

# AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting

## April 6, 2017

### I. Call to Order

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 then thanked hostesses Mary Jermak, Linda Roberson, and Judy Green.

### II. Elected Officers' Operational Reports

#### A. President's Report: Sandra Murdock

- Looking at our AAUW-BC events schedule, Sandra observed that we are very active and productive. Hats off to you all!
- Sandra attended the STEM Expanding Your Horizons (EYH) program and the IBC luncheon, both wonderful events.
- Sandra was unable to attend the Mad Hatters Tea because she was at a medical meeting in Kansas City, where she received the Missouri State Medical Association Spirit of the Alliance Award on March 31, in appreciation for all of her efforts in support of medically related projects. We are proud of her!
- Election Day, April 4, brought wins and losses for many of us. The important thing was that we voted.
- It is important to pay your dues, \$81.00, online or to Rita Hawkins-Page.
- Be sure to read our wonderful newsletter carefully so you do not miss anything you want to attend, such as the state meeting in Columbia and the national convention in Washington, D.C.
- A reminder to AAUW-BC board members: From each committee we need your end-of-year report, a budget, and comments on your strategic plan. Rita Hawkins-Page passed out the budget forms.

- A follow-up question was asked about how to report on the strategic plan. It was explained that this would be comments on actions taken by the committee, or additions to the committee's plan.
- Co-president Barbara McQuitty has a request. When collecting checks for an event, please deposit them sooner than they are being deposited right now. (Note: Dollars for Scholars checks are deposited AFTER the event is held).

## B. Minutes

Minutes of the last board meeting are on the AAUW B-C website and are available from Susan Fenwick.

## C. Treasurer's Report: Rita Hawkins-Page

Budget forms were distributed, showing what the budget was for each committee and how much has been spent so far. Rita will need your budget request for next year.

Rita reported the following balances: Dollars for Scholars, \$5,645; Schnuck's, \$2,551; Leadership Development, \$9,612; Operating Fund, \$30,778. Total assets stand at \$48,586. Rita pointed out that this is her last board meeting as Finance Officer.

## D. VP-Program: Marilyn Fletcher & Judy Stagoski

The programs committee is all set for next week. Judy knows the speaker very well, and said that she's quite a remarkable, accomplished person. All of next year's programs are planned except April, but Marilyn and Judy have a couple of leads on speakers for that meeting, too. Sandra remarked that she also has someone in mind.

## E. VP-Membership: Fran Reiland & Susan Teicher

Barb McQuitty asked if Membership has a bio on every member. Susan responded there are files going back to 2012 with each member's background and interests. Joyce Katz suggested adding such member information to the membership database. Carol Derington stated that Creve Coeur lost three members recently, and it would be nice to be able to check if these folks ever belonged to AAUW B-C. Julie Triplett is working on awards for the AAUW Missouri meeting. Although Creve Coeur couldn't submit anyone for a Named Gift since they have disbanded, Julie can put them in as "in memoriam."

## III. AAUW-BC Elected Directors' Reports

### A. Public Policy: Pat Shores & Barbara Butchart

- Barb passed out flyers for a human trafficking conference sponsored by the St. Charles Outreach Coalition against Human Trafficking (SCCAT). Our community

action grant is paying for refreshments. The conference, which is free, includes a complimentary breakfast. Attendees will include leaders from the migrant and immigrant communities. There are many co-sponsors and partners listed on the flyer. Please come out and support this conference. It will be held on April 27, from 9 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters on Lindbergh. Please let Pat/Barb know if you are coming.

- Pat asked how many board members participate in the 2-minute activist alerts, and many board members raised their hands. Barb then reviewed the 2-minute alert actions since Jan. 20. It was a rather long list.
- AAUW is partnering with New York University, holding panel discussions on standing up to sexual discrimination. Panels are planned through October 2017.
- On Tuesday, April 4, 120 citizen lobbyists showed up in Jefferson City. AAUW B-C members were part of this activity of the Missouri Women's Network. Several legislators were invited to talk to the group about progress on initiatives that are of interest to women, and Nicole Galloway, State Auditor of Missouri, also spoke. Then everyone spread out to talk to their representatives, and others if there was an opportunity, about Equal Pay. Supporting groups included the Clayton Huddle, Coalition of Labor Union Women, League of Women Voters, and National Council of Jewish Women. There were many others, including Washington University adult students. This event should not have been scheduled on Election Day, so we lost some people. But it was a very good day! Some commented that the advocates were well received by women assistants, but the men in the offices were expressionless.

#### B. Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF): Marian Bauer & Vickie Jany

- Marian: The book sale made \$132 in March, bringing the total to \$832. April is the last book sale month. Stock up for summer reading! If we reach our goal of \$1000, this will pay for one whole scholarship. And this total is on top of bean soup sales and Panera Bread sales. Two students who have received scholarships are about to graduate (both in science fields). Each woman will then receive "Give a Grad a Gift." You, too, can give to college grads. Go to the national website and fill in their vital info.
- EOF works their budget earlier than anyone else, to determine how much money they will have and how many scholarships they can support. Both students graduating students expressed their gratitude. Mary Jermak commented that perhaps we could publicize this better in soliciting memberships.

- The reception that Marian and Vickie attended at Maryville was lovely. It was nice to put a face to the names of the people we are supporting. They learned that one of the women has six kids!

#### C. Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): Doris Nistler & Julie Triplett

- LAF just received one additional check that puts the total over \$2000 for Individual Giving. Thanks to the committee who presented at the last branch meeting. LAF is working on its next event, which Carol Derington described. It is an All Games Day on June 7, at Friendship Village. Lunch will be served. The committee is taking reservations. The event is organized by tables of four. Singles can be slotted in to fill open spots at tables. If you have signed up but not paid, please pay the \$25. \$10 is tax deductible. Barb McQuitty asked if they need help on Games Day. Answer: "Certainly!"
- Doris asked that a link to the flyer for this event be included in the newsletter and also placed on the AAUW-BC website, and with IBC.

#### IV. AAUW B-C Appointed Directors' Reports

##### A. Dollars for Scholars: Janice Buckhold & Phyllis Oakes

- Phyllis passed out a Dollars for Scholars Events sheet.
- The Mad Hatter Tea was great, and there are pictures on our website under "Dollars." The event was enjoyed by more than seventy (70) attendees.
- Dollars for Scholars has earned more than \$800 so far this year.
- Three events are still scheduled to happen this month.
- They are playing up the summer events, including the Trolley Ride.
- Book sales start up again in October.

##### B. Nominating Committee: Vickie Jany

Next week at branch meeting we will vote for officers. Vickie will present the slate of nominees. The president will read each office, give the nominee's name, and ask for any nominations from floor. Then the members will vote. Doris Nistler will provide the president with a script.

##### C. Finance Committee: Marian Bauer & Leslie Wier

Nothing to report.

#### D. STEM/Science Fair: Marcia Block & Jean Elliott

- The first STEM Girls of Promise event will take place tomorrow at Maplewood/Richmond Heights. If anyone is interested in joining in, please come at 7:00 - 7:15 a.m.
- On April 28, STEM will be back at Valley Park. Marcia dropped off handwritten invitations for the girls who are to be recognized at the high school, and she asked the principal to invite last year's girls as well.
- April 26 is the STEM Science Fair. AAUW B-C sponsors two girls' honors projects. We will choose the winners, and each one will receive a cash award, a certificate, and a letter from AAUW B-C.

#### E. Named Gift/IBC: Karen Francis

Karen had to miss the board meeting due to illness in her family, but there is a meeting scheduled on April 18.

#### V. Special Events

##### A. Spring Luncheon: Carol Derington & Carol Anthony

- Things are ready to go! They are still looking for a few volunteers to help, though.
- Reservations are going well. 68 people have signed up, and the luncheon is set up for 96 spots. Please pay when you sign up.
- Carol Anthony will chair next year, and Linda Kridel has agreed to serve as co-chair.
- There will be extra tables in the welcome area during the social period prior to the luncheon. Four tables are accounted for. Let them know if you need a space.

#### VI. New Business

- Joyce Katz announced that on the HOME tab on our AAUW-BC website, there is a new place for Bylaws and Policies. Also, she reminded attendees to be a friend of the B-C Facebook page.
- International Relations is ahead of the business meeting this month. The topic is gun violence.
- In May, our co-presidents will provide lunch at the board meeting.

- Marilyn Fletcher asked about putting a sheet on the chairs at branch meeting to solicit people's interest in committees and activities. She pointed out that we need this information in the spring, rather than in the fall, because committee meetings are held in the summer. This idea was approved and it will move forward.
- Julie Triplett asked the board members to think about a branch project that could be a Galaxy project that everyone would get involved in. Bette Bude suggested outreach into the schools directed at teachers who don't know much about AAUW. It is said that Creve Coeur did this for several years. Pat Shores commented that from national, Title IX and Equal Pay are the two emphases for next year. Julie said we need to have our "elevator speeches" ready. Marian offered that this kind of project might work through IBC eventually. For now, we would like it to start at our branch and then later, other branches might adopt it. The project could target teachers who are near retirement, encouraging them to "stay connected." If we could obtain a list of retirees, perhaps they could receive a personal invitation to an AAUW function.
- Julie raised the following motion, seconded by Marian Bauer.

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MOTION: "I move that we establish a project Reaching Out to the Community to Stay Involved through AAUW."

A vote was held, and the motion CARRIED.

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- The following members indicated their interest in serving on a committee to work on this project: Barb McQuitty, Rita Hawkins-Page, Bette Bude, Julie Triplett, Susie Teicher, Judy Stagoski, and Marilyn Fletcher.
- Phyllis Oakes related that she worked the recent election, and she invited a student friend to help. (Students are allowed to participate). This young woman had never been inside a polling place before, but she greeted voters, handed out stickers, and performed other odd jobs, and she loved it. She had the choice of accepting \$100 in pay for the day, or listing the experience on her resume as volunteer hours.
- Carol Derington asked if we could we get articles about AAUW in the various small newspapers around this area. She was advised to talk to Pat Shores about it.

VII. Unfinished Business

None.

VIII. Adjournment

Sandra Murdock adjourned the meeting at 10:37 a.m.

Susan Fenwick  
Secretary/Archivist