

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 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 February hostesses, Suzanne Couch and Barb Butchart, and Mary Kay Wolfe were thanked for providing refreshments.

MARCH HOSTESSES: Yvonne Morrison, Joan Lunt, and Rosemary Manley

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:

- * Marcia called everyone's attention to the list of dates which was on the front board and highlighted the event associated with the particular date.
- * Marcia thanked members for voting by email for the convention expenditures.
- * Marcia asked the Board that when writing about branch business to one co-president or chair, please be sure to send the message to the other president or chair so that all are informed.
- * There were no additions to the meeting's agenda.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

Quorum: The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

Minutes:

- ~ The Minutes from the January 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 January Budget. See Attachment 1.

Carol Thomas submitted the following **Motion:**

I move that an extra \$345 be added to the budget for the accountant. It was more this year due to the reorganization of AAUW into a 501 (3) C.

Yea: 15

Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

Committee Reports

Membership: Yvonne Morrison

The current Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Membership is 253.

The next New Member Coffee will be on April 27, 2011 at Mary Jermak's home. Time is 1:30.

Programs: Erlaine Eltomi

The Program Chairs request that Board members make referrals for future speaker possibilities. As a matter of courtesy to the Program Speaker, a parking place in the first two rows will be reserved for that person.

The February Speaker is Dr. Zelema Harris, chancellor of St. Louis Community College. She will be speaking about Title IX with an LAF focus.

Bylaws: Doris Nistler

Doris presented the following three Motions to the Board for discussion and approval:

1. Motion regarding change in quorum:

It is moved that the Bylaws of AAUW, Ballwin-Chesterfield, Missouri Branch ARTICLE XIII. MEETINGS, Section 4 shall read, "Section W. Quorum Fifteen (15) percent of the members of the Branch shall constitute a quorum."

Yea: 16

Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

2. Motion regarding branch fundraising policy:

Re. the policies of AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield, Missouri Branch, ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION, Section 7 Finances (following the existing paragraph) shall read " Funds raised by the branch shall be limited to those undertaken in support of the Ballwin-Chesterfield annual budget, AAUW Funds, and the branch local scholarship program. Funds will not be used for charitable organizations other than the AAUW.

Any branch fundraising program or project must be approved by the Board.

The Board may approve branch charitable projects that include the giving of goods and services.

Much discussion followed motion 2 re the necessity for getting Board approval for all events that raise money. An example was the LAF book discussion fundraiser in the fall. The consensus is that this new language directs the committee to bring the idea before the Board for approval before the event. In the case of the book discussion, May would be the appropriate meeting. Otherwise, a special electronic vote would be needed.

Yea: 15

Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

3. Motion requiring Bylaws' committee to obtain Board approval

ARTICLE XIV. COMMITTEES, Section 1,f. shall read:

“f. Bylaws Committee shall review the branch Bylaws and Policies and make recommendations as needed to the Board.

Yea: 16

Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

Directory

The decision regarding the inclusion of names of spouses in the Directory is deferred in Rosemary Manley's absence.

The deadline for the March supplement is this Thursday, February 10, 2011.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund

1. Named Gift Nominations: Mary Jermak stated that the immediate past President will chair this committee, and she encouraged all present to consider the members who have worked hard to advance the Mission of AAUW and to submit their names by March 10, 2011.

2. Book sale: Mary Kay Wolfe reported that the used-book sale will take place at the Branch meeting on February 10, 2010. She estimates that there are in the vicinity of 400 books for sale. The sale will be from 8:15 until 9:20 and again from 11:30 until Noon. The books will sell for: Hardback \$3; Trade \$2; and Paperback \$1. Unsold books will be donated.

Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green

1. Events: There are nine events planned. The complete list will be available at the Branch Meeting.

2. High Tea: In Barb Schillhahn's absence, Marcia reported that reservations for High Tea will be held at the February Branch meeting, and she reminded the group that this event sells out quickly. The cost per person is \$30 (raised \$5), and one additional table will be used this year. Table sign-ups will take place when the reservation is made.

Rita Hawkins will Chair the Preview Party which will take place the evening before the Tea. The cost for this event is \$15.

The theme for this year's Tea: "Have Tea With Women of History".

Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart

1. Plans for Individual Giving: Barb will have the papers at the February Branch

meeting. Members may fill out the paperwork and donate that day, but they are also free to take it home and donate at a later time.

2. Beehive: Barbara reported that she has fifty possible seats for the production of "Beehive", a Dollars for Scholars event. To date, only twenty-five have been taken.

3. Cy Press Award: Ruth reported on this Award which is given to those who work toward fighting gender discrimination. Further she noted that, as a result of the vigorous effort by AAUW, in a recent class action suit, the jury found in favor of the plaintiffs. AAUW was awarded \$23,000 for their tireless efforts.

Public Policy: Sandy Camillo and Teri Miller

1. Title IX Forum: Teri reported that the Forum is rescheduled for February 15, 2011 at Trinity. It will be held in the Parish Room and will begin at 7:00 PM.

2. Great Decisions: Sandy noted that the first meeting of this group is today, February 7, 2011.

3. Celebrating Women: Reinventing Ourselves After 50. The event will take place on Saturday, March 26, 2011, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the J. C. Penny Conference Center UMSL. Sandy Camillo and Erlaine Eltomi will attend. Besides providing an AAUW presence, it is hopeful that the day will provide contact for possible future program speakers as a wide variety of topics is advertised for the day. See Sandy Camillo for additional information.

4. Women's Lobby Day: This event will take place in Jefferson City, MO on March 29, 2011. All are encouraged to attend.

International Relations: Marian Bauer

The next speaker at the Ethical Society venue will be Dr. Larry Taylor.

The March 8th program will recognize the 100th Anniversary of International Women's Day.

IBC: Bette Bude reporting for Leslie Wier

Spring Fling: The annual Interbranch event is scheduled for March 19, 2011 at Norwood Hills Country Club and will celebrate the 130th anniversary of AAUW. Bette highlighted the events planned for the day and reported that our Branch's auction basket is themed "Woman, Hear Her Roar". Suzanne Couch will assemble this basket after the March Board meeting. Applications to attend can be found in the Newsletter. The next IBC meeting will be held on March

Start Smart: Ruth Griffin. Ruth is the Chair of this event which is a collaboration of the Wage Project and AAUW. Firm dates have been established for September 19-21, 2011. Details are being formed, and Ruth will advise us as they are decided upon.

AAUW MO: Julie Triplett

1. State Board Meeting: The State Board meeting was held on January 29, 2011 and was well attended

2. Missouri State Meeting:

This meeting is scheduled for April 30-May 1, 2011 at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. The National President will be the Keynote speaker. The Branch will pay the registration fee for members who attend, according to the Guidelines for Conventions (2008).

3. Galaxy Award: An application of approximately 250 words must be submitted by February 15, 2011 in order to be eligible for the award. It was suggested by Marcia and Bette that the Title IX Forum be entered for this. The following motion was presented by Julie Triplett and seconded by Susie Teicher:

It is moved that the Title IX Forum be submitted as the Galaxy Project for AAUW MO. In the event that it cannot be held, the Why So Few project will be submitted.

Yea: 15

Nay: 0

Motion is passed.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

STEM Projects: Sandra Murdock reported on Science Fair and mentoring. Money for EYH has not been distributed yet.

Interest Groups: Linda Tinker

1. Publicizing: Marcia thanked Linda for publicizing our Interest Groups. Linda hopes to highlight one Group (or type of Group) at each of the Branch meetings. The featured Group(s) at the next Branch meeting will be the various Bridge Groups. Linda encouraged current members to continue to be active and remain in the Interest Groups with the hope that the “familiar faces” will encourage new members to join.

2. Out to Lunch: Linda Tinker for Harriett Hirschfeld

The February Out to Lunch will be at Frazer’s, formerly known as Frazer’s Brown Bag. See the Newsletter for details.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Spring Luncheon Jane Miller for Diane Siegel

The theme for the 2011 Spring Luncheon is “Struttin’ Our Stuff”. The Luncheon date is May 12, 2011 at Whitmoor Country Club. Cost: \$24. Two Board members will sit at each table as they did at last year’s Luncheon. Tickets may be purchased beginning with the March Branch meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Emergency Contact Information

Marcia raised the concern that, in the event of a medical emergency, it might be wise to

have an emergency contact person/information for our members. After lengthy discussion, no decision was reached. The issue may be revisited at a later time.

Branch Fundraising Policy

Marcia referred to the earlier part of the meeting in which the motion was passed regarding "Branch Fundraising Policy". She then introduced the following for consideration:

Member, Pam Kuehling has suggested a Dollars for Scholars evening in conjunction with the Chesterfield Rotary Trivia Night. A component of this would be that for every AAUW member who attends, Pam will donate \$10 to Dollars for Scholars. A long and spirited discussion took place in which many varied points of view were raised. Pam's generosity was applauded; however, blending the Rotary Trivia with \$ for Scholars presents problems. How would checks be made out? What about tax deductions? How could the treasurer deal with the complications? Finally, in order to move the question, a motion was made by Jane Miller which would give Pam permission to offer the event as a \$ for Scholars event, without dealing with the money situation. The following was moved by Jane Miller and seconded by Erlaine ELtomi:

It is moved that Pam Kuehling may offer a Dollars for Scholars event for Rotary Trivia.

Yea: 4 Nay: 12 Motion failed.

Additional discussion took place. Again, the main area of concern was in how it would be possible to make out our check for \$ for Scholars, separate from a check to Rotary. Since a feasible way to do this was not offered, an alternative motion was made by Julie Triplett:

I move that Pam Kuehling be permitted to place fliers about the Rotary Trivia Night on the Community Table.

Yea: 15 Nay: 0 Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 AM

Judy Stagoski
Secretary