

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting

March 8, 2018

I. Call to Order and Welcome: Sandra Murdock

- President Sandra Murdock called the meeting to order at 9:30 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.”
- Marsha Weppelman confirmed we had a quorum.
- Sandra gave a special thank-you to today’s hospitality committee: Marge Anderson, Diane Correll, Jean Elliott, Judy Green, Darlene Harris, Pam Kulp, Yvonne Morrison, Marie Neville, Linda Roberson, and Yvonne Ward.
- Please see Rita to pick up your sweatshirt.
- Today is International Women’s Day.

II. Elected Officers

Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick

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

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

Pat’s report covered January and February. Assets are as follows: Operating Fund, \$40,981; Leadership Development Fund, \$6,468; Dollars for Scholars, \$6,191; Schnucks, 2,894. Total assets are \$56, 534.

The membership year ends on June 30, so it’s time to pay dues for next year, which will be \$91. This includes a ten-dollar increase next year for National. The branch keeps \$22. You are encouraged to pay dues early, starting on March 16. If you pay in March, April or May, you’ll get chances for a Panera gift card. This information is in the newsletter. The preferred method of paying dues is online. It’s very simple. A check will work, too.

Next year’s budget forms have been given to officers and committee chairs. Please see Pat if you didn’t get one and believe you should have.

V-P Membership: Mersine Kallaos & Michele Mangnall

- Mersine announced that we had one guest, a neighbor of Mersine's and Anne Wolf. She is a doctor originally from Chile. We have 238 members, and hope to be growing.

III. Elected Directors

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

- Marian thanked everyone for their gracious welcome to Jaimie Tallir last month. She was impressive and impressed with us.
- The book sale is going on today and will be held for one more month.

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

Read about LAF in your newsletter.

Public Policy: Barbara Butchart and Eve LaJeunesse

Barb reminded attendees that an action priority for AAUW is enforcement of Title IX. The Title IX Delivery Project is an effort of AAUW Missouri, and it is a project for our branch. This is an opportunity to build relationships with local Title IX coordinators. Our branch will be assigned schools to work with. We must speak out against any attacks on Title IX to protect student rights.

IV. Appointed Directors:

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

- Sandra Murdock remarked that yesterday's DFS event was fun.
- Jan Buckhold said that since the events sheet handed out has the list of upcoming events, she and Phyllis are not going to speak about them.

Nominating Committee and National Bylaws: Marsha Weppelman

- On behalf of the Nominating Committee, Marsha presented the slate of officers for 2018. Co-President: Jean Elliott; VP-Program: Mary Jermak; VP-Membership: Angela Janik; Secretary-Archivist, Sue Lancaster. Next month's newsletter will contain the nominees' biographies and photographs. Voting will occur at the April Meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor, with the consent of the nominee.

- As chair of Governance, Marsha announced that the AAUW Board of Directors has agreed to put three (3) proposals before the membership. They are very important, and will have a significant impact on the organization. Proposal 1: Staggered terms of office for the board of directors, on a three-year rotation, to assure continuity. Proposal 2: Opening the board of directors' membership to non-AAUW members. There would be five non-members and ten AAUW members. This is intended to broaden the expertise of the board. Proposal 3: Open up membership to all, with no degree requirement, i.e., no associate's degree or bachelor's degree.
- Through March 22, you may comment on these proposals on the AAUW national website. April 16 is the deadline to request paper ballots. They must be received by April 22. Online voting will open on April 16. Be on the lookout for your PIN number. Check back in June for the voting results online.
- Joyce Katz explained that it's very easy to vote online, and it is interesting to observe the comments people have made. Go to AAUW.org. In the Search box, type VOTE. Click on the proposal you are interested in looking at and you can add your opinion, if you care to. The next issue of *Outlook* will contain your special voting PIN. Let your voice be heard.

V. Special Events:

Spring Luncheon: Carol Anthony and Linda Kridel

Linda reminded everyone to sign up for the Spring Luncheon, to be held on May 11 at Whitmoor Country Club. There will be good times, good food, and lots of door prizes.

Named Gift Nominees and Spring Fling: Barbara McQuitty

Barb has received quite a few named gift nominees. Today is the last day to submit a nominee.

The IBC Spring Fling is April 21 at Glen Echo Country Club. If you are interested in carpooling, please notify Barb. Our branch is providing two (2) purses for the purse raffle. The purses will contain small items, like a lipstick or a gift certificate. Barb needs help with collecting such items. She will write a poem to go along with each purse.

VI. New Business

Munching Matters: Julie Triplett

Julie announced that March 14 will be the last Munching Matters luncheon for this year.

State Meeting: Marsha Koch

- Our AAUW CEO, Kim Churches, is going to be at the Missouri state meeting. On that Friday night a free reception, with cash bar, will be held for Kim. We want to give her a good showing of people from Missouri. She will be the keynote speaker for the Saturday meeting. This will be a leadership conference, with tips and experiences to share about leadership. A student panel will talk about what is important to them. Marsha advised members to take a look at the agenda for the conference.
- Marsha also remarked that the post cards that AAUW puts out are wonderful.

VII. Business Meeting Adjournment

President Sandra Murdock adjourned the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

VIII. Program: Marilyn Fletcher/Sage Taber

Our guest speaker was Donna L. Harper, an attorney in the law firm that represented Francine Katz in her discrimination lawsuit against Anheuser-Busch.

Susan Fenwick
Secretary/Archivist