

BRANCH MEETING MINUTES
AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
March 9, 2012

The meeting was called to order and led by Co-President, Marcia Block, at 9:30 AM. The AAUW Mission Statement was recited by all.

The March Hostesses led by Coordinating hostesses, Susan Fenwick and Linda Roberson, were acknowledged and thanked. Hostesses: Nancy Beckmann, Andrea Dedo, Joan Dieckmann, Helen Fick, Darlene Harris, Susan Haynes, Joan Hewitt, Ann Hirsch, and Becky Kaley.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. Quorum: There is a quorum present at this meeting.

B. Minutes: The minutes from the March Board Meeting have been read, approved, and are available from Secretary, Judy Stagoski. They are posted on the website under "Events - Meetings".

C. Treasurer's Report:

1. Asset Report: Leslie Wier, Treasurer, reviewed the February Asset Report. The ending balance is **\$ 24,159**

2. Dues

Collection of 2012-2013 dues begins today, and the goal is to have all dues paid by early June.

Leslie explained different ways that dues may be paid:

a. Electronic payment: This is a new method of payment introduced by National and will be available after 5/1/12. The Branch President will set it up, and members may pay directly to National with a credit card. National, in turn, will send to the Branch the amount due.

b. A member can give her check to Leslie who will mail it directly to National.

The advantage to using either of these methods of payment is that when the \$49 National dues are sent directly, they are not included in the Branch's total annual receipts. If the Branch total annual receipts are under \$50,000, a costly accountant fee is saved. Our Branch needs from forty to fifty members to pay this way. The Board has already agreed to use the "direct pay" method.

D. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. Membership: Joan Lunt and Barb Schillhahn

- a. **Current membership: 253**
- b. Two guests were acknowledged and welcomed.
- c. **New Members Coffee** See the Newsletter for specific information for the New Member Coffee planned for April 25, 2012.
- d. Members were reminded of "Give a Grad A Gift" in which a membership can be given to a woman who has graduated within the last twelve months.
- e. The skills of a woodworker are needed to make new inserts for the membership badges' holders. Let Barb or Joan know of anyone who could make them.

2. Directory: Rosemary Manley

Today is the last day to have new pictures taken for the 2012-13 Directory. August 10 is the deadline for changes.

Advertisers are needed. Please help recruit new or repeat advertisers.

AAUW PRIORITIES

A. Educational Opportunities Fund: Mary Kay Wolfe and Jan Horner

1. Book Sale: \$549 was earned for EOF from the February used book sale.
2. Silver Anniversary Grant: The Grant, in the amount of \$75,000 is completed. It was begun in May of 2005. The money is to be used at the National level to provide funds for Career Development Grants and Community Action Grants.

Recognition was given to the EOF Chairs who were involved over the past seven years in initiating and managing this Grant: Linda Bader, Lois Purdy, Sue Barley, Carol Thomas, Cecilia McFadden, Marcia Block, and Jan Horner.

B. **Dollars for Scholars** Judy Green and Barb Tackitt

Members were reminded that the \$10 realized from the Dollars for Scholars events goes to EOF, and a list of upcoming events was distributed to all.

C. Legal Advocacy Fund: Ruth Griffin and Barbara Butchart

1. Thanks were extended to all who contributed to Individual Giving in February. A total of \$1,530 was raised.
2. Doris Nistler called attention to the fact that Trivia Night is nearly here and needs participants. To date, only four tables are reserved as compared to seventeen tables filled at the previous Trivia. \$10 of the cost of each ticket is tax deductible, and any sponsor amount is entirely tax deductible.

D. Public Policy Sandy Camillo

Lobby Day: The morning's portion of this event in Jefferson City, MO, on April 17, is sponsored by The Women's Network, and AAUW-BC partners with them.

AAUW is sponsoring an Equal Pay Day Rally, complete with parasols and cookies minus 25% representing women's pay. Sandy Camillo and Karen Francis will be attending a two hour training for advocacy at Fulton, MO, on Saturday, March 10.

E. Crossing the Line: Karen Francis summarized the points in the new publication of the same name. Teri Miller and Karen Francis will meet with Don Senti, Head of Cooperating School Districts, to discuss the topic of sexual harassment in schools.

F. International Relations Karen Francis
The two final lectures will take place on the topics of "Privatization of Space" in March and on "Changes in Immigration-Impact/Dynamics in Europe" in April. See the Newsletter for more information.

G. Interbranch Council (IBC) Yvonne Morrison
1. Please consult the Newsletter for specifics regarding the annual Spring Fling on March 24.
2. IBC will be sponsoring a tour of The Old Meetinghouse on April 14. The cost is \$10. Contact Yvonne Morrison for additional information.

AAUW MO Julie Triplett

1. State Meeting:
 - a. A Public Policy Meeting will be held on Friday, March 4 with emphasis on young voters. "Get Out the Vote" will be the focus.
 - b. The annual MO State Meeting will take place the following day. Both are at the Marriott in Columbia, MO.
 - c. The Five State Meeting will be in Oklahoma City, June 8-10.

Sign-up sheets are on the table at this meeting or a form can be downloaded from the website or a form can be found in the current *Missouri in Motion*.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

A. Ballwin-Chesterfield Nominating Committee

The following Slate of Officers was presented to the membership by Chair, Yvonne Morrison:

Secretary: Marilyn Beiter
Vice-President - Membership: Judy Stagoski
Vice-President - Programs: Erlaine Eltomi
President: Karen Francis

Thanks were extended to Chair, Yvonne Morrison, and to her Nominating Committee Jan Horner and Nance Roth.

The Slate will be published in the Newsletter and voted on at the April Branch Meeting. Nominations from the floor, with the permission of the nominee, will be accepted at this meeting before voting takes place.

B. Named Gift Nominations

Today is the final day to submit a name for the Named Gift Award. Contact Bette Bude today.

SPECIAL MEETINGS

A. Spring Luncheon: Diane Siegel

The menu for the luncheon was highlighted. Sign-ups will be by tables, and two Board members will be at each table. The cost is \$24. Please get your reservation promptly.

B. Summer Picnic: Jane Clendenin and Marilyn Fletcher

The picnic will again be held at the Tremayne Shelter, Creve Coeur Lake, on July 12.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:15 AM. After a break, the meeting was reconvened.

Speaker: Barbara Kay

Topic: "Dolley Madison, First Lady of the United States"

Adjournment was at 11:30 AM.

Submitted by

Judy Stagoski
Secretary