

MINUTES OF May 5, 2011

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD BOARD MEETING

Board members were asked to turn in *End of Year Data* prior to the Board meeting:

- 2 PRINTED copies of Committee/Officer Report
- 1 electronic copy to Co-President
- **Budget Request Form**
- **All Bills**

THE MEETING was called to order at 9:30 A.M. with recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement.

Hospitality Co-Chairs Carol LeBegue and Diane Correll presented a Whole Foods Gift Card SPECIAL THANK YOU to Morris Larson on behalf of our branch. Bags of Pecans sold by K-WG Branch were given to Roger and Stan who help with the set-up for meetings.

President's Information:

Corrections to be made to the agenda were completed.

Bette reported on voting on-line and encouraged everyone to view other items on the Association website. She recited the list of committees for which we might be eligible.

Out-to-Lunch: Harriett Hirschfeld passed sign-up boards for both May (Seasons) and June (Josephine's).

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

Doris Nistler confirmed that a quorum was present.

Minutes from the April Board and Branch Meetings have been read, approved, and are available on Branch Website or from Secretary, Judy Stagoski.

Treasurer's Report:

Carol Thomas reported that Branch Assets total **\$11,695.60.**

She reminded members that **2011- 2012 dues** of \$81.00 are due by June 15, 2011.

Bette reported that the **2011-2012 Budget Committee** Members are: Treasurer Leslie Wier, Chair; Co-Presidents, Marcia Block and Marian Bauer; Carol Thomas, (selected by Presidents), Bette Bude, (selected by Treasurer)

The **Financial Review** members are: Linda Bader and Mersine Kallaos, Barb Tackitt as substitute

Committee Reports:

Membership: Yvonne Morrison and Joan Lunt reported that the current membership number is 258 and that the New Member Coffee held at Mary Jermak's on April 27 was a

great success. Officers gave excellent, concise reports; Seven new members attended. Membership surveys will be distributed at the Spring Luncheon to those who haven't completed them. We applauded that membership retention for 2010 was 98%.

Program: Suzanne Couch and Erlaine Eltomi reported on successful programs we had this year. The April program evaluation feedback was positive. Everyone was invited to send program ideas for next year and to participate in programs by attending **the Program Selection Meeting**, which will be held at 2 pm on May 20 at Erlaine's home. RSVP to Erlaine by May 15 if able to attend.

Suzanne requested input on acquiring a wireless microphone; following discussion, the decision was tabled until Budget Committee meeting. Doris expressed gratitude to Program Co-Chairs, Elaine and Suzanne.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational Opportunities Fund: Jan Horner and Mary Kay Wolfe thanked Barbara Tackitt and Judy Green for the impressive **\$9,125** Dollars for Scholars receipts this year. Mary Kay explained EOF's desire to maintain robust support and encouragement for our current scholarship recipients while promoting STEM at the Community Colleges. She explained that Eleanor Roosevelt is a separate fund which we will continue to support with our Eleanor Roosevelt Walk in October of 2011.

Following the EOF committee's input, Mary Kay presented the following motion for Board approval:

Motion # 1: Distribution of 2010-2011 Dollars Funds:

The EOF Committee moves that for the 2011-2012 year, \$4,000 be sent to AAUW-EOF for the Ballwin-Chesterfield Silver Anniversary Fund (#4286), and \$5,000 be spent on local scholarships (\$1,000 to Maryville, \$2,000 to UMSL, \$1,000 to Pierre Laclède, and \$1,000 to St. Louis Community Colleges).

During discussion on the motion, the fact that Maryville is not a C/U member was brought up. Questions arose about giving our local scholarships to students at institutions that do not support AAUW with a C/U membership. Presently, Maryville is the only such institution. Maryville has been approached but the scholarships have never been tied to joining AAUW. Jan Horner said that by deciding the distribution in May, we now have time to follow up with Maryville for the 2012-2013 year. (Our Maryville student is a continuing scholarship student.) Jan will report back in the fall re Maryville's response. The motion on the floor was then called for a vote. The vote was 16 in favor of the motion and 1 abstention. The motion passed.

Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green and Barbara Tackitt offered a vote of thanks to sponsors and attendees. Marcia reported that 150 members have attended at least one event; 28 have attended five events; 7 have attended 10; and Bette is the winner, attending 18. Out of 258 members, **42 members** have sponsored an event.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart reported on the Book and Wine and Cheese event to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 3 – 5 pm at the beautiful historic home of Patty and Kevin Shores in the Central West End. Barbara reported on the new LAF brochure entitled “It’s a Matter of Justice”. There was a discussion of ordering brochures for board members/all branch members.

Public Policy: Teri Miller and Sandy Camillo reported on meeting Association advocate Sam Lehman at the State Conference who presented information about pay gap legislation. Sandy showed the new Public Policy Pin which is awarded with a \$100 contribution. {Teri did not discuss the Pay Equity Conference Call due to frustration with the process.}

AAUW MO Missouri State Conference, April 29 - May 1, Julie Triplett reported that it was a very successful conference. Marcia Block won the auction for our Bling Jewelry basket at convention, and she asked for approval to raffle the basket as a local fundraiser. Doris said it was her decision, that she could offer it as she saw fit. The Board gave verbal approval for raffling the basket again. During the discussion, Carol Thomas reminded the board that the \$150 from the convention raffle needed a place to go in the budget. Bette reviewed Diane Ludwig's guidelines that stated how the raffle funds could be used: *Proceeds of all items sold or raffled must support an AAUW Funds area, be for branch operating expenses or be donated to AAUW-MO operating fund.* A motion was made for the money to go into the Dollars for Scholars fund. There were 6 *yes* votes and 10 *no* votes; the motion failed. A second motion was made for the money to go into the branch leadership fund. The vote passed unanimously.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Spring Luncheon, Whitmoor CC, May 12: Jane Miller reported that 112 are registered which is 47% of our membership. She also discussed the problem when members pay with cash. It was discussed and stressed that we only accept checks.

Summer Picnic, July 14, Tremayne Shelter, Creve Coeur Lake, Susan Teicher and Jane Clendenin stated that plans are in process for this event and asked everyone to pass the word. Susan asked for the AAUW sign and Balloons. Carol LeBegue reported that Hospitality had used balloons last year.

Celebrate the 2010-2011 Year: Bette and Marcia distributed postcards for members to write positive results from this year and how to use opportunities as we prepare for the future. Bette asked everyone to share information from the 15 strategic questions.

Newly Appointed Officers were announced by Marcia and Bette:

The new Board members are: Fran Reiland, Fall Brunch; Karen Francis, International

Relations; Marilyn Fletcher, Summer Picnic.

Following the Association “One Member, One Vote model,” all Board members (with the exception of Interest Group Guru and Dollars Financial Assistant who prefer to remain appointed chairs) will be voting members.

Bette reminded everyone to mark their Calendar for the September 1, 2011, Board Meeting and the Fall Brunch on September 8, 2011.

Joyce Katz asked for a complete list of officers to be sent by the June 9, 2011, deadline.

The meeting adjourned for the APPRECIATION LUNCHEON hosted by Co-Presidents Bette and Marcia.