

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting January 11, 2018

I. Call to Order and Welcome: Sandra Murdock

- President Sandra Murdock called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m. and welcomed everyone.
- Sandra asked the members to please consider serving the branch by filling one of the open positions. Nomination forms are on the website.
- Members recited the AAUW Mission Statement: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."
- Sandra thanked today's hostess committee: Carol Derington, Carol Greenaway, Marsha Koch, Mary LaRuffa, Marcia Block, Marge Jurgenson, Marilyn Schatteman, Barb Tackett, and Susie Teicher.

II. Elected Officers

Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick

Minutes of the November business meeting are on the AAUW B-C website.

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

- Pat reported on income and expense for each of our four accounts, and gave the following ending balances. Operating Fund, which received \$8462 from the Winter Auction, had an ending balance of \$44,736. Leadership Development Fund was at \$4,468; Dollars for Scholars, \$6,198; and Schnucks, \$2816. Total assets are \$58,217.
- \$2000 came out of the Dollars for Scholars Fund to be sent to national for NCCWSL. This fund also supports two women at UMSL and two at Maryville.

V-P Membership: Mersine Kallaos & Michele Mangnall

Michele stated that as of today our branch has 237 members. During December we added one member, Janet Sloey. Today we also had two guests in attendance.

III. Elected Directors

Program: Sage Tabor

All are invited to a Program Committee meeting after next month's branch meeting, to talk about possible speakers for next year. Sage passed out a questionnaire to solicit topics that would be of most interest to members.

Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF): Marian Bauer/Judy Stagoski

- Marian offered congratulations to Candace Blake, who graduated from Maryville in December 2017 with a bachelor's degree in nursing. Contributions from our branch members helped her to graduate.
- EOF also supports the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).
- The EOF book sale is ongoing in the back of the room. Please support it.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): Judy Green/Julie Triplett

Judy let us know that the newsletter contained an article that gave an update on what AAUW is doing in the area of legal advocacy. AAUW has adopted three more court cases. Also, there is a program where a branch can work with a local college to set up Title IX awareness. Judy recommended a book worth reading, by Gretchen Carlson. In it, Nathalie Gosset, an LAF plaintiff, shares her story. The title of this book is Be Fierce: Stop Harassment and Take Your Power Back.

Public Policy: Barbara Butchart/Eve LaJeunesse

- Flyers about the gender pay gap were passed out, "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap."
- Title IX and Gender Pay Gap are two issues of focus for our branch in 2017-2018. At the current rate of progress in closing the pay gap, we will not reach pay equity between men and women until 2119. Help close the gap! Consult the flyer to find out how.
- It was noted that Iceland has a law that women must be paid exactly the same as men for the same job.

IV. Appointed Directors

Branch Development Leadership and Operating Fund: Suzanne Couch/Karen Francis Holiday Auction (The Winter Soirée)

- Suzanne said the auction was awesome, and she thanked everyone who helped.
- Karen thanked people for making the Winter Soirée such a success. Part of this was due to the sale of sweatshirts. You may purchase one now at table in the back.
- The auction grossed more than \$10,000! This money stays with branch and supports all of the programs like STEM, speakers, and room fees. Numbers were up significantly from donations this year.
- This is the last year for Suzanne and Karen to chair the Winter Auction. Consider taking this on. It's a great committee, and a lot of fun. Every year something a little bit different is added to make the event interesting and successful.

Dollars for Scholars (DFS): Janice Buckhold/Phyllis Oakes

- Jan pointed out that sign-up is available in the back of the room for events that are not in the recent newsletter. This is due to a lag for getting an event published, while DFS puts the notices out on the sign-up table as soon as they know about them.
- AAUW B-C is unique in having Dollars for Scholars. Because of that, we get some perks like behind-the-scenes tours, private tours, and discounted rates.
- Phyllis went over several upcoming DFS events, as listed on the sheets that were handed out to members as they entered the gym.

Directory: Leslie Wier

- We still have directories, so people need to pick up theirs if they haven't done so.
- A new supplement will be published at the end of February, to be distributed in March, so Leslie asked that members please submit anything new or that needs to be amended by sending an email to Leslie, Joyce Katz or Marilyn Beiter.

V. Special Events:

IBC and Fall Brunch: Barbara McQuitty

- The AAUW B-C Fall Brunch is going to be held on September 13, 2018, and the co-directors already are working on it. Members who helped with the 2017 Brunch will be receiving an email asking them to volunteer again for the committee. Of course, others are welcome to volunteer as well.

- Regarding Named Gift nominations, please consider nominating one or more members in recognition of their leadership, service and commitment. Our branch directory includes a list of past awardees. Nomination forms are on the website. Our branch can have at least nine or ten nominees. They will be recognized at the Spring Luncheon. Nominations need to be received by the March branch meeting, so please submit names to Barbara McQuitty.
- The Interbranch Council (IBC) spring event, the Spring Fling, will be held at Glen Echo Country Club on April 25, 2018.
- In support of IBC, members from different St. Louis branches wrapped gifts at Barnes & Noble at Christmas time, and we made over \$800!

VI. New Business

Munching Matters: Julie Triplett

Julie explained that she and Karen Francis came up with the idea for a series of luncheons that rely on members as speakers to address issues important to AAUW members. They thank you for your support. On February 14 one of our scholarship recipients will speak about financing her education, in connection with the “Deeper in Debt” AAUW publication. All meetings are held at the Ellisville Walnut Grill. There is no fee to attend; you just pay for your lunch. For the final meeting on March 14, since the previously announced speaker, Linda Seibert, cannot be there, Susan Fenwick will speak about her experiences working in a technology field dominated by men. Organizers are thinking that next year another series of four lunches will be offered. If you have a story you’d like to tell, please contact Julie or Karen.

VII. Business Meeting Adjournment

Sandra Murdock adjourned the business meeting at 10:03 a.m. This was followed by a break, providing members with the opportunity to sign up in the back of the room for upcoming events and activities.

VIII. Program: Marilyn Fletcher/Sage Taber

Our guest speaker was Adrienne Davis, J.D., Professor & Vice-Provost at the Washington University School of Law. Her subject was “Women and Leadership – Strategies That Work.”

Susan Fenwick
Secretary/Archivist