

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 2, 2012**

CALL TO ORDER: Co-President, Marian Bauer, called the meeting to order at 9:30.

HOSTESSES: February hostesses, Joan Lunt, Barb Schillhahn, and Judy Stagoski, were thanked for providing refreshments.

PRESIDENT'S INFORMATION:

One addition, Named Gifts, was added to the agenda.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

A. Quorum: The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

B. Minutes:

1. The Minutes from the January Branch Meeting have been read and approved.
2. The Minutes are available on the Website or from Secretary, Judy Stagoski.

C. Treasurer's Report: Leslie Wier

1. Leslie highlighted the main points of the January Budget. See Attachment
2. **Total Branch assets** are \$23,433.07
3. When using the Sales Tax Exemption, if the vendor requests or requires a phone number, use Leslie Wier's cell phone number: 314-560-5259
4. Chart of Giving:
Treasurer, Leslie Wier, presented the "Finance Chart for AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield" which explains the rationale pertaining to what portion of donated funds are tax deductible. Simply put, money which goes to National AAUW funds is tax deductible. Money which stays in the branch or goes to State is not. See Attachment.
4. Remaining budget
The Operating Fund is meeting expectations on line items. We have met our EOF commitment as of this date.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. MEMBERSHIP: Joan Lunt and Barb Schillhahn
The current Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Membership is 251 with the addition of a new member.

The next New Members' Coffee is planned for April 25 at Barb Smolz's house.

B. PROGRAMS: Erlaine Eltomi and Susie Teicher
Upcoming programs were highlighted. Detailed information is included in each monthly Newsletter.

The Irish Lunch at McGurk's on March 9 was promoted. Participation is limited to fifty people.

Next month, members will again be asked for referrals and recommendations for program speakers for next year.

The monthly program evaluations by members in attendance at the Branch Meeting will continue.

C. TECHNOLOGY: Joyce Katz
Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch has a new website. A copy of the website format was distributed to the Board. To access this new site, one enters ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net into the search engine. See the Attachment.

In Joyce Katz's absence, Julie Triplett volunteered to take pictures at the next Branch Meeting.

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Jan Horner and Mary Kay Wolfe
Book Sale: The sale will be held at the February Branch meeting. More than eight hundred books will be available for sale.

Silver Anniversary Research and Projects Grant has been completed at \$75,000. It was begun in 2005 and is an endowment. At this time, no decision has been made on beginning a new fund. Mary Kay explained that a new fund would require an initial payment of \$5,000 for a \$75,000 fund or \$10,000 for \$200,000.

B. LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND: Barbara Butchart

1. \$5576 was collected for LAF in 2011. The donations help fund the "Crossing the Line" Initiative and the lawsuit against WalMart. The B-C Branch is the top performing Branch in the State.

2. Annual Giving

Annual Giving has begun. Donations to LAF Individual Giving should be applied to the 2012 tax year.

C. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS:

Events: Planned events through the Spring Luncheon in May were highlighted.

D. PUBLIC POLICY: Teri Miller

Lobby Day: This event is scheduled for April 17 in Jefferson City in conjunction with the Missouri Women's Network Coalition. No specific information from the State has been released as yet.

E. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS: Karen Francis

The topic of the February presentation is "Arab Spring". This will be on February 14 at 10:45 AM. Those attending may bring a lunch.

F. AAUW MO: Julie Triplett

State Meeting: The dates for this event are May 4-5. A special meeting will be held on Friday, May 4, and MO is one of thirteen states selected for a grant. "Getting Out the Vote" is the topic that will be addressed by the speaker at this meeting. Lunch is included.

G. IBC Spring Fling Yvonne Morrison

Spring Fling will be held on March 24 at Norwood Country Club. A flyer with specific information about the day can be found on the B-C website as well as on the IBC site.

H. Named Gifts

A letter from Bette Bude, Chair of the selection committee for Named Gifts, was read in her absence. She encourages members to "look" to see whom they would like to recommend for this honor. The person should be enthusiastic, effective, and can be depended upon to uphold our Mission. Details are in the February Newsletter.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A. Winter Auction Report: Harriett Hirschfeld

A detailed final report prepared by Winter Auction Co-Chair, Pat Shores, was distributed to the Board for perusal. Comments about the Auction from those attending were largely positive. It was noted that improvement in the distribution of the special lunches was needed. Some attendees stated that they preferred changing the start time to 10:00 AM from 9:00 AM. Both concerns will be taken under consideration by the Co-chairs and Committee.

B. Trivia Night: Doris Nistler

This event will take place on Saturday, March 31 at Trinity Lutheran. Flyers are ready to be distributed. The first raffle prize is eight "open" tickets to the Rep; second prize will be money. Additional information can be found in the Newsletter.

C. Spring Luncheon: Diane Siegel

Tickets for the annual luncheon, \$25 each, will be on sale in March and April. Payment is by check only, and attendees will again sign up "by tables." Two Board members will sit at each table, and members may bring guests. Volunteers to help are welcome.

Contact Gloria Campion to help with hospitality and decoration.

INTEREST GROUPS

Out to Lunch: Harriett Hirschfeld

In February, the venue for Out to Lunch is "Mosaic". See the Newsletter or contact Harriett Hirschfeld for additional information.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mission Statement

The following motion regarding recitation of the Mission Statement was presented and voted upon

IT IS MOVED THAT THE MISSION STATEMENT BE RECITED AT EACH BOARD AND BRANCH MEETING.

THE MOTION WAS PASSED BY A UNANIMOUS VOTE.

Moved by Julie Triplett

Seconded by Susie Teicher

B. Meeting Cancellation

The Board was reminded that if either Parkway or Rockwood School Districts (or both) cancel the school day because of weather conditions, a Board or Branch Meeting scheduled on that day is cancelled.

C. Dues

Treasurer, Leslie Wier, stated that collection of annual dues (\$81) will begin at the March Board meeting.

Honors Science Fair

Sandra Murdock stated that the Honors Science Fair will be held on Saturday, February 4, and she will attend.

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 AM

Judy Stagoski
Secretary