

## **BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD AAUW MINUTES OF THE MARCH 4, 2010 BOARD MEETING**

Co-President Mary Jermak called the meeting to order at 9:30 with the AAUW Mission Statement. She reminded everyone to silence cell phones. She thanked March hostesses: Marcia Block and Rosemary Manley. A reminder was given to our April hostesses, Barb Butchart, Teri Miller, sub Jo Ann Black.

Mary asked if there were additions to the agenda; there were none.

### **OPERATIONAL REPORTS**

Mary Jermak reported on the following items for Board information:

\_ AAUW emphasizes participation in Half the Sky event, March 4, 2010

- March 4, National Women's Day
- March 31, Missouri Bar Association event at St. Louis University
- Re-introduction of ERA (from Marilyn Morton)
- When Everything Changed by Gail Collins
- History Day, young women winners (judges, Jayne Kasten and Debbie McWard)
- Yvonne Morrison appointed to the AAUW National Fund Raising Committee.
- Mary McFarland to receive the SLU Educational Department's Alumni of 2010 Award on March 19.

Minutes -- Co-President Mary announced that Minutes from February Board and Branch Meetings have been read, approved, and are available from Secretary, Jayne Kasten, and on branch website.

Treasurer's Report -- Carol Thomas reported that **Branch Assets as of March 1, 2010, are \$14,410.04.** (Attachment# 1)

She reported that 2010-2011 dues collection will begin (\$81) at the March meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Membership: Yvonne Morrison reported that we have **254 members** with two women planning to join in March. She encouraged Board members to attend the New Member Coffee which will be held on April 29, 2010, at Linda Tinker's home at 1:30 pm. Board members were asked to sign-up.

Program: Doris Nistler reported on the February program evaluation results. She stated that the March Program, "What's New 4 U at AAUW? How Modern Communication Brings Members Together Nationwide," will be presented by our own Joyce Katz, Ballwin-Chesterfield Technology Chair. Our April Program will be "Human Rights – A Report Card after 60 Years," Melissa Waters, Professor of Law, WU.

### **AAUW PRIORITIES**

Educational Opportunities Fund: Marcia Block called for nominations of qualified members for 2010 Named Gift Honoree award. The Named Gift Honoree Selection Committee (Marcia Block, Jan Horner, Jackie Fleck, Pat Shores, and Linda Stark) will meet after the nomination deadline (March 11, 2010).

Marcia reported for EOF that we donated \$15,779 to the Association in 2009. This primarily includes donations to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and the Silver Anniversary Fund, but not LAF. 2007 was the best year for donation, and that **we contributed more than \$22,000 to EO in 2009.**

Dollars for Scholars: Jackie Fleck presented a listing of Upcoming Dollars for Scholars Events (Attachment # 2).

Legal Advocacy Fund: Barbara Butchart reported that the Individual Giving was very successful

last month with a higher number of member participation; **\$1,780.00 was donated to LAF from 47 members.** Doris Nistler reported on the LAF fund-raising even, the second annual Trivia Night, April 29th, 7PM. She encouraged Board members to seek Round Sponsors at \$100, to solicit donations for the silent auction and attendance prizes, and to buy a table for a group of 8. (Attachment # 3).

Public Policy: Jane Miller reported that the "Half the Sky" movie event is tonight beginning at 7:30. Jane stated that there is a question about the return of money to the four sponsoring organizations in the St. John's Mercy Hospital / OWL Event, Saturday, May 8, 2010. Jayne Kasten amended the motion from February Board meeting regarding this event:

Ballwin-Chesterfield AAUW will participate with OWL in this event and "whatever funds are returned to us" will be given to Dollars for Scholars. Seconded by Sandy Camillo and passed unanimously.

Jane reported that information on Lobby Day is in our March newsletter.

International Relations: Bette Bude reported for Marian Bauer that the March 9 Seminar is "Microfinancing Partners in Africa", speaker Sr. Antoinette Temporiti. The program begins at 10:45 AM at the Ethical Society. Board members are encouraged to attend.

IBC: Leslie Wier reminded everyone that the **deadline for reservations for the March 20 Spring Fling Luncheon is March 11.** It will be held at Greenbriar Country Club. Pat Shores is Branch nominee for IBC the Barbara Lackritz Service award.

AAUW MO Upcoming Meetings: Julie Triplett reported on the **May 1, MO State Meeting** to be held in Jefferson City. The Five State Conference will be in Little Rock, AK, June 11-12. Mary encouraged Board members to sign-up so that Delegates for AAUW MO Convention can be approved at the April Annual Meeting. (Quorum of 64 needed.)

MO AAUW History Book Update: Bette Bude listed assignments for Board members to help prepare our Branch history update from 1997 - 2010.

### **BRANCH PRIORITIES**

Ballwin-Chesterfield Nominating Committee, Mersine Kallaos presented the following Slate of Officers, 2010-2012:

Marcia Block, Co-President

Erlaine Eltomi, Co-Vice President for Programs

Joan Lunt, Co-Vice President for Membership

Judy Stagoski, Secretary

Mary led Board members in thanking Joyce Katz, Rosann Swaringim, and Mersine Kallaos for serving as the Nominating Committee. The Slate will be announced to Branch members at the March Branch meeting and published in the Newsletter.

Mary and Bette reported that planning for 2010-2011 has begun and reminded Board members to complete the Officer/Committee Chair Survey 2010-2012. (Attachment # 5)

Mary related the process the Co-Presidents followed to research the designation of additional Appointed Officers. Following consultations with current and past Bylaws chairs, an Executive Committee meeting, and conversations with current committee chairpersons, the following will be added as Appointed Officers (effective July 1, 2010): **Spring Luncheon, Fall Branch, Holiday Auction, and Directory.** The resultant increase from 16 to 20 voting positions will be reflective of our Branch's growth.

Wellston STEM: Julie Triplett reported that the program is going very well. Twenty-four mentors are doing a great job and have met with students for the fourth session. One session is left before the celebration. Julie encouraged Board members to **attend the Science Celebration at Curtis Bishop Middle School on March 24.**

STEM: Sandra Murdock reported that Ballwin-Chesterfield is sponsoring 14 girls at the Expanding Your Horizons Conference: March 8, 2010. The St. Louis Science Fair Awards will be presented on May 5, 2010.

Publicity: Pat Shores has been submitting articles for Branch meetings and events.

### **SPECIAL MEETINGS**

Spring Luncheon: Erlaine Eltomi reported that plans are going well for the event at **Whitmoor Country Club, May 13, 11:15 AM.** Board members will sit at all tables and were invited to sign up for a table following this meeting. Reservations at \$24 will be taken at the March Branch and April meetings. Erlaine asked members to bring a good quality paperback trade book to be used as part of our centerpiece decorations for the luncheon as part of the "Champion, Challenge, and Change" theme.

Summer Picnic: Eileen Lesevoy stated that everything is on target for the July 8th picnic to be held in Tremayne Shelter at Creve Coeur Lake. There will be a planning meeting following the March Branch meeting.

BRANCH INTEREST GROUPS: Out to Lunch sign-up was passed around for the March event at Vin d'set restaurant.

Jayne Kasten invited board members to lunch at Mimi's. 15% of the profit will return to us to support Branch projects.

NEW BUSINESS: Leslie Wier requested the AAUW logo in WORD for the Spring Fling program. Sandy Camillo mentioned the "Great Decisions" series as a potential Interest Group.

OLD BUSINESS: None

The March Board meeting was adjourned at 11:27 am.

Jayne A. Kasten, Secretary