

**`AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 4, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER: AAUW Mission Statement.

HOSTESSES: Marilyn Beiter, Sandra Murdock and Mary Lou Wilson were thanked for providing refreshments.

QUORUM: The presence of a quorum is confirmed.

No corrections or additions were made to the agenda.

II. OPERATIONAL REPORTS

A. PRESIDENT'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Karen thanked everyone for what they do for the Ballwin-Chesterfield branch of AAUW and being relatively new, she has enjoyed working with our branch and given the opportunity to serve as co-president.

B. MINUTES:

1. The minutes from the September Board Meeting have been read and approved.
2. Minutes are available from the Secretary, Marilyn Beiter and on the Website.

C. TREASURER'S REPORT: Leslie Wier

Leslie was absent because of illness and no report was filed.

D. MEMBERSHIP: Barb Schillhahn

Barb reported that 11 new members have been added to our rolls since September. The next New Member Coffee will be held on October 24 at 1:00 in the home of Marilyn Fletcher.

E. PROGRAMS: Erlaine Eltomi

1. The speaker for October is Dayna Stock from the Sue Shear Institute at UMSL.
2. There is room for 75 people at the German Heritage tour and luncheon at the Dreamland. She is hoping to clear \$1000 at this event.

III. AAUW PRIORITIES

A. EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FUND: Mary Kay Wolfe & Jan Horner

1. Jan spoke about not being able to get phone numbers and addresses from UMSL due to rights and privacy laws of the scholars. She can get e-mails and has heard from the three winners who will be at our meeting in January.
2. Mary Kay has heard from three AAUW fellows and they have been invited to come to our November meeting.

3. The Eleanor Roosevelt Walk will be on October 9, 10:30 at Faust Park. Rain schedule will be at the Chesterfield Mall.
4. The used book sale will be held in February and Mary Kay thanked those who have brought in their books.
5. The Motherhouse tour and workshop on Human Trafficking is scheduled for October 16.

B. LEGAL ADVOCACY: Barb Butchart and Carol Derrington

1. St. Louis Metro branches will be showing the movie the “Invisible War” on October 23rd at Plaza Frontenac. There are 80 reservations as of today. The theater holds 135. There will be a discussion of the movie afterwards by Julie Triplett. There will be a crisis intervention person on hand at the showing because 1 in 4 women are abused and may need help. The film will also be shown at 6:30 p.m. on October 17, at St. Louis University’s Busch Center. This event is being sponsored by in part by Safe Connections, which is a recipient of an AAUW community action grant.
2. Care support is at the heart of LAF. \$100,000 has been raised to support cases and this year we have already raised \$27,000.
3. We have to be aware of domestic abuse and abuse in the military. STOPACT is an acronym that will use an impartial office to review rape and sexual assault allegations. There are three military cases being tried by Susan Berg—Klay vs. Panetta, Cioca vs. Rumsfeld and Shaw vs. Panetta.
4. A Rescue and Restore Coalition meeting will be coming up soon.
5. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month as well as Breast Cancer Awareness Month.
6. Co-president, Karen Francis, and public policy co-chair, Sandy Camillo will meet with Dr. Senti about sexual harassment and bullying in schools.
7. Julie Triplett announced that Equal Pay Rally Day is in Jefferson City, April 17.

C. PUBLIC POLICY: Sandy Camillo

1. AAUW is pushing to hold debate parties and then to give AAUW feedback from these parties.
2. AAUW will supply supplies for the parties. Go to ACTION FUND website.
3. Also, they’re advocating Phone Tree Parties on college campuses.
4. A new AAUW research publication focusing on the issue of the pay gap and how it impacts a woman’s ability to pay off her student loans. The research will be released in November, 2012.
5. Get Out the Vote—Pat Shores said there have been 266 new voters registered and should surpass 300 before it is over. Reminder cards will be sent to these new voters and then phoning them to remind them to vote
6. Phase 2 of this program will ask volunteers to phone female voters who have only voted once in the last four years.
7. Members are doing their part to get people registered to vote in November.

IV. BRANCH PRIORITIES:

A. DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS: Rita Hawkins and Becky Ragan

1. Many tours are coming up and there is a need for other tours to be offered throughout the year to support EOF activities.
2. Marcia Block talked about an upcoming tour at the Art Museum that will be lead by a docent. Tour will start at 10:15.

B. NEWSLETTER: Mary Jermak and Betty Bude

1. They are seeking to name our newsletter. Through the month of October members will be asked to submit a name for the newsletter and hopefully by January we will have a name.
2. Board members were given a sheet of paper to submit possible names.

C. TECHNOLOGY: Joyce Katz

1. New on website. There is a calendar feature that will list seven items at a time. Once the event has taken place it will be removed and another will take its place.
2. There is a new Facebook page and everyone can sign up whether you are on Facebook or not. Go to Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW.
3. Joyce has asked for \$15 to go to Go-Daddy to pay to get our old e-mail site. A consensus was given to buying this website.

D. CONVENTIONS: Marian Bauer

Postcards were passed out about the National Convention in New Orleans next June, 2013.

V. SPECIAL MEETINGS:

A. WINTER AUCTION: Pat Shores & Harriet Hirschfeld

1. Harriet asked for volunteers to help with the auction on Dec. 13.
2. Pat is seeking more restaurants for the Restaurant Row raffle.
3. No tickets will be issued for the event. Checks can be written and that will be your ticket for admittance.
4. Pat is asking everyone to sell at least one set of raffle tickets (\$20) and preferably two sets (\$40).
5. Auction will start at 10:00 and end at 2:00 this year.
6. A discussion was held on how the raffle should be run.
7. Pat encouraged everyone to bring new and slightly used item to the event.

B. IBC: Yvonne Morrison

1. There are six AAUW branches in IBC.
2. The annual Spring Fling will be held for all branches on March 16 at Norwood Country Club. Patrice Billings will be the speaker and a raffle will be held.

- VI. INTEREST GROUPS:** Karen Francis
- A. Bridge Buddies, a new bridge group has been formed.
 - B. Karen called on Fran Rieland to give us an update on the Fall Brunch. She thanked everyone for attending and purchasing flowers. Nineteen were sold and 143 people attended.

VII. NO UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VIII. NO NEW BUSINESS

IX. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 10:50

Marilyn Beiter
Secretary