

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting

May 7, 2015

- I. Suzanne Couch called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. with the reading of the Mission Statement:**
“AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”

A. Are there any corrections or additions to the agenda?

No corrections to the agenda, but Mary Jermak noted that there are some discrepancies in the newsletter report. The correct information is that she plans to phone 8-10 women who still require a hard copy of the newsletter.

II. Operational Reports

A. President’s Announcements: Suzanne Couch

- Today is our lunch.
- At the state meeting our branch got the 10-Star Award, the Galaxy Award, and we were first in the state in total giving in 2014. We also were first in the state in per capita giving.
- The most important award went to Julie Triplett, as the Most Outstanding Member in the state.
- The gavel Suzanne is using today is an antique that came from Harriet. It will pass to Barbara McQuitty today.

B. Minutes: Susan Fenwick

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes. The minutes are approved as read.

C. Treasurer’s Report: Rita Hawkins Page

Dollars for Scholars: \$8305. Schnuck’s brought in \$40.87 this month alone. Leadership: \$8429 before the reimbursement checks were written for the state convention attendees. Operations: \$27,529.

III. AAUW Priorities

A. Public Policy: Pat Shores

- In the back of the room are a poster and a copy of our application for the Galaxy Award. The community action grant received will provide \$10,000, which will be distributed over two years. The St. Charles Coalition against Human Trafficking has secured a room.
- Public Policy committee members, IBC members and others have been emailing legislators about Pay Equity. Two responses were received from legislators, both Republicans. They may not vote as we requested, but they are LISTENING.
- Reminder: please email about Maya Angelou. The address is in the newsletter.
- The Equality Day brunch is coming up on August 22. We want to have a good showing.

B. EOF: Marian Bauer

Regarding next year's scholarships, one Maryville student will be grandfathered but no new ones added because Maryville is not a member of CU Partners. There is hope that we may be able to get this reversed.

MOTION: Marian submitted a motion for allocation of EOF funds as follows.

\$2500	AAUW EOF
\$ 500	NCCWSL
\$5000	Local Scholarships

The motion **PASSED** unanimously.

C. LAF: Linda Evans

- \$1950 was sent to National for LAF.
- Linda needs people to help seek prizes for Trivia Night. Julia is tracking the Trivia finances and Doris is chair.

IV. Branch Priorities

A. STEM: Sandra Murdock, Marcia Block

- Marcia and Sandra reported on the STEM recognition events held at Maplewood and at Valley Heights, both of which were very successful.
- At the Science Fair for grades 9 - 12 judged by Marcia and Sandra, we gave two \$100 awards.
- Karen Francis put in a plug for "Solving the Equation," which is now online. It was highlighted in Linda Hallman's speech at the state meeting. Karen thanked Joyce Katz for hosting the webinar in her home. Karen will check to see if we can get free copies of the book.

B. Dollars for Scholars: High Tea Report: Erlaine Eltomi

- Thank you to Joyce Katz, Marilyn Fletcher, Marcia Block, and Jayne Kasten. We cleared \$1739 (but keep in mind we had a considerable donation).
- We need a self-contained audio system with a portable microphone for events like this one.

C. International Relations: Susie Teicher

Susie issued a plea for others to serve on the International Relations committee. There is just one general meeting per year, in August, to pick topics. The program this year was good, in terms of the speeches given.

D. Communications: Joyce Katz

- No. 1: VOTE! Get your friends to vote, too.
- Pictures taken at the state convention will soon be on our website.
- Our branch archives are being donated to the Missouri Historical Society. Other branches are donating, too. We sent them eight boxes of records, and Joyce has received a box list. Joyce wants to organize a Dollars for Scholars event to visit the Historical Society to see our records and how they are being used. Joyce's proposal is to keep records for five years before donating.
- Marian Bauer: Joyce, please thank National for sending each of us an email with a ballot right there. That made voting so easy.
- Joyce's yellow form also went to Linda Hallman of National.

E. State Meeting: Julie Triplett

- There were 62 attendees. It was good to have so many from Ballwin-Chesterfield.
- A couple of branches were represented at the meeting that hadn't attended for some time.
- Star awards were given to branches for fewer than ten stars. There were three people in attendance from AAUW National: Linda Hallman, Erica Stout, and Toni Johnson. Linda said that when people ask you about the vote on membership qualifications, this proposal did not come from AAUW National; it is a grassroots initiative from the members. National is neutral on this issue.
- The voting quorum has been met. Our goal for Missouri is that 50% of members vote.
- Rita Hawkins-Page added that a takeaway from the conference was that if someone asks you, "Why did you join AAUW?" you should be prepared with an answer. Maybe we could brainstorm answers at a meeting.

F. Spring Luncheon: Carol Derington, Judy Stagoski

Things are moving along. The biggest concern is that attendance is down from past years; we have 100 reservations. Carol is interested to know why. Some people don't like sitting through all of the acknowledgements after the luncheon. Suggestions were made to shorten the program.

G. Directory: Leslie Weir

- Leslie appreciates the fact that members have picked up directories for other members who hadn't retrieved their directory.
- This year the committee is cutting off the directory in mid-July, to transition the technical side of preparing it to Marilyn Beiter. (Dues may still be paid after this date, however).
- Ads are \$30/half page. It has been opened up to friends of members to place ads.
- If you want your picture changed, ask Joyce to take a new one of you.

V. New Business

Marian Bauer asked a question about the state meeting: Did the F. Elaine Richardson Fund complete?
Answer: no, there is around \$7000 to go. It's come a long ways, though.

VI. Adjournment and Presidents' Luncheon: Suzanne and Karen.

Today is Suzanne's last board meeting as Co-president, so she passed the gavel to the new Co-president, Barbara McQuitty.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:37, and board members were invited to partake of the wonderful luncheon buffet provided by Suzanne and Karen.

Susan Fenwick,
Secretary