

**AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
February 5, 2014**

- I. CALL TO ORDER:** Co-President Suzanne Couch called the meeting to order at 9:35 with the Mission Statement: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."
- A. THANK YOU TO HOSTESSES:** Today's hostesses, Linda Seibert, Leslie Wier, and Bette Bude were thanked for the refreshments.
- B. ADDITIONS/CORRECTIONS TO THE AGENDA:** Attendees were asked if there were any corrections or additions to the agenda. None was proposed.

II. OPERATIONAL REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS: Suzanne Couch

- Reminder: Additions to the directory are due on Friday.

- Some new members don't know the mission statement, so Dollars for Scholars will put the text at the top of their sheet, for use at the branch meeting.

B. MINUTES: Susan Fenwick

Suzanne asked whether there were any corrections to the minutes of the November meeting. Having heard none, the minutes were approved as read.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Rita Hawkins-Page

Rita transferred \$3000 into Leadership from the Winter Auction. We had a great month's return from Schnuck's, contributing to a balance of over \$1000. Dollars for Scholars had an expense to cover scholarships. The operating budget stands at \$25,000 plus.

D. PROGRAMS: Barb McQuitty

Speakers are lined up for the rest of this year. For this month's meeting, the topic is "Mental Health - the Importance of Strengthening Medicaid for Missouri's Mental Health System." Good news: there are more than enough ideas for next year's programs, too.

III. AAUW PRIORITIES

A. Public Policy: Barb Butchart

Barb could not attend today's meeting but she submitted a report, read at the meeting by Judy Green, that provided a brief recap from the February State Public Policy Chair conference call. It has been thirteen years since the President and Congress reauthorized Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA), and gave it a new name, "No Child Left Behind" (NCLB). Secretary Duncan has called for replacing NCLB with a new ESEA. AAUW education policy priorities are: (1) testing accountability and (2) portability.

B. EOF: Marian Bauer and Linda Roberson

- We had two students from UMSL graduate in December, and we will pick up new ones after our budget is decided. Both Sandy and Marisa are interested in membership, and in going on to school, so Marian informed them about fellowships that may be available to them.
- We sent \$50 to NCCWSL.
- The book fair will be held at the next branch meeting. Bring money – we have LOTS of books!
- Named Gift nominations are due by March 20. Nomination forms are on the website, and there will be hard copies at the branch meeting.
- Linda: Canasta contributed \$885 for EOF, and EOF received \$790 from regular donations. The F. Elaine Richardson fund also received \$95 in donations.

C. LAF: Linda Evans

- Linda attended a Women's Network event in Columbia in January. Their priorities will be published in our branch newsletter.
- LAF will sponsor a major fundraiser in October, Trivia Night at Trinity. Co-chairs will be: Doris Nistler, Julia Triplett, and Linda Evans.
- Legislation on human trafficking passed in the U.S. Senate.

IV. BRANCH PRIORITIES

A. Governance: Doris Nistler.

The new bylaws and policy are in effect. The Board was sent copies. Thanks to everyone who worked on this.

B. Dollars for Scholars: Barb Jowett and Barb Tackitt

February 17: Tour of the Fox Theater. February 27: Tour of the Mercantile Library. The committee has ideas for additional Dollars events, if anyone would like to plan one.

High Tea Report: Erlaine Eltomi has agreed to head up the High Tea. She is setting up a committee and would like more volunteers. The venue and the time are set; the tea will be held on April 17. It will be a Victorian tea, with tables of six, one hostess at each table. The theme will feature accomplished Victorian women, one per table. There will be music and a prize drawing. Usually the Tea clears around \$2000. This year, we have an anonymous sponsor to defray some of the costs, so we will be able to keep more of the proceeds for Dollars for Scholars. 60 people can be accommodated. The cost will be \$15 per head, and the committee is thinking of charging \$30, but the price is not yet decided.

C. STEM: Marcia Block

Our branch is giving \$150 to Expanding Horizons for scholarships (\$8 per girl for the workshop on Mar. 10 at SLU). SLU students will lead the activities. There will be a panel discussion by women in STEM fields talking about career choices and opportunities in the field. The girls are mostly in grades 7 - 10.

With Valley Park we will do a STEM Girls of Promise program on 30 April. We had hoped to do an event at Maplewood-Richmond Heights, too, but they seem reluctant to commit, so now we are looking at Hancock Place. They have a class in robotics, and they sounded excited and interested in our STEM event.

We will support two girls for Science Fair. Each gets \$100, and we hope one or both will come to speak to us.

D. International Relations: Susie Teicher

The January lecture on the end of the Ottoman Empire was fascinating. The next talk in the series, to be held on February 10, is on the status of women in the world, focusing on trends in women's office holding around the world.

E. Communications: Message from Joyce Katz

(From Joyce in Maui): On April 15, voting in AAUW National elections begins. You need your PIN number, which will be mailed to members. A paper ballot may be requested; instructions for doing so will be in the branch newsletter. Joyce suggests perhaps we could schedule a voting party, as AAUW is struggling to get people to vote. Sandy Camillo is leaving the board, and Sue Barley is running.

F. State Meeting and Nominating Committee Report: Julie Triplett

The state meeting is May 2 in Columbia, MO. Linda Hallman and Erica Stout will be there. The cost is \$50, which includes continental breakfast and lunch. Sessions start at 9:00 and finish by 4:30. You must send in your own registration and then submit for reimbursement. Register by April 14. Forms will be on our branch website to register. We'll set up a carpool

Nominating Committee: Thanks to Mary Kay Wolfe and Becky Kruse, and everyone who submitted nominations. Nominations are as follows:

Co-President	Barb McQuitty
Co-Vice President, Program	Judy Stagoski
Co-Vice President, Membership	Linda Wells
Finance Officer	Rita Hawkins-Page
Co-Directors EOF	Marian Bauer, Linda Roberson
Co-Directors LAF	Linda Evans, Julia Triplett
Co-Directors Public Policy	Pat Shores, Barb Butchart

G. Spring Luncheon: Carol Derington

A tasting will be held after the March board meeting. Reservations will be taken in March and April. Call Carol for a reservation; she is having big problems with her computer connection.

H. IBC and CU Partners: Erlaine Eltomi

The IBC Spring Fling is March 21. The price is \$28 for lunch. There will be an enactor doing Rachel Carson. Our branch will provide 2 baskets, (1) a game basket and (2) Fitz's root beer, mugs, gift certificate for ice cream, etc. The Spring Fling will be noted in the newsletter and Friday reminder.

CU Partners: The scholarship committee contacted all of the schools, and they have until February 15 for nominations for NCCWSL. Erlaine will sit on the review committee.

I. Care Notes: Jayne Kasten

Thank you to everyone for supporting Care Notes. Everyone really appreciates our notes and emails that are sent; we get a wonderful response. This is a great way to keep our members in touch. We need to encourage people to contact Jayne, to let her know when it's appropriate to send a note.

V. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. SUMMARY OF BOARD VOTES (Susan Fenwick).

1. In December, the branch President proposed the following changes in appointments to the Board:

- Adding Carol Derington to Spring Luncheon.
- Removing Carol Derington from Summer Picnic.
- Removing Barb Schillhahn from Spring Luncheon.

RESULTS: These changes were approved by the Board by means of electronic voting.

2. In January, the branch President proposed the following Guidelines for convention and conference fee reimbursement 2014-2015:

STATE CONFERENCE:

A state leaderships conference/ convention is held each year.

1. Reimburse registration for all branch members who wish to attend.

REGIONAL CONFERENCE:

A conference is held every two years in even dated years.

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ASSOCIATION NATIONAL CONVENTION:

A national convention is held every two (2) years in odd dated years.

The following is a prioritized list of funding dependent upon funds available:

1. Reimburse registration fee and allocate \$500 for additional expenses for each incoming and continuing co-president. (2 people)
2. Reimburse registration fee for incoming OR continuing, Vice-President of Programs, Co-Vice President of Membership, Financial Officer, Secretary, Chairperson of Educational Opportunities Fund, Legal Advocacy Fund, Public Policy.
3. Reimburse registration fee for additional members, funds permitting, chosen in the order requested.

RESULTS: These Guidelines were approved by the Board by means of electronic voting.

B. OTHER NEW BUSINESS:

There was no additional new AAUW business.

Julia Triplett added the following note:

Ruth Griffin will be moving (leaving St. Louis) on April 1. There will be a little party for her on March 6 from 10:00 to noon at Trinity, as an unofficial event, to say good-bye and wish her well. Members are invited to stop in.

VI. ADJOURNMENT (Suzanne Couch)

Suzanne adjourned the meeting at 10:35 a.m.

Susan Fenwick
Secretary