

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 1, 2011**

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

HOSTESSES: Barb Butchart, Erlaine Eltomi, and Teri Miller were thanked for providing refreshments.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

1. The Board Meeting Packet folders were distributed. A brief review of their contents and highlights was given by Marcia. The date for the IBC Spring Fling is, as yet, not firm although one appears under special dates. The date will be announced when it is confirmed.
2. Everyone is asked to inform one of the Presidents if she is going to need a table at the Branch meeting. This information will be passed on to Morris in advance of the meeting.
3. Marcia reported the highlights of the Executive Committee meeting held in August. The Minutes of that meeting are contained in the 2011-2012 Board Minutes Binder.
4. Marian reported on the National Convention which was held in June. Among the noteworthy points is the fact that several of Ballwin-Chesterfield members were elected to National Offices:
 - A. Sandy Camillo - Director at Large
 - B. Karen Francis and Sue Barley - Leadership Corps
 - C. Mary Jermak - Membership Committee
 - D. Sue Barley - Fundraising
 - E. Yvonne Morrison - Reappointed to Fundraising

Marian also described the experience of "Lobby Day" during which the delegations from all States went to Capitol Hill to the offices of the Senators and Representatives of their respective States and Districts. The purpose of these visits was to request that the Congressperson support the three following Bills which were identified by National as central to our mission:

- A. Campus SaVE
- B. National Women's History Museum Act
- C. Social Security and Medicare

Quorum: The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

Minutes:

- A. The Minutes from the May 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. **Total Branch assets** are \$16, 909 See Attachment
Panera cards will be available for purchase at the Branch Meetings and no longer have to be ordered ahead. The cost per card remains at \$10.
- B. Mersine Kallaos and Linda Bader reviewed and approved the financial statement for the 2010-2011 year.
- C. Leslie presented the proposed budget for 2011-2012 (see Attachment #2) and entered the following motion

MOTION: IT IS MOVED THAT WE ACCEPT THE 2011-2012 BUDGET AS SUBMITTED AND RECOMMEND IT TO THE BRANCH FOR APPROVAL.

YES: 23 NO: 0 PASSED

COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. MEMBERSHIP: Joan Lunt

- A. The current Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Membership is 241. There are three prospective members who are showing interest in joining B-C Branch.
All are invited to stop at the Membership Table to see the "new look" and view the new guest name tags and new trifold handouts.
- B. The New Member Coffee will be October 26th at Sandy Camillo's home at 1:00. Board members are asked to indicate if they will be coming to the Coffee on a sign up sheet. One person from each committee is encouraged to attend.

2. PROGRAM: Erlaine Eltomi

- A. The final Program list appears on p. 6 of the new Directory.
- B. Erlaine reported that the committee is in the process of revising the timeline for securing program speakers for the following year. The planning meeting will be held earlier than in a summer month in order to ensure that the speakers are confirmed by the end of the current year i.e. before summer has begun.

3. DIRECTORY: MARY LOU WILSON

New Directory inserts are ready for member pickup and will be available at the Branch Meeting. We were only able to secure ten advertisers this year and are asked to support them. Because of our advertisers and a discount of 2%, the final cost to print the new insert was \$74.19 vs. the actual cost of \$374.19. Attachment included with Minutes.

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Mary Kay Wolfe

- 1. **Panera Cards:** The cards will be available for purchase (\$10 each) at Branch meetings beginning at the Fall Brunch.

2. Eleanor Roosevelt Walk:

The event will take place at Faust Park on October 27th. Lunch will follow at Macaroni Grill. As a show of support, Board members are asked to participate in the Walk and aim to get a minimum of five sponsors.

3. Jewelry Basket Raffle:

The following motion was made by Mary Kay Wolfe:

MOTION: IT IS MOVED THAT THE BOARD APPROVE A RAFFLE OF A JEWELRY BOX AND JEWELRY TO BE HELD AT THE OCTOBER MEETING TO BENEFIT THE ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND.

YES: 23 NO: 0 PASSED

4. Second Annual Used Book Sale:

Used book donations may be brought to Board or Branch meetings through the January meeting. The goal is to have the sale at the February meeting.

5. LAF/EOF Cosponsored *Coming Together for Canasta*

This event will take place on November 29th at Whitmoor Country Club. The cost is \$30.

6. Local Scholars: Jan Horner

It is the Financial Aid Office which selects the scholar/recipient. AAUW is not a part of the selection process.

B. LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart

1. Committee report: Ruth Griffin

a. LAF has as its goal for this year to concentrate on how to educate the members at large about LAF and its fundraising.

b. There will be an LAF sponsored Trivia event this year.

c. A Champagne punch and hors d'oeuvres book event will be held on Tuesday, September 27th. The cost of \$25 is tax deductible. There are thirty participants who are already registered.

C. PUBLIC POLICY: Teri Miller

A planning meeting for this year's Great Decisions will be held in November after the November Branch meeting.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

A. Care Notes: Mersine Kallaos

When members learn of a fellow member who is ill or going through a difficult time, they are encouraged to ask that person's permission to release that information to membership.

B. Dollars for Scholars: Judy Green

1. The following motion was made by Judy Green:

MOTION: IT IS MOVED THAT A POLICY BE ESTABLISHED THAT NO MORE THAN ONE DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS EVENT BE OFFERED PER DAY.

YES: 20

NO: 3

PASSED

2. A list of Dollars for Scholars events will be distributed at the Fall Brunch.
3. Personalized AAUW business cards will be available for order. Order forms will be available at the Branch meetings.

C. Hospitality: Carol LeBegue

Board members are asked to encourage members at large to participate in volunteering to serve as a hostess at one of the Branch meetings.

D. International Relations: Karen Francis

Presentations will be held in January through April, 2012, at the Ethical Society. See the monthly Newsletter for specific information.

E. Newsletter: Bette Bude and Mary Jermak

1. Thanks were extended to Joyce Katz for her tireless work as Newsletter editor.
2. Bette stated that future Newsletter articles will follow the format as found in the AAUW Style Manual. The Manual can be accessed by going to the AAUW website and clicking on Resources.
3. The Board was reminded that the Newsletter will be no longer than ten pages. This will decrease postage costs. This was approved by the Board at the April Board meeting.

F. Publicity: Pat Shores

Pat sends notices of B-C Branch meetings and special events to a wide variety of media sources. Board members are asked to inform Pat whenever they see one of her articles. In this way, she will be able to have a better idea of who is actually publishing the notices she submits.

G. \$tart \$mart: Ruth Griffin

Ruth Griffin and Marilyn Fletcher will be a part of the Salary Negotiation Workshop, "\$tart \$mart" to be held at UMSL on September 27. Three B-C Branch members will serve as facilitators. A second session is planned for sometime in the spring of 2012.

H. STEM: Sandra Murdock

Sandra presented an overview of the Science Fair winners, their names, and their projects. A detailed summary is included with this month's minutes in the minutes' binder.

I. Technology: Joyce Katz

1. New Office Depot cards have been made. Anyone may use them and earn credit for the B-C Branch. In the previous year, around \$600 was saved from the Newsletter budget through the use of these cards.
2. Technology will serve as an adjunct in producing the monthly Newsletter.
3. Technology is available with various types of services, eg. lists, document formulation, etc. Contact Joyce Katz as needs arise.
4. A computer projector is now available for Branch use as well as for AAUW-MO use. It was obtained by a Grant, and we are being allowed to make use of it. This saves the Branch a \$25 rental fee each time it is used.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

A. Fall Brunch Kickoff: Phyllis Oakes

Plans for the Fall Brunch Kickoff are finalized and in place. Two Board members will be at each table, and "As You Like It" will provide catering. The menu is similar to last year's with some slight alterations. Eleven guests are expected thus far.

B. Winter Auction: Pat Shores

Plans for this event are well under way. Catering will be provided by Hearth Room. The "Show Me St. Louis" raffle package tickets will be available soon. Proceeds from this event go to the operational and leadership funds.

C. Spring Luncheon: Diane Siegel

The Spring Luncheon of 2011 produced a slight profit of approximately \$131. Some centerpieces are still available and will be for sale at the Fall Brunch.

D. Summer Picnic: Jane Clendenin

The site needs to be reserved one year in advance, so the co-chairs have secured the location for the second Thursday in July, 2012.

INTEREST GROUPS: Pam Valentine

Pam Valentine and Becky Kruse are taking over Linda Tinker's duties as Interest Groups Leads. They will make a presentation at the Fall Brunch.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

As the new Directory insert becomes available, members are asked to shred the old insert if they do not intend to keep it as a reserve for themselves.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.
The meeting adjourned at 11:45.

Judy Stagoski, Secretary