

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President, Bette Bude, called the meeting to order at 9:30 with the recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement by all in attendance.

The March hostesses, Rosemary Manley, Joan Lunt, and Yvonne Morrison were thanked for providing refreshments.

APRIL HOSTESSES: Gloria Campion, Susie Teicher, Judy Green (Sub.)

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:

1. Bette called attention to invitations sent from Local Branches and the community:
 - A. Creve Coeur: Title IX program on March 7th, 7:00 PM at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church on Mason Road.
 - B. Ferguson-Florissant: "A Powerful Noise" on April 18th, 7:00 PM at Ferguson-Florissant Public Library on Florissant Road.
 - C. SCOPE: Community Science and Technology activities on March 5th, 2 - 4:00 PM at Creve Coeur Government Center.
2. Bette stated that we will be receiving paper ballots which will be sent from AAUW National. Members should be sure to keep this ballot as each one's personal pin number will be found on it. The pin is needed to vote electronically. It was suggested that the pin number be written in the Directory by the membership number. See Attachment 1.
3. Additional points of interest from President's Announcements may be found in Attachment 2.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

Quorum: The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

Minutes:

- ~ The Minutes from the February Board and Branch Meetings 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 February Budget. See Attachment 3.
- ~ Total Branch assets are \$18,104.12.
- ~ 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.

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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

Dr. Stuart Greenbaum, PhD, will be the March Program speaker. His topic is ""Major Forces Influencing our Economic Well-Being".

A Program Survey Form, i.e. programming suggestions for 2011-2012, will be distributed at the Branch meeting next week, March 10th, and will also be available electronically. See Attachment 4. There will be a Program Planning meeting at Erlaine Eltomi's home in May.

Bylaws: Doris Nistler will present three bylaws changes for a vote at the Branch Meeting.

Directory: Rosemary Manley

It was noted that two members voiced their objections to having spouses' names included in the Directory listings. Much discussion, representing both sides of the issue, ensued. The following was moved by Committee and presented by Rosemary Manley:

It is moved that we leave spouses' names off the members' individual information in future AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch directories.

YEA: 10

Nay: 7

Motion has carried

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

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund

Book sale: The success of the Used Book Sale was celebrated. \$574 was realized from the Sale.

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Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green

1. **Events:** There are five events planned. The complete list will be available at the Branch Meeting. It was noted that attendance/participation in Dollars' events has been less than hoped for in January and February. Factors that contributed to this fact seem to be:

- ~ Many Dollars events are scheduled for Fridays.
- ~ Most are scheduled for morning with lunch following, and it was suggested to have more afternoon offerings with optional Happy Hour following.
- ~ Members have traveled to warmer climates during these winter months.
- ~ Weather often interferes during the winter months.

2. **High Tea**

The Preview Party is 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". The time is 6:30-8:00 on April 14 for the Preview. It was suggested to encourage more members to attend the Pre-Tea.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart

1. **Individual Giving:** Individual Giving was a definite success and netted \$1,763. Barbara noted that attendance at the February Branch meeting was low, however nearly 50% of those attending did make a contribution. She offered the thought that February may not be a good month for Individual Giving because of the typical low meeting attendance and suggested that we consider having it another month instead. Year to date total contributions are \$2,498. Future fundraising opportunities will be discussed at the summer LAF meeting.

2. **Beehive:** Barbara reported that she has fifty possible seats for the production of "Beehive", a Dollars for Scholars event. To date, only twenty-six have been taken. The final date to sign up has been extended to March 15th.

Public Policy: Sandy Camillo and Teri Miller

1. **Title IX Forum:** Sandy reported that the Forum was a great success. Three of the guest speakers who are in secondary education took with them information to create Title IX programs at their schools.

2. **Great Decisions:** Teri noted that twenty-one members are registered for this program, with about half attending on Mondays and half on Thursdays. There have been lively and enthusiastic discussions on contemporary issues.

International Relations: Marian Bauer

The next speaker at the Ethical Society is Farida Jalazi, PhD., Assistant Professor of political Science, UMSL. Her topic will be, "Women Presidents and Prime Ministers: A Global Perspective". Date: March 8th. Time: 10:45 AM.

IBC: Leslie Wier

Spring Fling: Leslie presented an overview of the Spring Fling Luncheon as well as highlights of the recent IBC meeting which she attended. See Attachment 6 for extended details. We have 25 members registered to attend.

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 20-21, 2011. A \$tart \$mart morning workshop of three hours will be conducted. Each Branch will be responsible for providing a certain number of facilitators, and Ruth will provide information via email or through the Newsletter. Ruth will be attending the next planning meeting scheduled on March 11th.

AAUW MO: Julie Triplett

Missouri State Meeting:

This meeting is scheduled for April 29-May 1, 2011 at Tan-Tar-A, Lake of the Ozarks, MO. The National President will be the Keynote speaker. The Branch will pay part of the registration fee for members who attend. To date, fifteen members from Ballwin-Chesterfield have signed up to attend. The goal is to have ninety people attending the Meeting to commemorate the 90th birthday of AAUW-Missouri.

AAUW National Convention:

To date, 10 members have indicated that they will attend this Convention in Washington, C.C., June 16-19.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Ballwin-Chesterfield Nominating Committee: Yvonne Morrison

The Slate of Officers for 2011-2012 is as follows:

Co-President: Marian Bauer

Vice-President, Membership: Barb Schillhahn

Vice-President, Programs: Susie Teicher

Treasurer: Leslie Wier

The Slate will be announced at the March Branch meeting and will be published in the Newsletter. Voting will be held at the April Branch meeting.

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

Named Gift Nominations: Mary Jermak

Mary highlighted that nominees for this award should be considered for their significant contributions of time, treasure, and talent. The amount of each Branch's donations to National determines the number of nominees a Branch may have for this Award. Ballwin-Chesterfield selects only about ten recipients to emphasize the importance of the Award. Members are encouraged to submit names of worthy members promptly as the meeting for this Committee will be on Friday, March 11th.

Planning for 2010-2011: Bette Bude Attachment 7

A hard copy of "2010-2011 BOARD YEAR IN REVIEW" was distributed. Along with thanking and commending the present Board for excellent service, Bette emphasized the importance of filling open Board positions with willing and enthusiastic people. This can be facilitated through the information obtained by members completing the YEAR IN REVIEW and submitting it, whether or not they are at the end of their term.

STEM Projects: Sandra Murdock spoke about the Expanding Your Horizons Conference taking place on March 14th at Forest Park Community College. Ballwin-Chesterfield will provide scholarships for sixteen students from Ritenour High School to attend the EYH program.

See Attachment 7 for information regarding the HONORS Science Fair and Mentoring.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

A. Holiday Auction final report: Harriett Hirschfeld

The Holiday Auction was a great success. Harriett noted that the revenue from ticket sales covered all expenses. The raffle, which was included this year, netted \$1,800. Overall net profits were \$12,892.

The Committee intends to use the same caterer and have a raffle for the 2012 Auction.

B. Spring Luncheon: Gloria Campion

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

C. Summer Picnic: Susie Teicher

The Tremayne Shelter at Creve Coeur Lake has been secured for July 14th. Plans are in order, however no Committee is in place. Susie will report at the Branch meeting and ask for volunteers to serve on the Committee.

Interest Groups: Linda Tinker

In Linda's absence, due to illness, Bette reported that Julia Triplett will speak at the March Branch Meeting in Linda's place and will focus on the Play Readers group.

2. Out to Lunch: Harriett Hirschfeld

The March Out to Lunch will be at Luciano's on March 16th. See the Newsletter for details.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS

Treasurer Carol Thomas spoke about our healthy budget situation. She noted that last year the Leadership Fund was not given extra funds with which to work due to the fact that the overall budget was much tighter. This year's Holiday Auction was such a financial success that Carol presented two motions dealing with transfer and/or contribution of funds. The Motions were:

Motion

It is moved that \$2000 be transferred from the Operating Fund into the Leadership Fund.

Yea: 17 Nay: 0 The Motion is passed.

It is moved that the Branch contribute \$63 per person toward registration for the MO State Meeting to be held April 29 - May 1 at Tan-Tar-A.

Yea: 17 Nay: 0 The Motion is passed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:35.

Judy Stagoski
Secretary