

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting
November 10, 2016

Call to Order and Welcome: Barb McQuitty

President Barbara McQuitty called the business meeting to order and welcomed everyone. This was followed by recitation of the AAUW mission statement: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research."

Barb gave special thanks to coordinating hostesses, Erlaine Eltomi and Ginger Johnson, and hostesses Marge Anderson, Rosann Swarigim, Willeyne Berger, Marsh Weppelman, Karen Francis, Susan Fenwick, Marilyn Beiter and Carol Berry.

Officer Reports

A. Branch Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the October, 2016, branch meeting are available on the AAUW B-C website and from Susan Fenwick. Karen Francis made a motion to approve the October minutes, and the motion PASSED.

B. Financial Report: Rita Hawkins-Page

Dollars for Scholars brought in \$1,938 in income this month, and now stands at \$6,345. Schnuck's brought in \$47. The Schuck's total is \$2,369. Leadership is \$6,612; Operating, \$31,434; total assets: \$46,760.

C. Membership: Fran Reiland/Susan Teicher

Susan introduced three guests, who were asked to stand: Edie Quick, Jean Light and Abby Roseler. Our membership total is 247 members, and two people joined today: Kelly Johnson and Susan B. Shriver.

AAUW Priorities

A. Public Policy: Pat Shores /Barbara Butchart

Barb announced an Election Recap Panel to be held this evening (11/10) at the Richmond Heights Community Center. This event was sponsored by AAUW and several other community groups.

Please save the date, January 10, 2017, for the second SCCAT all-day conference on human trafficking. There is a sign-up sheet at the back table.

Share your comments for AAUW Public Policy programs 2017-2019 on the AAUW national open website. You will have an opportunity to vote on Public Policy programs in early April, 2017. Voter PINs will be emailed to all members, and the PIN will appear in the spring issue of *Outlook*.

B. EOF: Marian Bauer/Vickie Jany

Vickie: November is Individual Giving Month for EOF. Over \$100 million has been given to women by AAUW for graduate education. Envelopes were on chairs for donations, collected at the meeting.

C. LAF: Doris Nistler/Julie Triplett

Julie: Doris and Julie serve as Legal Advocacy Fund chairs. This part of AAUW works on issues such as unfair pay, sexual assault cases, violations of Title IX, and other issues affecting women, and sometimes men. Julie serves on the national LAF committee. It has limited funds so must choose carefully which cases to support.

Julie described two incidents locally that are relevant, but not LAF, cases. Cornelia Horn, assistant theology professor at St. Louis University, complained that she experienced bullying and intimidation from her male peers. She went through a long tenure process, and then her tenure was denied. This sex discrimination case went to jury trial, and her discrimination claim was decided 9-3 in her favor. She was awarded \$375,000 in damages. At Lindenwood, three members of the basketball team were charged with assault. The three suspects were suspended from the team, and the university is launching a Title IX investigation. AAUW supports women who are discriminated against.

Branch Priorities

A. State and National Events: Julie Triplett

The state AAUW meeting will be held on May 6, 2017, in Columbia. This is a one-day event. The big meeting is at the national level; it will be held in Washington, D.C. on June 14-17. If interested, let us know. This will be a great experience. You will learn a lot and have fun.

B. Dollars for Scholars: Janice Buckhold/ Phyllis Oakes

Janice and Phyllis recognized Dollars for Scholars volunteer Kathy Brown. They also thanked everyone who has already sponsored an event. Several events are already scheduled for next year, but we need more in 2017.

The tickler list tracks events that have sponsors committed, but do not yet have set dates. There is a suggestion box in the back of the room. This is to collect ideas for events, or names of those willing to be a sponsor, but need an idea.

It's been a great year to date, and DFS is hoping for a record year. There are event sign-ups in the back of the room.

C. Branch Development - "Jingle Mingle": Suzanne Couch/Karen Francis

Suzanne: A wonderful holiday auction is planned. Donations have been outstanding. The committee listened to suggestions submitted at the fall brunch, and there are going to be lots of nice baskets. Also there will be wine available during the Jingle Mingle, for a donation. (Be happy while you shop!) Persons who have not signed up may obtain a form from Sage to take with them and mail back with a check by the end of November. The absolute cut-off date is December 1.

Karen: For new people, the Winter Auction supports the operating budget and the leadership budget. The latter provides reimbursement for attendance at state and national conventions.

Find what you need for Christmas gifts at the auction. Those who are contributing to the boutique should bring three items that will sell for \$5, \$10 or \$15.

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

About sixty (60) people still have not picked up their directories. Directories and covers were available at today's branch meeting. A December supplement will be published at the end of the month. Any changes in information need to be in by tomorrow (11/11). Anyone who needs a new picture, Joyce Katz can take a new one of you.

Nominating Committee: Vickie Jany

Vickie Jany, Suzanne Couch, Carol Derington, Marian Bauer and Yvonne Morrison are nominating committee members. Their job is to present a slate of officers for the 2017-2019 period. They need help in nominating people. There were nomination forms at today's meeting. Members were asked to think of nominating someone who would make a good officer. The strength of AAUW B-C is putting qualified women in leadership positions.

President's Comments

Immediate Past President Karen Francis stated that next Wednesday (11/16) at 1:00 St. Louis time, AAUW national is having an election wrap-up call.

Adjournment

Barb adjourned the business meeting portion of the branch meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Program

Today's program was "AAUW EOF Money in Motion." Student speakers Janet Kagoda, UMSL, from Uganda in east Africa, and Liz Koenig, Webster University, described their NCCWSL experiences. Sister Esther Hogan and Sister Ruth Kertz presented a one-year update on implementation of the AAUW B-C grant *Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking*.

Next Branch Meeting

Thursday, December 8, 2016.

Susan Fenwick
Secretary/Archivist