

Minutes of the AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

Board Meeting - September 3, 2015

Call to Order:

- President Karen Francis opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. by asking attendees to recite the AAUW Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.
- Karen welcomed board members, and asked each member to introduce herself and talk about her tenure in AAUW B-C and her positions on the board, followed by naming her favorite Mexican or fish dish.
- Suzanne Couch informed the group of the availability of AAUW business cards. There is a packet of ten cards for each board member.
- Doris Nistler explained that the paddles distributed are for the elected directors. The vote is per position.
- Today's hostesses were thanked for the refreshments: Sandra Murdoch, Linda Seibert, Kay Meyer, Mary Jermak.

Minutes of the May board Meeting – Susan Fenwick

There were no additions or corrections. The minutes are approved as they stand.

President's Report - Karen Francis

- A financial review committee audited the AAUW B-C books in July. Rita has done a marvelous job in her second year as Finance Officer, and our branch is in great shape. Assets: \$42,652.
- Since 1994 our branch, through Dollars for Scholars, has collected almost \$186,000. To date, AAUW B-C has offered 99 scholarships worth almost \$85,000 and has contributed approximately \$68,500 to National. To continue this, we need volunteers to put together Dollars events. Board members set an example for the branch. There are many ideas for additional events, and events are not hard to do. Committee members will help you if you are timid about doing one. At least make a point of attending them.
- Karen Francis and Barb McQuitty will be looking at goals for our branch going forward. Karen and Suzanne set a goal of going green, starting with reducing paper use. Note the new compact format for the Board Member Packet. If you see corrections or committees that need to be added, please let Karen or Barb know. No forms were printed, because they all are available for download from the web. About 6-7 pages were cut out, saving 77 cents per person (x35).
- Our goals and strategies are on the website.

- Cancellation of meetings is based on the Parkway School District's scheduling.
- Thank you to those who signed up to serve as board meeting hostesses.
- April 12, Jefferson City: Equity Action Day. Since the capitol is undergoing a facelift, it was difficult to find a place for the rally, so we'll have a bigger, more concerted effort to do lobbying.
- The regional AAUW meeting will be held in Kansas City in June.
- National convention: Phenomenal people were there as speakers and on the panel. People from National spoke about how AAUW is moving forward as an organization. We heard what it will take to be a woman leader (supported by the E.R. Walk). We have leadership funds to support attendance at conventions. We had four AAUW B-C members in attendance. Coming up is National in D.C. Our attendees picked up lots of new ideas, and it was an honor to represent B-C at the convention.

ELECTED OFFICERS

Programs: Judy Stagoski/Jan Horner

Jan: Thanks to last year's committee who set up this year's programs, which are listed on page 5 of the directory. This year's committee is working on exciting programs for 2016-2017.

Membership: Linda Seibert/Marilyn Fletcher

Linda: The new member coffee will be Oct. 15 at 10 a.m. Thank you to Marilyn Beiter for stepping in to take JoAnn Black's place.

Financial Officer- Review Budget: Leslie Wier for Rita Hawkins-Page

- We all are thinking of JoAnn and will provide whatever she needs as she makes us aware of it.
- The budget needs to go to membership in October. Leslie distributed paper copies of the proposed budget, and then led us through it. Our records will be changing from QuickBooks to Quicken this year. Board members expressed appreciation for the clear format for presenting the year's budget.
- Leslie Wier made the following motion:

MOTION: I move that the Board approve the budget for 2015-2016 as presented (attached). The motion was APPROVED by a vote of the Board.

ELECTED DIRECTORS

Public Policy: Pat Shores/Barb Butchart

- Barb passed out the new Public Policy program. Everything done in our branch comes from AAUW National, as voted on by the membership. The committee is open to anyone who wishes to join.
- A September 11 fundraising concert is going to be held, with free will donations. Other upcoming events will be listed in Branching Out.
- Julia Triplett observed that Barb should be commended for getting way out ahead of National on these issues and doing a lot of networking with other groups in the community.

Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF): Linda Roberson/Marian Bauer

- Marian: AAUW B-C has four students at UMSL and one at Maryville. We are happy that we did not lose the Maryville scholarship due to a mix-up with C/U Partners.
- November is individual giving month for EOF. We are proud of the community action grant obtained by Pat Shores, which comes through EOF national money.
- We are continuing to sell Panera cards and will have bean soup for sale.
- There will be a new way of doing the book sale. The EOF committee decided to still collect books, but sell them to the Half Price Book Store on Clarkson. So far this has brought in \$442, and the year has not even started yet! The book sale is a Dollars for Scholars event. If another group wants to take on a book fair for our AAUW branch, it will be a Dollars event, not an EOF event.
- Linda: The committee has looked into selling other kinds of cards (besides Panera), but the return isn't as good.
- Century Club Plus: Eleven people are to be recognized at the Fall Brunch for donating at least \$250. We are very close to fully funding the F. Elaine Richardson fund.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): Linda Evans/Julie Triplett

- Suzanne Couch: C/U Partners met with folks at St. Louis University. They are excited to work AAUW into student life there. C/U Partners is going to Maryville next week to meet with C/U Partners there, too.
- St. Louis University owns a license for \$tart \$mart, so we may be able to partner with them on that program.

- Doris Nistler: LAF Trivia Night will be held on Oct. 24; doors open at 6:30. Please come and bring your friends. The committee needs help, so please volunteer. Cost is \$20 per person. \$10 of the ticket is tax deductible.
- LAF supports the filing of amicus briefs. This makes LAF a bit different from other AAUW supported funds.

APPOINTED DIRECTORS

Directory: Leslie Wier/Marilyn Beiter

New directories are available. Pick them up!

Hospitality: Vickie Jany/Darlene Harris

No report.

Newsletter: Bette Bude/Mary Jermak

- Mary: Newsletter has been working over the summer to reduce the list of newsletters not sent electronically. About 10-12 names remain on the list.
- Personnel changes occurred over the summer. Joyce Katz requested to be removed from the list of active proofreaders. Joyce has done a tremendous job--thank you!! She will still distribute the newsletter and put out Friday reminders. Thank you also to Pat Shores for proofing. New proofers are Susan Fenwick and Mary Kay Wolfe.

Special Events - Fall Brunch: Joanne Nelson/Kay Meyer

Joanne: Fall Brunch is Sep. 10. Arrangements are made for music, food, a 50/50 raffle, table numbers, cleanup and setup. The meeting starts at 9:30. We will have 22 tables.

Kay: The theme for the brunch is "Maxine Tells It Like It Is." A game will be distributed, and table decorations will tie in with the Maxine theme. A message from the president will be on the tables: How to love AAUW is to get involved, join a committee. Some committees, interest groups, and the Directory will have tables set up around the perimeter of the room.

Special Events – Spring Luncheon : Carol Derington

The Spring Luncheon in 2015 broke even and got favorable comments. Spring Luncheon still needs a co-chair. (Call Karen). There will be a very quick Spring Luncheon meeting after the Fall Brunch, in the lobby, to make decisions about near-term items.

Winter Auction: Joyce Katz

- The Winter Auction theme is "Be an Angel to the Branch."
- There will be a new raffle. Members who bring a guest will receive a ticket for a special raffle (one ticket for each guest). The prize will be dinner coupons, merchandise, etc.
- Pat Shores has a letter to give to merchants to solicit donation of coupons and merchandise.
- The Winter Auction meetings have been productive with wonderful volunteers.
- Tables will be assigned at the branch meetings when signing up, so no one will have to scramble to find enough seats for their group.

STEM: Sandra Murdock/Marcia Block

Marcia: Next year will be a continuation of existing programs:

1. Two prizes for Science Fair;
2. Expanding Horizons program in March;
3. STEM Girls of Promise will continue at Valley Park, but Maplewood needs to be changed to either a separate program such as Valley Park or possibly finding a different school.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Leadership Resources: www.aauw.org/resource/leader-essentials/
- Email: connect@aauw 800-326-2289 Claudia Richards

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT: Karen Francis adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Susan Fenwick,
Secretary