

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 3, 2011**

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President, Marcia Block, called the meeting to order at 9:30 with the recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement.

A. **HOSTESSES:** Carol Derington and Pat Shores were thanked for providing refreshments.

B. February **HOSTESSES:** Joan Lunt, Barb Schillhahn, and Judy Stagoski.

C. PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:

The Board's attention was called to a list of upcoming events.

D. **Quorum:** The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

Minutes:

A. The Minutes from the October Board and Branch Meeting have been read and approved.

B. The Minutes are available on the Website or from Secretary, Judy Stagoski.

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Wier

A. The highlights of the October budget were presented, and the success of passage of the 2011-2012 Budget was celebrated. See Attachment

B. **Total Branch assets** are \$16, 411.15.

C. IRS Form 990: The Treasurer is working on this tax form and expects to file it in the next week (November 6th).

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. MEMBERSHIP: Joan Lunt and Barb Schillhahn

A. The current Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Membership is 245.

B. The success of the New Member Coffee, October 26th, was celebrated. Seven guests attended, and special thanks were given to hostess Sandy Camillo and to the Board members who attended.

C. The table centerpiece for the November Branch Meeting has been donated by Becky Ragan and will be given as a door prize at the meeting.

2. PROGRAM: Erlaine Eltomi and Susie Teicher

A. November Program: "An Inside Look at a Non-traditional President"

B. January Program: "The Women's Bureau: Ninety Years and Still Working".

C. Seating during the speaker's presentation: The Program Co-Chairs made the following suggestions which were agreed upon by the Board through an informal vote:

1. At the call to resume the second part of the Branch meeting after the break, all members who are staffing the \$\$ for Scholars tables will collect any money, sign-up sheets, etc. and take a seat in the last rows of the audience. These rows will have been reserved and designated as such with some sign. At the end of the program, they may return to their places and resume further sign-ups. This excludes the ladies at the Membership table; they will remain there during the presentation.

2. During the Q and A, anyone asking a question will stand.

3. The speaker will repeat the question before answering it.

3. TECHNOLOGY: Joyce Katz

It was noted that since the Newsletter has been limited to ten pages, registration forms, flyers, etc. no longer appear in it. Joyce called attention to the fact that these may be found on the B-C website. She highlighted examples of items that can be downloaded that would be useful or simply of interest to the Branch.

4. NEWSLETTER: Mary Jermak and Bette Bude

Mary Jermak requested that, whenever a member writes an article for inclusion in the Newsletter, she copies the exact web address/link and includes it in the article. With this, the reader can access (refer to) the information on the web about which the article was written.

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Jan Horner and Mary Kay Wolfe

1. Individual Giving

a. Tanya Roth

Ms. Roth spoke to the membership last year. She is now teaching at MICDS, and will return to present an update at the November Branch meeting.

b. Collection

c. Silver Anniversary Grant, Status Report

A total of \$73,759.30 has been collected to this date. On the form that will be completed with donations at the next Branch meeting, members will see a third choice regarding where their donation should be directed. This choice will say "either, based on need".

2. ER Walk Results

\$2,865 was collected, and Roseann Swaringim collected the most money. Twenty-eight

walkers participated. \$161 was realized from the raffle of the jewelry box and jewelry which was held at the October branch meeting.

3. Memorial & Tribute Form

The form will now include both LAF and EOF as choices for a Memorial and Tribute Fund donation.

4. Local Scholars

Jan Horner reported that the funds have been paid for our six local scholars: four are in a Bachelor's Degree program, and two are students at Community College.

5. Canasta Fundraiser, November 30th

Currently, there are 55 people signed up to participate in the Canasta Fundraiser.

6. Used Book Sale

After discussion, it was agreed that the book sale may be conducted before the February Branch meeting, during the break between the business and program portions, and again after the conclusion of the meeting. Since February is designated as LAF Donation Month, LAF will be high on the meeting agenda.

B. LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND Doris Nistler

Trivia

Trivia will take place at Trinity Lutheran on Saturday, March 31st in the evening. All are encouraged to bring friends and family as this is one fundraiser when we "go out of membership" and include those non-members to participate in a fundraising event.

C. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Barb Tackitt and Judy Green

It is important to remember that seeking new venues and ideas for \$\$ for Scholars events should be an ongoing activity for members. A list of upcoming events will be distributed at the November Branch meeting.

D. PUBLIC POLICY: Sandy Camillo and Teri Miller

Eighteen people attended the brainstorming session at the home of Sandy Camillo. This included people from outside the St. Louis area. The meeting was judged to be extremely productive.

Three major ideas which came out of the meeting are:

1. A trip, by train, on April 17, 2012, to Jefferson City to participate in the rally for Equal Pay Day.
2. A training day for branch members, the purpose of which would be to show them "how" to become advocates for AAUW.
3. Formulation of a Branch Program Sharing.

Regarding "Great Decisions": interested members should meet after the next Branch meeting and have their checkbooks with them.

E. STEM: Sandra Murdock

The B-C Branch is sponsoring the Normandy Girls' science club in conjunction with the efforts of the Girl Scouts of America. See the enclosure for additional information.

F. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Marian Bauer for Karen Francis

The 2012 Lecture Series in conjunction with the Tuesday Women's Association will again be held on the second Tuesday of the month from January through April. See the Attachment for complete details.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Ballwin-Chesterfield Nominating Committee MOTION

**IT IS MOVED THAT THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR THE COMING YEAR BE:
YVONNE MORRISON, NANCE ROTH, AND JAN HORNER.**

YES: 20

NO:0

MOTION IS PASSED

SPECIAL MEETINGS

Winter Auction: Pat Shores and Harriett Hirschfeld

A. Plans for the Winter Auction were reviewed, and, to date, \$480 has been sold in ticket sales. There are still opportunities for members to volunteer to help. Contact the Co-Chairs to volunteer.

B. \$380 was collected at the October Branch meeting from raffle-chance sales. Board members are challenged to purchase or sell two sets of chances at \$20 per set.

INTEREST GROUPS

Out to Lunch: Harriett Hirschfeld

The November OTL will be at Ranoush Restaurant in Kirkwood.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:05.

**Judy Stagoski
Secretary**