

**Minutes of the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield
Branch Meeting – April 14, 2016**

Call to Order/Welcome

President Barbara McQuitty called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. Our mission statement was recited by all.

- Barbara thanked our coordinating hostess Pat Shores and hostesses: Andrea Dedo, Mary Lynn DeGrande, Marilyn Fletcher, Jan Horner, Marge Jurgenson, Pam Kulp, Mary LaRuffa, Doris Nistler, Fran Reiland, and Linda Roberson.

Officer Reports:

- **Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick:** Minutes of the branch meeting will be available on our website.
- **Financial Officer: Rita Hawkins-Page** was unavailable.
- **Membership: Linda Seibert:**
Linda reminded everyone to pay their dues. We had one new member at today's meeting, and another new member who was not there. We have a total of 250 members and a total of four guests today.

AAUW PRIORITIES:

- **Public Policy: Pat Shores:**
Pat talked about the April 12 "Equity Action Day" bus trip to Jefferson City that was a super day for our group. The group was able to speak with all our state legislators about the pay equity bill. She thanked the nineteen (19) email and call blasters from B-C who make calls each week to our legislators on pay equity.

Pat also mentioned that 100 years ago 3000 suffragettes showed up at the Democratic Convention to demand that women's right to vote be included in the platform. AAUW is going to recreate this event on Sept. 3 along with the League of Women Voters. Since there is no funding to support this event, donations will be accepted for the cause. Pat encouraged everyone to be involved and to wear white dresses that day.

A special thanks was given from Pat and Barb Butchart for help from AAUW in supporting Public Policy throughout the year.

Karen Francis also discussed the Pay Equity Day in Jefferson City. There were eighty (80) women from our area that met with thirty-five (35) representatives and discussed gender pay gap. They met with the person who is responsible for getting bills to the floor for discussion. Another issue discussed was Voter ID's.

- **EOF: Marian Bauer:**

Two of our scholarship winners will be graduating and they will receive a “Give a Grad a Gift” free membership for one year to AAUW. If you know of a new graduate, please inform them of this program.

Our book sale was a big success, collecting over \$1000 this year. Today was the last day to buy and bring in books. We will start collecting and selling again next October.

- **LAF: Julia Triplett:**

On behalf of the committee, Julia thanked everyone for their support. Last month we collected \$1815 in support of LAF projects.

She also reminded everyone of the State Conference being held on April 30. Our chapter will reimburse the registration for anyone going to the meeting. June 3-4 is the Midwest Ten-State Biennial Conference in Kansas City at the Great Wolf Lodge.

BRANCH PRIORITIES:

- **Dollars for Scholars: Barb Jowett**

There are still three spaces left for the trip to Warm Springs Ranch to see the Budweiser Clydesdales. The summer garden party has been canceled.

- **Spring Luncheon: Carol Derington:**

There are still openings for our spring luncheon at Whitmoor Country Club. Carol will still take reservations by phone up until the first week of May. Cancellations must be made by April 29.

- **Ten Star and Galaxy Awards: Suzanne Couch;**

Suzanne said that with all of our work done in the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch we are sure to receive some awards at the state conference. Suzanne thanked everyone who has contributed to St. Martha’s home; it is very much appreciated. She will be going there today to drop off items.

- **Communications: Joyce Katz:**

Joyce reminded everyone to pay their dues of \$81 either by going online or writing a check for \$81 to our financial officer, Rita Hawkins-Page.

She also informed everyone that she had Schnuck’s cards available (Escrip) for use when shopping at any Schnuck stores.

New Business: Election of Officers for 2016-2017

The slate of officers was voted on and accepted for the new year.

Our new officers will be:

Secretary/Archivist, Susan Fenwick; Co-V.P. of Membership, Fran Reiland; Co-V.P. of Membership, Susie Teicher; Co-V.P. of Programs, Marilyn Fletcher; and Co-President, Sandra Murdock.

Co-President, Karen Francis reminded everyone of a Trivia game in St. Charles on April 23. She took this opportunity to thank Ballwin-Chesterfield for her time (four years) as President.

Marilyn Fletcher reported that the Creve Coeur AAUW branch is disbanding. This would be a good opportunity for our branch to invite them to come to our branch meetings.

Marilyn Beiter
Substitute Secretary for Susan Fenwick