

**BRANCH MEETING MINUTES
AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
JANUARY 12, 2012**

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

The January Hostesses led by Coordinating hostess, Mary Martens, were acknowledged and thanked.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. Quorum: There is a quorum present at this meeting.

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

C. Treasurer's Report:

1. Asset Report: Leslie Wier, Treasurer, reviewed the December Asset Report. The ending balance is **\$26,718.05**. See Attachment.

D. Membership: Joan Lunt and Barb Schillhahn

1. Current membership: 255

Through May 15, 2012, new members may join for half-price.

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. Educational Opportunities Fund: Mary Kay Wolfe and Jan Horner Reports were given on the following subjects:

1. February Used Book Sale

2. Local scholarship women: There are six who were unable to attend the meeting. All are non-traditional students. All expressed their appreciation for the financial assistance received from AAUW-BC.

B. Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart Reports were given on the following topics:

1. Crossing the Line: Results of a new study are available.

2. Members were reminded that February is Individual Giving Month.

C. Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green and Barb Tackett

Upcoming \$ for Scholars' Events were highlighted. See Attachment for a complete list of upcoming events.

D. **Public Policy:** Teri Miller
Great Decisions begins January 16th.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

A. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Karen Francis
Member and guests are encouraged to attend the sessions at the Ethical Society. See the Newsletter for specific information.

B. HOSPITALITY: Carol LeBegue
In Carol's absence, members were informed that hostesses are needed for the February Branch meeting. Please contact Carol LeBegue or Diane Correll if interested in hostessing.

C. NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Nance Roth and Jan Horner
Thanks were expressed to the members for submitting suggestions for the upcoming slate of officers, however additional suggestions are welcomed and needed. Specifically, the positions to be filled are President, Programs, Membership, and Secretary. Contact any of the three members of the Nominating Committee: Yvonne Morrison, Nance Roth, or Jan Horner.

D. IBC / SPRING FLING: Yvonne Morrison - March 24
The cost to attend Spring Fling is \$25. See the flyers on the Branch Website. B-C is planning a fund raising activity for this event.

E. TRIVIA: Doris Nistler - March 31
The Trivia event is a fundraiser whose proceeds will benefit LAF. \$10.00 of the ticket is tax deductible.

F. STATE MEETING: Julie Triplett - May 5
This event will take place at the Columbia (MO) Marriott. A speaker from Nationa and an LAF Plaintiff will highlight the presentations.

On May 4th, a meeting focused on "Get out the vote" will take place at the Marriott. Missouri was one of thirteen states to receive Grant money to be used toward participation in this meeting.

G. WINTER AUCTION: Pat Shores
The Winter Auction profit for the Branch Operating and Leadership Development Funds is \$9,691.90. See Attachment for a detailed report.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM. After a break, the meeting was reconvened.

Speaker: Dorothy Witherspoon

Topic: "The Women's Bureau: Ninety Years and Still Working"

Adjournment was at 11:30 AM.

Submitted by

Judy Stagoski
Secretary