

## **AAUW Ballwin/Chesterfield Branch Meeting January 12, 2017**

### **Call to Order and Welcome:** Barb McQuitty

President Barbara McQuitty called the business meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. 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 thanked coordinating hostesses, Laqueta Barstow and Kelly Johnson, and hostesses Mary Buck, Dodie Barnes, Mary Lynn DeGrande, Marilyn Fletcher, Barbara Kellams, Judy Stagoski, Elaine Williams and Mary Kay Wolfe.

### **Officer Reports**

#### A. Minutes of November Branch Meeting: Susan Fenwick

Minutes are available from Susan and will be posted on the branch website.

#### B. Programs: Marilyn Fletcher

The Programs Committee is asking for help in planning next year's programs. After next month's branch meeting, there will be a Programs meeting. Members are invited to stay and help, or at least pass on program ideas.

#### C. Financial Report: Rita Hawkins-Page

Rita was away so Barb gave a brief rundown of AAUW B-C finances. The listing included Dollars for Scholars: \$5,443; Schnuck's \$2,450; Leadership and Development: \$6,611; and Operating Fund: \$41,454. The rounded total is \$56,001.

#### D. Membership: Fran Reiland/SusanTeicher

- Attendance at the December Jingle Mingle included 94 members and 9 guests.
- At today's meeting there are two guests, Ellen Deshatres and Peggy Harris. Ellen has joined today!

### **AAUW Priorities**

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

- Pat invited people to join the Public Policy Committee, and then reported on the all-day event held on Tuesday, on "Breaking the Chains of Human Trafficking." An all-new program was presented at the event, which was featured on both Channel 4 and Channel 5 TV stations. Pat

thanked those who helped and also those who attended, which was paid for in total by year 2 funds from our Community Action Grant.

- A Women's March will be held in St. Louis on January 21, 2017, from around 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Several AAUW B-C members are planning to march in Washington, D.C., but you can join the march in St. Louis. Please add your name to the sign-up sheet. This march will include a walk, a rally, and an action part; you don't have to do all three. On Facebook 4,000 people say they are coming.
- AAUW is a supporting member of the Missouri Women's Network. A legislative retreat had been planned for this Saturday, but now it must be postponed due to the hazardous driving weather that is forecast.

#### B. Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF): Marian Bauer/Vickie Jany

- Marian announced that our four local scholarship winners are about to start their winter semester, and one of them will graduate this May.
- On a back table pictures are displayed today of EOF fellowship winners from AAUW National.
- November was Individual Giving Month for EOF, and \$2600 was raised.
- There are many Dollars for Scholars events planned; please sign up. In two months, the Book Sale has raised \$369!

#### C. Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): Mersine Kallaos

Mersine shared that since 1981, LAF has provided \$2 million to more than 100 plaintiffs. AAUW gives financial and organizational support to select cases involving sex discrimination in academia or the workplace that have the potential to provide protection for all women. Cases must meet the following requirements for eligibility.

1. Be filed in state or federal court, preferably at the appellate level.
2. Address sex discrimination in the workplace or academia, including topics like unfair pay, tenure or promotion denial, pregnancy discrimination, Title IX violations, and sexual harassment or sexual assault.
3. Have the potential to set or reinforce precedent for future cases on gender discrimination.
4. Request support to advance the legal case. (Personal expenditures are not reimbursed).
5. Have litigants who are willing to engage in branch visits and make appropriate public appearances with AAUW.
6. Allow AAUW to publicize support for the case internally and externally, including in the media, on the website, and in electronic and print communications.

#### **Branch Priorities**

##### A. Legacy Circle Awards: Julie Triplett

Filling in for Sue Barley, Julie explained that members of the Legacy Circle have made arrangements for a planned gift, to leave something to AAUW. These women include Terri Ciccolella, Erlaine Eltomi, Jayne Kasten, Pam Kulp, Joyce Schuetz, Pat Shores, Karen Francis, and Julia Triplett. Julie announced that our branch has a new member of the Legacy Circle, Darlene Harris, and presented Darlene with her Legacy Circle pin. Nancy Hutchins, also a member of the Legacy Circle, is the newest Missouri member. Brochures with information about the Legacy Circle are available from Julie.

B. Dollars for Scholars (DFS): Janice Buckhold/ Phyllis Oakes

- Phyllis explained that in addition to books, items such as CD'S, DVD'S and puzzles are welcome for the Book Sale. She issued a challenge, that everyone in the branch bring at least one item per meeting to support the Book Sale.
- Sign-up sheets for DFS events are at the back table. The next event is a Bissinger's tour on January 18; five more women need to be added to the tour. In March, Jazz at the Bistro is offered, as well as the Mad Hatter Tea Party. Tea Party attendance is limited to eighty (80), so sign up now.
- The Tickler List contains events that have ideas but need a sponsor, a date set, or additional definition. The DFS Committee is issuing a call to action: If you haven't yet sponsored an event, please volunteer. In particular, if you are a non-traditional student, you can "pay it forward" by sponsoring an event.

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

The Jingle Mingle grossed \$12,700! A financial breakdown of receipts is in the January, 2017, branch newsletter.

Suzanne complimented those who helped with this special event, saying they are the easiest group to manage, volunteering for jobs and then just doing them without requiring micro-management. She thanked members for the things they brought and the things they bought.

D. Nominating Committee: Vickie Jany

- Vickie asked for help with nominating candidates, which can be done by downloading a nomination form from the website, filling it out, and sending it to Vickie. As an alternative, talk to Vickie, Suzanne Couch, or Carol Derington about your nominee(s).
- When you are called about taking a leadership position, please say 'yes.' AAUW B-C has a strong leadership core, and we want to continue it.

**President's Comments:** Barb McQuitty

- Barb reiterated that if you are called about filling a position, you please give it a try.

- She announced that on Saturday, March 25, the IBC Luncheon will be held at Glen Echo Country Club. AAUW B-C is doing the program.

Barb adjourned the business meeting at 10:04 a.m.

**Program Speaker:** Barbara Kay.

Barbara Kay, a historical re-enactor, performed as Clara Barton, pioneering nurse and founder of the Red Cross.

**Next Branch Meeting: Thursday, February 9, 2017.**