

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting
April 2, 2015

Call to Order /Welcome by Karen Francis at 9:30 a.m.

- The meeting opened with the reading of the Mission Statement: “AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.”
- Karen thanked our hostesses: Barb Jowett, Barb Tackitt, and Marcia Block.
- Officer Reports:
 1. Minutes of the March board meeting are available from Susan Fenwick and on our website. Karen asked for corrections or additions. None was heard, and the minutes were approved as posted.
 2. Financial Officer: Report from Rita Hawkins-Page read by Karen Francis
As of 28 February: Dollars for Scholars, \$7,778; Schnuck’s, \$1,588; Leadership, \$8,480, Operating, \$25,096; for a total of \$42, 941.
- AAUW Priorities
 1. Public Policy: Pat Shores
April 14 is the Equal Rights Action Day rally in Jefferson City, and we need riders to fill the bus. Thirteen riders are signed up, but we need twenty-seven. Fourteen different organizations are coming to the rally. The legislators need to see us and know we are fighting to advance/retain women's rights. This year we are working on Pay Equity rather than the E.R.A.

Also, this year we are supporting the installation of Maya Angelou in the Statehouse, with individual donations. And there is a campaign to get a woman on the \$20 bill. The Equality Day brunch will be Saturday, Aug. 22.

Public Policy: Barb Butchart:

The model sexual harassment policy that members of our branch wrote ties in with an AAUW priority. April 9 is the next scheduled appointment with the Executive Director of Education Plus (for all St. Louis school districts). The model policy will be posted on our website, and will be sent to National.

We are awaiting word on a Human Trafficking Action Grant; on April 15 we find out if it was awarded.

Julie Triplett is writing a Recognition Project for our branch, on Human Trafficking, for the Galaxy Award.

AAUW B-C signed onto a community action grant with UMSL for pay equity.

2. Educational Opportunity Fund/Named Gift: Linda Roberson
We have several students graduating. We will make a decision on how many new ones we can support after we see how the budget comes out.

Toni Thornton is raffling off three days in her home in Bella Vista to support the F. Elaine Richardson fund. Bella Vista is quite near Crystal Bridges.

3. Legal Advocacy Fund: Linda Evans
\$1650 was collected from LAF donations.
Oct. 24 is Trivia Night. Doris Nistler is chair, and the committee needs volunteers.

- Branch Priorities

1. Membership: Linda Seibert
On February 1 we reconcile our membership records with those of National. We are carrying a few members who haven't paid dues; they will be contacted. Our branch has 235 members.
2. Communications: Joyce Katz
AAUW National voting - Joyce handed out a brochure at the last branch meeting. Everyone should have their Outlook sent by email, and National also is mailing a printed copy to everyone. This issue contains your PIN for voting. Joyce was thanked for hosting the party for watching the launch of "Solving the Equation."
3. Newsletter: Mary Jermak
Deadlines for article submittals in May-June and July-August are pushed back due to travel, so there is extra time for submittals. Mary wants to revisit printing and mailing costs for the newsletter. She proposes to phone the 8-10 people still requiring postal delivery of the newsletter to try to persuade them to convert to email. There was a discussion of whether or not to charge these members for Post Office delivery. Also, we've had no Office Depot rewards for the past two months, so we need to promote that. We could reduce the number of printed copies we've been giving to Membership and just provide them as Membership needs them. Our policy is we don't put any new members on the postal list. Reminder from Leslie Wier: don't wait till the end of the year to turn in your committee receipts for reimbursement; this makes it very hard on the Finance Officer.
4. Spring Luncheon: Carol Derington.
Carol has 51 paid reservations, and others who have indicated interest but not paid. April 23 is the cutoff for refund of the reservation amount; after that, if you cancel, no refund. The lunch menu has been established.
5. STEM: Sandra Murdock
 - Expanding Your Horizons - We have paid for girls to go to science workshops.
 - Science Fair. We will be judging the Honors Science Fair.
 - Marcia Block: We added Maplewood, in Richmond Heights, for Girls of Promise awards to five girls. In a separate event on 30 April, there

will be an awards ceremony for five girls at Valley Park. Email Marcia if you would like to attend.

- New Business
 1. Appointed Directors for 2015-2016. A list of proposed appointed directors was distributed to attendees and it was moved that the Board approve these appointed directors. The motion PASSED. The list will be published in Branching Out.
 2. Year-end reports/ revised job descriptions
It's been a while since we have revisited job descriptions, and some jobs are going into committees as opposed to being director positions. Please check the job description when Karen sends it to you, to see if it needs to be revised. If there are two people holding a single position, identify which job responsibilities go to each person.
 3. Any other new business?
A new song was written for the Victorian Tea. Singing practice will be held after this meeting. Marilyn Fletcher wrote words to be sung to tune of "Tea for Two."
- Unfinished Business
 - ◇ Joyce: make a concerted effort to bring new members into committees and activities.
 - ◇ Leslie: As we change jobs and new people come in, sometimes we lose details of what has been done in that position before. Suggestion: before formalizing the job description, send it around electronically for review.
 - ◇ How do you "give a grad a gift"? Go to the website. There is a form.
 - ◇ One last push: one of our members is running for the national board. Please be sure to vote. The candidate from our branch has done so much in our community and in AAUW. One measure to be voted on is a change that would drop the educational requirement. You need to think about this. Voting starts April 15.
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- Adjournment: Karen Francis adjourned the meeting at 10:48 a.m.
- Next Board Meeting: May 7, 2015

Susan Fenwick, Secretary