

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting

February 8, 2018

I. Call to Order and Welcome: Marcia Block

- President Marcia Block called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and welcomed everyone.
- Members then recited the AAUW Mission Statement: “AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.”
- Marcia thanked today’s hostess committee: Linda Roberson, Kathy Brown, Christine Lampmann, Abby Roessler, Suzanne Couch, Julie Triplett, Joanne Barnes, and Phyllis Oakes.

II. Elected Officers

Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick

Minutes of the last business meeting have been approved and are posted on the AAUW B-C website.

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

Since Pat is on vacation, there was no report.

V-P Membership: Mersine Kallaos & Michele Mangnall

- Michele said branch membership is steady at 237 people. Guests today are Jaimie Talir and Genevieve Gibson Newman. Genevieve filled out the paperwork to become new member; she will be the thirteenth member to join this year.

V-P Program: Marilyn Fletcher and Sage Taber

- Sage announced that after the speaker at today’s branch meeting, the annual meeting of the Program Committee will be held. Everyone is welcome to come with suggestions and contacts for speakers. One is lined up so far.

Immediate Past President: Barbara McQuitty

- Barb reminded attendees of IBC Spring Fling Luncheon that will be held on April 21 at 11:30 at Glen Echo Country Club. AAUW B-C is responsible for choosing the lunch this year. There will be two great choices. Another branch is doing the

program. The group “Principles of the Jubilee” is providing music. Barb has forms here today to register for the Spring Fling.

- Barb has yet to receive any Named Gift nominations. The due date is March 19. Nominees are considered on the basis of their service, leadership and significant contributions. Our branch can nominate up to nine (9) people for this honor. Nomination forms are online; please send them in to Barb.

III. Elected Directors

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

Marian introduced Jaimie Talir, Maryville student and scholarship recipient. Jaimie shared with us some of her story. She is graduating with a B.S. in nursing. Jaimie is grateful for the AAUW support of non-traditional students like herself. She had felt her dream of continuing her education at this point in her life was impossible. She had a two-year associate’s degree, but was working full-time and raising seven children. Jaimie wanted to earn her four-year degree as a role model for her children and for young women in her office, and also for herself. She believes that AAUW support of students like herself is such a great investment in our community.

Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF): Doris Nistler and Julie Triplett

- There was a time when women and girls knew about unfair employment practices, discrimination and sexual harassment, but gender discrimination was not talked about much. That is changing.
- The March 23 St. Louis Symphony’s program, “Equal Play,” will celebrate women composers. Julie and Doris are in need of our help to continue the fight against gender discrimination and sexual harassment.
- Our next branch meeting speaker is from the firm that handled the Francine Katz discrimination lawsuit against Anheuser-Busch.

Public Policy: Barbara Butchart and Eve LaJeunesse

- Joyce sent out a notice asking if members would want to join in an email chain to see that women get their fair pay. AAUW B-C members all are invited to write their legislator once a week to raise awareness of the gender pay gap in Missouri. This email program will end on May 3. If interested, please contact Joyce Katz

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

Jan remarked that Jaimie is a wonderful example of why we support Dollars for Scholars.

Phyllis went over the DFS events on the sheet handed out at the door. On the back of the sheet is a list of ticklers that soon will become events. In terms of sponsoring events, think outside the box. Do you have a hobby, interest, or somewhere you'd like to go, but not by yourself? Make it an event. We can have events during the summer.

IV. Appointed Directors

Directory: Leslie Wier, Joyce Katz, and Marilyn Beiter

- A reminder: If you have not picked up your directory, see Leslie for your copy. Or pick one up for a friend who doesn't make it to the meetings.
- Also turn in any changes in directory information for the supplement coming in March.

Note: Rita Hawkins-Page is selling sweatshirts today for \$25.

V. Special Events:

Spring Luncheon: Carol Anthony and Linda Kridel

- Carol announced that the Spring Luncheon is coming on May 10. Reservations will be taken at the March and April meetings. The theme is "Celebrating New Heights." The cost is \$26. Raffle tickets will be sold for the large floral arrangement in the dining room. There will be no 50/50 raffle this time. Enjoy the delicious food and desserts. There will be attendance prizes, too. Named Gift Honoree recipients will be recognized, and officers will be installed.

VI. STEM: Jean Elliott and Carol Greenaway

- Carol reported on first big STEM event of the season, the Expanding Your Horizons Conference for girls grades 7-10. The committee needs volunteers as guides and hall monitors. There will be hands-on workshops, a panel, and a large group forum. The conference is half a day, with lunch.
- AAUW B-C also sponsors STEM Girls of Promise. On each of two different days, five (5) girls are recognized. They receive a monetary award, certificate and medallion at a special breakfast event. These are junior class girls at Richmond Heights and Valley Park. Please see Carol if you are interested.

- Marcia Block encouraged members to attend, remarking that it's inspiring to hear the girls' plans and it's lots of fun. Marcia needs one more person for a 50-minute workshop in a STEM area.

VII. New Business

- For next year, we need new officers as well as people to lead other areas. Please let Marcia Block or Sandra Murdock know if you would like to volunteer.
- International Relations will meet next Tuesday, February 13, at 10:45 at the Ethical Society. The topic of discussion is Korea.

VII. Business Meeting Adjournment

President Marcia Block adjourned the meeting at 10:07 a.m..

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Our guest speaker was Tom Stephenson, whose subject was "History of Integration in St. Charles County Schools."

Susan Fenwick
Secretary/Archivist