

**BRANCH MEETING MINUTES
AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD
JANUARY 10, 2013**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order and led by Co-President, Marian Bauer at 9:30 a.m. The AAUW Mission Statement was recited by all present.

The January hostesses led by coordinating hostess, Pat Shores, were acknowledged and thanked.

Minutes from the November Branch Meeting have been read, approved and are available from Secretary Marilyn Beiter. They are posted on the website under Meeting Reports.

President Marian Bauer explained the questionnaire that was given to everyone in attendance and she asked that everyone please answer the questions and turn them in before we leave the meeting.

OPERATIONAL REPORTS

Treasurer's Report: Leslie Wier

1. Leslie reviewed the December asset report.
2. We have total assets of \$38,518.70.

Membership: Judy Stagoski

1. There were five guests present at the meeting.
2. We now have 247 members.
3. Judy announced that as of now and through March 15, anyone that joins AAUW will only have to pay \$24.50 for membership.

AAUW PRIORITIES

Educational opportunities Fund (EOF): Jan Horner

1. Jan reminded everyone of the Third Annual Book Sale that will be held in February. You can still donate books for the event. Money collected will go for Dollars for Scholars.
2. Since 1986 we have supported women in Continuing Education in the St. Louis area. Usually these women are non-traditional students. We have six scholars this year. Three are at UMSL and three are at the Community College.
3. Jennifer West, from UMSL, came to our meeting and spoke about her training and was thankful that she could continue her education with the help of AAUW.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): Carol Derington

1. Carol announced that January is Human Trafficking/Awareness month and January 11 is Human Trafficking/Awareness Day.
2. In the evening of January 10 there will be a meeting with three speakers on Human Trafficking with a featured speaker who is a candidate for Miss Missouri.
3. Abby Howard will lead a class on Human Trafficking/Awareness on Feb. 26.

4. Future plans include a case brought by Virginia LaBlanc vs. the University of Indiana.
5. LAF giving will be taken at our March Branch Meeting.

Public Policy: Karen Francis

1. Program on Great Decisions this month. Roz Marx is taking the sign-ups for this meeting. We team with the Ethical Society in a reading and discussion group.
2. On Feb. 6 there is a meeting with Don Senti about sexual harassment in schools. Schools are being sued in ten court cases and three are in Missouri.

BRANCH PRIORITIES

Directory: Mary Lou Wilson

1. Mary Lou reminded everyone who has not had their picture taken to do so with Joyce Katz as soon as possible.

Dollars for Scholars: Rita Hawkins

1. Rita asked everyone to please get involved with our tours. If you know of a tour let her know and she will offer it at a Branch Meeting.
2. She reminded the members of the Schlafly and Anheuser-Busch tours on Jan. 11. Also, the Civil War tour coming up on January 22 at the MO History Museum
3. There will be a new tour coming up on March 29 to see the new restored Central Library in downtown St. Louis and a Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate tour on March 22 on the Hill.

IBC: Yvonne Morrison

1. Please come to the Spring Fling on March 16 where Patrice Billings will speak on "The Will to Move Forward."

Named Gift: Marcia Block

1. Marcia explained how someone will be named the honor recipient at our spring luncheon.
2. If anyone has someone they know who is worthy of this honor to please nominate that woman. Nominations are due by the March meeting of AAUW.

Winter Auction: Pat Shores

1. Pat thanked everyone who participated in the Winter Auction and what a success it was.
2. So far we have raised more than \$500 above what we did last year. We don't have a final count at this time.

The business meeting ended and a short break was taken. The five-minute warning was given to reconvene and Erlaine Eltomi introduced our guest speaker, Dr. Morley a gerontologist from the St. Louis University Hospital. He was very informative and spoke on many topics concerning the "older generation." Many questions were asked and the meeting was adjourned at 11:40

Marilyn Beiter, Secretary

