

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting
September 7, 2017

I. Call to Order

A. Welcome

President Sandra Murdock called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. and welcomed the attendees, who recited the AAUW Mission Statement:

“AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy,
education, philanthropy and research.”

Sandra thanked the Hostess committee--Janice Buckhold, Joyce Katz and Doris Nistler—and asked everyone to welcome our new Co-President, Marcia Block.

B. Governance Parliamentarian: Marsha Weppelman

Marsha explained the use of paddles for voting. Each elected officer gets one vote. Elected directors share one vote, and appointed directors share one vote, if there is more than one person appointed.

C. President's Announcements

- Marcia Block said everyone should have a blue folder that contains their role and responsibilities description. If anyone has questions about what to do, just ask someone. Items not copied and placed in folders include the Office Depot sheet with a tax exempt number and a list of discounts. It was suggested that this information be included in the new member packets. Joyce Katz pointed out that we still have Work/Life Rewards at Office Depot, too. Our general tax exempt letter was not copied, either. The current one is about to expire, but we will soon have a new one.
- Marcia requested that each committee chair turn in a list of the people on their committee to the presidents. The same is being asked of the Interest Groups.
- A reminder: non-paying members are not eligible to attend Interest Groups. They are welcome to be visitors at a meeting three times per year. If there is a need to talk to such a person, Pat Shores will handle it.

II. Elected Officers

A. Minutes – Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick

Susan confirmed that the May, 2017, board meeting minutes are on the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield website. No corrections or additions were proposed. The minutes were accepted as posted.

B. Finance Officer's Report: Pat Shores

- Each board member received a hard copy the proposed 2017-2018 budget developed by the Budget Committee. Pat went over each of the four accounts separately, starting with Leadership Development Fund, which pays for attendance at conventions. The proposed amount for Winter Auction is lower than last year because there will be no national convention this year.
- A suggestion was made that each new member be given a Schnucks eScrip card application.
- The NCCWSL line item represents our contribution to AAUW national, not funding of a student we select. Under Operating Fund Income, we may need to change Game Day when LAF plans are more concrete.
- Question: where does payment for the Fall Brunch come from? This has changed over time, but right now, the branch is paying for Fall Brunch from dues, out of the Operating Fund, as voted by the Board.
- Note: International Relations requested \$250, but the committee reduced it to \$200 because not as many AAUW B-C people are attending, and also a basket is passed at the meeting to collect donations.
- In response to a question regarding Directors Insurance, Pat stated that we never have had this type of insurance.
- Memorials are a \$25 remembrance to AAUW national in the name of the deceased member.
- Karen Francis pointed out that missing from the budget is money given to the Interbranch Council (IBC) to send local women to NCCWSL. Karen offered to check on how much should be budgeted, and she will bring it to the branch Budget Committee to possibly be added. We think this will be \$500.

MOTION

Pat Shores made a motion on behalf of the Budget Committee to approve the proposed budget just presented.

Results: The motion passed unanimously.

- A request was made that when the budget is presented to membership, it should be made clear that Trinity is not donating the use of their church facilities for free; we pay for this. In response, Pat says she's thinking of putting a Finance Officer's spot in the newsletter each month to explain more about how we operate.
- Next, Pat went over the sheets that detail out each account in terms of Income and Expense.
- Lastly, she gave a report on finances from the last two months, July and August, reporting the following ending balances: Operating Fund, \$38,017; Leadership Development Fund, \$4,468; Dollars for Scholars, \$878; Schnucks, \$2,686.
- **Unscheduled:** Since there are several new members on the board, it was requested that each attendee introduce herself by name and position(s) held, and this was done.

C. Program: Sage Taber/Marilyn Fletcher

- Marilyn reported that programs are set up for all of this year's meetings. There was a switch in programs for November, and now Pat White, one of our own members, will be speaking on the topic "Strategies for Dealing with Stress in our Daily Lives." [The complete list of programs is included as an Appendix A. of these minutes].
- Marilyn asked people to let the head of Interest Groups know that they need straight tables in the back of the room for the September meeting. It is confusing having the tables request to Morris come from Program. For the Fall Brunch, Linda Roberson is going to take care of it. Then this may revert to being the responsibility of the presidents.
- Mary Jermak pointed out that the Program Committee needs to decide who will send in program information to the newsletter staff.

D. Membership: Michele Mangnall/Mersine Kallaos

- The beginning membership total for this year is 240. Nineteen (19) members of the Membership Committee met this summer and held a good discussion on retention of members and the AAUW national goal of getting more life members.
- There is a New Member Tea on October 19 at 1:00 p.m. at the home of Gloria Champion, who is opening her home for this for the third year in a row. A sign-up sheet for attendance of committee representatives was passed around.

III. AAUW-BC Elected Directors' Reports

A. Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF): Judi Stagoski/Marian Bauer

- Marian Bauer was absent, as she is recovering from surgery. She is doing well.
- Judy explained that EOF supports four (4) local scholarships, as well as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) on the national level.
- The committee will sell bean soup and Panera cards again this year. Linda Bader is instituting will-call orders, if you want to pay now and pre-order. Mary Jermak brought in \$6 bags of bean soup mix today.
- The Used Book Sale will start in October. Members are encouraged to bring used books, CDs, puzzles, DVDs, and audio books. And buy some!
- We will not have Individual Giving for EOF in February, since the decision of the Board is to hold one donation event, rather than LAF and EOF individually.

B. Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): Doris Nistler/Julie Triplett

- Julie said the LAF committee met in August. Their primary responsibility is to inform the branch of all legal advocacy activities.
- There will be no Individual Day of Giving for LAF this year because national LAF is already funded. Recommendation: hold an AAUW Fund event, to raise money for the fund. This might be a Game Day, but not sponsored by LAF alone.
- At the national level AAUW provides funding and non-financial support for plaintiffs.

- There is a new national LAF director.
 - Someone will be at each branch meeting to talk about LAF, and an article on LAF will be written for each newsletter.
 - LAF still wants to be responsible for the branch meeting program in March.
 - The Game Day event held this past year was quite successful.
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MOTION

On behalf of the LAF committee, Julie Triplett made a motion that a fund-raising event, sponsored by the branch, be held as a joint effort, with proceeds donated to the AAUW Fund.

Results: The motion passed unanimously.

- Doris has been working hard to get a LAF speaker lined up for March, and has arranged for attorney Donna Harper to speak to us. She is a senior partner in the firm that handled the lawsuit for Francine Katz.
- Doris participated in a conference call with the new national LAF director. There is a relationship between what we do and the Title IX cases going to the Supreme Court.

C. Public Policy Priorities: Barbara Butchart/Eve LaJeunesse

- Barb stated that we are fortunate to have on the committee several people who were on the committee to develop the Public Policy Priorities pamphlet. This is online, along with other resources. Barb passed out a hard copy of the AAUW Public Policy Resources sheet that tells you how to find the information you seek.
- In the fall our branch will be working on Title IX and, in the spring, will be contacting our legislators to pass equal pay legislation.
- When new members join our branch, they are automatically enrolled in the Two-Minute Activist. This information can come to you on your mobile phone.

- Pat Shores reported that our two-year, \$10,000 Community Action Grant concluded in June. A final evaluation is in the works. Every single goal was exceeded! Pat thanked everyone for helping to realize our goals.
- We developed a relationship with the St. Charles Coalition Against Human Trafficking (SCCAT), which was supported by us for two years. How can we now advertise their upcoming activities, since AAUW does not raise money for other groups? Can flyers for SCCAT be deposited in an area for Community Events? And do we need a policy that says that only groups with a similar mission to ours are allowed to put notice of community activities there? What if an outside group wanted to bring in something unrelated to our mission? Answer: We do have a policy that allows this. Everyone has a responsibility to monitor these sorts of materials and raise an issue to the presidents if there is a problem or a question.

IV. AAUW-BC Appointed Directors' Branch Priorities Reports

A. Branch Development Leadership and Operating Fund: Suzanne Couch/Karen Francis

Suzanne invited everyone to the Winter Auction, organized by a wonderful group of people. This year's auction will have a Victorian theme.

B. Communications/Web: Joyce Katz

Reminder: Branch policy is to send as few emails to people as possible. If an event appears in the Newsletter, it will be included in the Friday reminder. If you must send a special note to members, send it to Joyce Katz first, turning it in by Thursday night. There is a Facebook message when anything new is posted on our website. Flyers-and forms needed are on the web page. Members-only information is password protected.

C. Directory: Leslie Wier/ Marilyn Beiter/Joyce Katz

Leslie reported that Directory had very good results getting their supplements printed, and it was quite economical. Leslie brought paper copies of the new directory to the meeting and distributed them. Two corrections are clipped to the front. If you find anything wrong, please email Leslie, Marilyn or Joyce. Digital directories will be sent out soon.

D. Dollars for Scholars (DFS): Janice Buckhold/Phyllis Oakes

The Dollars for Scholars Committee met and is off to a great start. The Sheet of September events was handed out, and Janice went over the individual events. The committee is planning a really big surprise, but not giving out information yet. The

committee thanks all of the board members who sponsored last year's and have agreed to sponsor this year's events.

Phyllis added that Dollars for Scholars wants to make a big impact at the Fall Brunch. Event sheets will be at the Membership table, to make sure everyone who picks up a name tag gets one. Also they are putting together a long list of ideas for new events. There are 120 museums in the St. Louis area, and that does not include historic houses, so there are many possibilities for new events. Dollars also will have a presence at the New Member Tea. Lists of ideas for events will be posted on the branch website.

E. Newsletter: Sandy Brody/Joan Davis/Mary Jermak/Jean Light

The new team is getting the newsletter off to a good start. Newsletter has about seven people working on it now. The fixed deadline for submitting articles was set at the 14th of each month, but the 12th is requested for this month. Little has been submitted so far. The proofreading team of Mary Kay Wolfe and Susan Fenwick has been expanded to include Pat Shores, Bette Bude and Joyce Katz, to accommodate travel schedules and other conflicts.

If you get a reminder about submitting an article for your area, last year's article will be attached. You may only need to update it for this year.

F. STEM: Carol Greenaway/Jean Elliott

Jean says STEM will be a second semester activity. Expanding Your Horizons will take place in March. There will be events at Valley Park and Maplewood Richmond Heights to celebrate girls' achievements (Girls of Promise). Last year STEM leaders attended Science Fair Trivia, which was fun. The schedule is probably the same for this year. The STEM committee also judges the Science Fair for high school age girls, choosing projects related to our mission.

V. Special Events

A. Fall Brunch: Susan Fenwick/Barbara McQuitty/Linda Roberson

Barb announced that the Brunch is coming up next week. Right now we have 149 reservations booked. Usually we have 10-20 walk-in's, so we ordered extra lunches. If we do not end up needing them, we will sell them to people who wish to take them home. It's going to be a great event! Volunteers are lined up, the decorations are done, and setup is this Wednesday night. This year's theme is "Working Together for a Brighter Future for Women and Girls."

B. Spring Luncheon: Carol Anthony/Linda Kridel

The committee has eleven members, who met on June 14 to organize. Although they have received many positive comments about past spring luncheons, attendance has dropped over the years. It is hard to say why it has declined. A sub-committee may look into a new venue or other ways to boost attendance. Since places get booked up as early as the previous May, the venue for this year will remain as Whitmoor Country Club.

The next meeting of this committee will be held on Tuesday, September 19 at 10:00 a.m. at Schnucks, Kehrs Mill. More volunteers are needed, and all members are welcome to attend the committee meeting.

VI. Standing Committees

A. Eleanor Roosevelt Fund: Jean Elliott

- This year's Eleanor Roosevelt Walk will be held in Des Peres Park on October 17 at 10:30 a.m. This is an outdoor event. Jean said she was wondering how committed we are to research (which the E.R. Fund supports). Earlier, the branch stopped making a contribution to the E.R. Fund from EOF when the Walk was made separate from EOF. Now we just count on members' contributions to support it.
- Mary Jermak commented that we could publicize AAUW research in the newsletter or via other avenues. Another idea is to have someone assigned to speak briefly about one of the AAUW research papers at each branch meeting. Or, as Karen Francis observed, since under each category we know what papers have been published, maybe we could stagger these, and assign one to each committee to present it.
- The question arose of whether we are the only branch left doing the Walk. Someone needs to look into this.

B. International Relations: Kay Meyer

Kay sent in a report noting that there was a very successful International Relations meeting to plan upcoming topics. It is time for AAUW B-C to contribute to International Relations. Kay has agreed to chair the International Relations Committee for the next two years.

C. Publicity: Karen Francis

Karen will publicize notes on the internet.

VII. New Business

- Julie Triplett announced a proposal to hold a series of four luncheons, with a topic that someone presents (not a formal speaker). The series would be treated as an Interest Group, and would be called “Munching Matters, Lunch with Food for Thought.” Four dates were proposed, but the venue has not been selected. These luncheons will be on the second Wednesday of the month, starting in November. Attendees will buy their own lunch.
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MOTION

Julie Triplett made a motion that a group of interested people be allowed to pursue arranging a series of luncheons, with presenters, called Munching Matters.

Results: The motion carried.

- Julie Triplett and Doris Nistler agreed to chair Game Day, and they need volunteers. Probably this event will be held in June.
- Marilyn Fletcher also appealed for volunteers for the Program Committee for the coming year. Karen Francis and Suzanne Couch immediately volunteered.
- Marcia Block noted that the list of board meetings and hostesses for each meeting are in board members’ blue folder.

VIII. Adjournment

Sandra Murdock adjourned the meeting at 11: 55 a.m.

Addendum – Results of Electronic Voting

Between the time of the May 4, 2017, board meeting and today’s meeting, the following votes were conducted electronically via email.

On June 1, members were asked to approve the following appointed directors of Fall Brunch: Barbara McQuitty, Linda Roberson, and Susan Fenwick. Announcement of the approval of all three was communicated on June 12.

On June 27, members were asked to approve Michele Mangnall as Vice President of Membership for the remainder of the term begun by Fran Reiland. On July 3 it was announced that Michele had been approved for this position.

On June 27, members also were asked to approve the following appointed directors: Carol Greenaway, Co-Director of STEM; Linda Kridel, Co-Director of Special Events - Spring Luncheon. On July 3 it was announced that the full 2017-2018 board was complete, with the required approval of these appointed directors having been received.

Susan Fenwick
Secretary/Archivist

ATTACHMENT A. Programs/Speakers for AAUW Ballwin/Chesterfield – 2017-2018

- September: Fall Brunch – Annual Kickoff to the B-C Year
- October: Margaret Johnson and Valerie Brinkman: “A Follow-Up on the Women’s March, and How to Keep the Momentum Going”
- November: Pat White: “Strategies for Dealing with Stress in our Daily Lives”
- December: Winter Auction and Luncheon
- January: Adrienne D. Davis, Vice-Provost and Professor of Law at Washington University; “Women and Leadership-Strategies That Work”
- February: Tom Stephenson: “History of Integration in St. Charles County Schools”
- March: Julie Triplett and the Legal Advocacy Committee
AAUW’S Role in Fighting for Legal Rights of Women and Girls
- April: Joy Weese from West County Action Network (We Can)
“Racial Diversity and Disparity in Education in St. Louis”
- May: Spring Luncheon – Officer Installation and Member Award Ceremony