

BOARD MEETING MINUTES NOVEMBER 4, 2010

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 November hostesses, Diane Siegel and Ruth Griffin, were thanked for providing refreshments. Thanks to Carol Thomas who provided the table decorations.

FEBRUARY HOSTESSES: Suzanne Couch, Barb Butchart; sub, Mary Kay Wolfe.

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:

- Bette made five announcements pertaining to future NATIONAL AAUW activities and three pertaining to STATE AND LOCAL. See Attachment 1.
- Regarding "group" emails sent to the Board: if replying, reply only to the sender.

There is a quorum at this meeting.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Minutes: The minutes from the October Board and Branch Meetings have been read and approved. They are available on the Website or from Secretary, Judy Stagoski.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Thomas reported the total Branch assets at \$15,838.33. See Attachment 2 for the complete report.

Thanks were extended to Carol for the excellent job that she did preparing the 2010-2011 Budget, and the passage of the Budget was celebrated.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Membership: Yvonne Morrison and Joan Lunt

A. The Branch currently has 246 members.

B. The New Member Coffee held on October 27th was most successful with a total attendance of thirty-one including five new members. The theme was "Breaking Through Barriers."

B. Program: Suzanne Couch and Erlaine Eltomi

A. The speaker's stipend given to Sister Toni Temporitti in October was used toward the purchase a cow for a family in Africa.

B. Dr. Rebecca Rogers will speak at the November Branch Meeting on the topic, "Socially Just Learning Communities".

C. The January Program theme is "Prepare, Prevent, Respond-Your Red Cross in Action".

D. Of the thirty-seven audience responses to the October Program (all were very positive about the speaker), there were nine concerns about the physical set-up, ex. not being able to hear and difficulty seeing the projected screen image because the room was too light. Discussion followed and various suggestions were made to remedy the situation. It was decided that Suzanne and Erlaine will speak with Morris.

C. Technology Joyce Katz

Joyce reported that there were 178 visits to the new AAUWMO Facebook page during the past week. She encouraged visiting the AAUWMO Facebook page and noted that a tally of visits is kept. All Branches are being encouraged to send Joyce pictures and articles of their activities. In this way, Branch activities can be publicized, statewide.

The following Motion was put forward by Joyce Katz and seconded by Pat Shores:

MOTION

It is moved that the banner title header for the Branch Newsletter shall contain the full title of the Organization: American Association of University Women. The acronym AAUW shall continue to appear as part of the official logo.

Affirmative: 19 Negative: 0

MOTION PASSED

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. Educational Opportunities Fund: Jan Horner and Mary Kay Wolfe

1. Eleanor Roosevelt Walk: The event was a big success, and \$2795 was raised. Pat Shores was the most "productive" donor collector.

2. Individual Giving Campaign: November is traditionally the month for Individual Giving. At this year's November Branch meeting, two Fellows at Washington University, Rebecca Deroo and Tanya Roth, will speak briefly at the meeting. The Individual Giving Collection will be conducted immediately after they speak.

3. Used Book Sale: The sale is scheduled for February, 2011, and Board members may now contribute books for the sale at any time. This being the first sale of this kind, book donations will not be solicited from the entire membership. All proceeds will go to the Scholarship Fund.

4. Legacy Circle Information: Legacy Circle refers to AAUW members or families who have chosen to include AAUW in their wills and annuities. There is a wealth of

information online regarding specifics in donating and how the money is used. A very brief article will appear in an upcoming Branch Newsletter. Folders containing information will be made available as well.

B. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Barb Tackitt and Judy Green

1. Events: The current list of upcoming Dollars' events was distributed.

2. Gym Diagram: It was suggested that the placement of the sign-ups for Dollars for Scholars events will correspond with the printed list of events. If one person is responsible for more than one event, she would ask another member to cover the second place. A diagram showing placement of tables was presented and will serve as the guide for Dollars' table placements at Branch meetings. See Attachment #3

C. LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Ruth Griffin and Barb Butchart

1. Title IX: Ruth reported the good news that, on October 17th, a settlement was reached in the September class action suit that had been declared in regards to equity in sports for women at Delaware State University. It was decided that long term gender equity for women will be enforced at the University. Ruth noted that Women's Law Project provided the attorneys, and \$1100 was contributed for an expert witness by LAF.

2. LAF Giving: Barb reported on LAF giving totals to date. The Branch contributed \$1200 last month which brings the total to just over \$13,000 thus far in C.Y. 2010. December 31st is the final date for a donation to be included in the year's total. NB. January 1 to December 31 is the "Giving Year" for LAF and EF.

D. PUBLIC POLICY: Sandy Camillo and Teri Miller

Forum and Phone Conference: Teri reported On The Forum which will be held at Trinity on February 1, 2011. There will be up to four speakers. The purpose/goal is to inform women of their civil rights not only as they apply to sports but in all areas, eg. the workplace, salaries, voting etc. Teri did "speak" with the President although the call was not interactive. He spoke about the necessity of "moving forward" especially in the area of pay equity for women.

E. STEM: Sandra Murdock

EYH Conference Sandra expanded on EYH (Expanding Your Horizons in Science and Math for girls) planned activities (see Attachment 4) through spring of 2011. Her

committee now totals eight members, and additional interested persons are always welcome. An added note is that Joyce Katz will make a DVD to help publicize the information in *Why So Few?*

F. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: At the November and December Branch meetings, Marian will distribute newly printed flyers highlighting upcoming Programs to be presented at the Ethical Society. The flyers information will be available at the website as well.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

A. BYLAWS: Doris Nistler

Committee Report A meeting of the Bylaws Committee was held at Doris's home to address two issues that came about under Article XIV, Sec. 1a. Bette summarized the wording of the proposed Policy changes, and Doris is presenting the Motion at the November Branch Meeting. The Board does not vote on the Motion, rather the Branch will vote.

In summary, one part of the Motion includes when the committee will propose disbursement of EOF monies (May Board Meeting), and the second part pertains to changes in the make-up of the Branch H C and in the language in the B-C policy, making it consistent with the state policy.

See Attachment 5 for a complete statement of this Motion.

B. BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD NOMINATION COMMITTEE:

In preparation for the work of the Nomination Committee proposing possible candidates to fill elected positions for our following year, Bette and Marcia will contact those people whose two year term is coming to an end. They may stay an extra term if they so choose. Bette and Marcia will poll the officers who fall into this group as to what their wishes are.

Mersine Kallaos has agreed to serve a second year, and two BOD appointees will complete the Nomination Committee. Yvonne Morrison and Ann Jaques were suggested as these appointees.

The following Motion was put forth by Marcia Block and seconded by Jane Kasten:

MOTION

It is moved that the board appoint Mersine Kallaos, Yvonne Morrison, and Ann Jaques to the nominating committee.

Affirmative: 18 Negative: 0

MOTION PASSED

C. \$START \$MART: Ruth Griffin

Ruth explained that \$start \$mart is a type of “program in a box”. Along with a University which partners with AAUW, the program would be presented to Juniors and Seniors at the University level. The goal is to equip these women with better information during interviews, with negotiating skills in the workplace, and with tools for wise budgeting. This would aid them in achieving greater equity in the workforce.

This Program is planned to include all six of the St. Louis Branches. Since it is hoped that this will be an IBC collaboration, a secondary goal is that each Branch would participate equally. The branches have sent representatives to the \$start \$mart committee, chaired by Ruth and Lynn Roney. A request for \$50 per branch will be presented to IBC at the November meeting. A detailed project description with the Peg Witt grant application is found on Attachment 6.

Ruth put forth the following Motion which was seconded by Harriett Hirschfeld:

MOTION

It is moved that the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch donate \$50 to help with the expenses of a \$start \$mart workshop. The funds will be due, payable to the St. Louis IBC in January 2011.

Affirmative: 18 Negative: 0

MOTION PASSED

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D. IBC PROMOTIONS: Leslie Wier

Leslie reported on the IBC Spring Fling which will be held at Norwood Hills Country Club on March 19, 2011. Two possible programs have been recommended, however the Program Speaker has not been decided upon yet. Leslie and Pat Shores will deliberate and make that decision.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

HOLIDAY AUCTION: Pat Shores and Harriett Hirschfeld

Plans for the Holiday Auction are underway; tickets are on sale and will be sold at the November Branch meeting or by phone.

There is a good number of Oral Auction items and packages, and Pat highlighted and expanded on them. Additional items are welcome.

INTEREST GROUPS

Harriett reported that the next "Out to Lunch" will be at "Imogene's" located in The Valley.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

AUDIT COMMITTEE

Carol recalled the Motion put forth at the October Board Meeting but which is still pending. It is in reference to the Audit Committee recommendation that all monies go through the Treasurer. This would include money related to Trivia Night. Carol further explained that this is the way that all monies must be handled because all monies must be reported on IRS Form 990, i.e. the Income Tax Form for a Non-Profit Organization. Furthermore, it is simply more efficient to proceed in this manner.

Carol then again put forth the following pending **Motion:**

MOTION

It is moved that all special event fundraising activities such as, but not limited to, Trivia Night, go through the Branch Treasurer. The Treasurer would then issue payments as needed.

Affirmative: 18 Negative: 0

Motion passed

The next Board Meeting is Feb. 3, 2011

Submitted by Judy Stagoski, Secretary