkit for Turning Action into Awareness*.
- \* The following are from the report of an Executive Board Meeting held in March:
  1. **Fall Brunch** Each Board member currently donates \$20 toward the Fall Brunch expenses. This does not entirely cover all expenses that are incurred. Therefore, it was recommended that the Budget Committee consider adding more funds to the Fall Brunch allocation.
  2. **Allocation of Dues**
- \* It was suggested that Treasurer, Carol Thomas, prepare a report, to be given to all members, which would show exactly where and how the annual dues are disbursed.
- \* It was noted that \$5 of the \$22 (the amount retained for use at the Branch level) are shown as a line item in the Budget as going to LAF. A recommendation was made to delete that line item.

**OPERATIONAL REPORTS:**

**Quorum:** The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

**Minutes:**

- ~ The Minutes from the March Board and Branch Meeting have been read and approved.
- ~ The Minutes are available on the Website or from Secretary, Judy Stagoski.

**Treasurer's Report:** Carol Thomas

- ~ Carol highlighted the main points of the March Budget. See Attachment
- ~ Total Branch assets are \$18,642.95.
- ~ Carol reminded everyone that the dues collection for 2011-2012 has begun. Dues can be paid at the next Branch meeting or by mail to Carol. Dues are \$81.00 and are

due by June 30th

~ Budget request forms and reimbursement forms are due at the May Board meeting.

~ **Additional Leadership Fund Disbursements:** The following motion was made by Carol Thomas and seconded by Pat Shores:

**IT IS MOVED THAT WE ADD \$480 TO THE BUDGETED LINE ITEM FOR THE LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT FUND FOR STATE REGISTRATION BRINGING THE BUDGETED AMOUNT TO \$930.**

**YES: 18**

**NO: 0**

The motion passed.

~ **LAF line item removal:** The following motion was made by Judy Stagoski:

**IT IS MOVED THAT THE \$5.00 FROM EACH MEMBER'S DUES, WHICH ARE CURRENTLY LINE-ITEMED IN THE BUDGET FOR LAF, BE DISCONTINUED AS A SPECIFIC LAF ALLOCATION BEGINNING IN THE 2011-2012 YEAR.**

**YES: 16**

**NO: 2**

The motion passed.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **1. Membership: Yvonne Morrison**

~ The current Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Membership is 254.

~ The New Member Coffee will be on April 27, 2011 at Mary Jermak's home. Time is 1:30. Board members are asked to indicate if they will be coming to the Coffee.

~ A Volunteer Interest Form will be placed on each chair at the April Branch meeting. The importance of each member responding was emphasized.

### **2. Programs: Erlaine Eltomi**

~ The April speaker is Judy Baker, Regional Director, HHS. Her program topic will be "An Overview of the Affordable Health Care Act".

~ A Programs Selection meeting will be held on May 20th at Erlaine Eltomi's home at 2:00 PM. All are encouraged to attend, and a reminder will appear in the Newsletter. If one is unable to come but has a speaker suggestion, she may use the online form.

The specific AAUW priority which is being met by the (suggested) speaker/program

should be designated. It is preferred that the member making the speaker suggestion has heard that person speak before an audience prior to suggesting her/him.

**3. Directory** Directory information will be in the May-June Newsletter.

**4. Newsletter:** Joyce Katz

~ The cost of printing for Newsletter mailings is projected to be 50% less this year than last year due to members' use of their Office Depot cards. All members are encouraged to continue use of these cards.

~ Due to the expected postage increase, it was suggested that the Newsletter (currently twelve pages) be condensed to ten pages. With this adjustment, the postage will remain at 44 cents each to mail. The following motion was made by Joyce Katz and Mary Jermak:

**THE AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD NEWSLETTER'S GOAL WILL BE TO LIMIT IT TO 10 PAGES (AAUW MO LIMITS TO 8 PAGES) BY MAKING THESE MODIFICATIONS:**

- 1. DISCONTINUE THE PUBLICATION OF FLYERS FOR NON-BRANCH EVENTS.**
- 2. ELIMINATE THE "TEAR OFF" RESPONSE FORMS.**

The motion passed unanimously.

~ New Office Depot cards were distributed.

**5. Technology:** Joyce Katz

AAUW-MO now has a Facebook site. Each member is encouraged to go to the website and click "like".

## **AAUW PRIORITIES**

**A. Legal Advocacy Fund:** Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart

**1. Book Discussion Event** LAF would like to host another "wine and book discussion" next year. To this end, the following motion was presented by Ruth Griffin:

**IT IS MOVED THAT THE BOARD GIVE ITS APPROVAL FOR THE FOURTH ANNUAL BOOK DISCUSSION TO BE HELD IN THE FALL TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND.**

The motion passed unanimously.

**2. The WalMart Case:** Ruth Griffin

It is felt that any comment about this current case will be held until the Court decision is

announced in June of this year.

**B Dollars for Scholars:** Judy Green

1. **Events:** There is one new event planned for June. The complete list will be available at the April Branch Meeting.

**C. International Relations:** Marian Bauer

McCall Carter, an attorney who has practiced at the Hague, will be the April speaker. His topic is "International Humanitarian Legislation".

**D. IBC:** Leslie Wier

**Spring Fling:** Leslie reported that Spring Fling, 2011, was well attended and considered a success. The addition of the auction baskets, one from each Branch, and a money tree yielded \$500 for the event.

**E. AAUW MO:** Julie Triplett

The Missouri State meeting, April 29 - May 1, at Tan-Tar-A will have both the National AAUW President and Public Policy head in attendance.

## **BRANCH PRIORITIES**

**A. STEM Projects:**

In Sandra Murdock's absence, Marcia reported that the day set for the Expanding Your Horizons Conference, March 14, was very snowy, and, as a result, the girls we were sponsoring from Ritenour High School were unable to attend due to cancellation of the bus. Four members worked at the conference: Marcia Block, Bette Bude, Mary Jermak, and Sandra Murdock.

**B. Annual Meeting - Election of Officers**

Mersine Kallaos will present the slate to the Branch at the April meeting. Election shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting.

**C. Fall Brunch**

In Jayne Kasten's absence, money was collected from Board members for next year's Fall Brunch.

**D. Holiday Auction:** Pat Shores and Harriett Hirschfeld

1. It was proposed to change the name of the auction to "Winter Auction" in complement to the names of the other two big events: Fall Brunch and Spring Luncheon. The Board was in agreement with this proposal.

2. The success of the Auction was again celebrated. It was agreed that the success of the added raffle contributed greatly to the total revenue made, and so the following motion to include a raffle at next year's Auction was proposed Pat Shores and Harriett

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Hirschfeld:

**IT IS MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A RAFFLE TO TAKE PLACE BEFORE AND DURING THE WINTER AUCTION.**

The motion passed unanimously.

The theme chosen for the 2012 Winter Auction is "Show Me St. Louis".

**E. Spring Luncheon:** Gloria Campion

All plans for the Luncheon are "on target", and the Committee is working on table décorations. Two Board members will be seated at each table. Cost of a ticket is \$24.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**A. End of the Year Reports and Chores:** Marcia Block

1. Each Board member should bring to the May 5 Board Meeting two HARD copies of the Committee/Officer Report. Deposit these in a basket which will be near the Presidents.
2. One electronic copy should be sent to Bette Bude.
3. Bring the 15 Strategic Questions Sheet, received at this meeting, to the May Board Meeting.

**B. Forms for the Treasurer** - to be placed in the basket by the Treasurer.

1. Budget Request Form which was received from the Treasurer at this Board Meeting .
2. All bills for which reimbursement is being requested.

**C. Reports to be emailed to Marcia Block and Marian Bauer by May12:**

1. Each position's Job Description revised and edited, if needed.
2. Each position's Biennial Goals and Strategies, revised as needed for 2011-2013.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Judy Stagoski  
Secretary