

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting September 6, 2018

Call to Order

- President Marcia Block called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
- Attendees then recited the AAUW Mission Statement: **AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.** (Note that this statement has changed).

President's Announcements – Marcia Block

- Due to health reasons and other concerns, Rita Hawkins-Page and Sydney Jumper are stepping down from Dollars for Scholars, so we need two new volunteers to fill these slots.
- Marcia welcomed everyone, especially the new members of the board. These new members were introduced, and then everyone else introduced herself and named her position.
- Doris Nistler confirmed a quorum. She also explained individual vs. shared voting (that is, voting by position).
- Member folders were distributed, and Marcia pointed out some things about the contents. She asked that members please make note of the hostesses for each month's board meeting. The list of board members in the folder will be updated.
- Karen Francis asked how to send a notice to every member of the branch. The answer was to contact Joyce Katz. Attachments cannot be added to the Friday notes, but there is another way to send them out to everyone.
- With regard to the appointment of Judge Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, some may be wondering why AAUW is taking a stand, since we are political, not partisan. AAUW is encouraging women to contact their senators due to concerns about Judge Kavanaugh's stand on certain issues that affect women and girls.
- After the first of the year, our strategic plan/goals will be updated.
- Please turn in receipts as you acquire them; do not batch them. Marian Bauer asked whether Dollars for Scholars money still should be turned in to Susan Haynes or go directly to Pat Shores, Finance Officer. Someone will check with Susan.
- Thank you to today's hostesses—Sandy Brody, Marcia Block and Joyce Katz.
- We now have letterhead and note cards. Ask Marcia for some if you need it.
- Everyone should have a tax-exempt letter. (Pat Shores always will have them with her). For Office Depot, the discount card makes a huge difference. Office Depot will laminate

your card for you. There also is a work/life rewards card. For our branch to get credit, you need a copy of the card with Joyce Katz' I.D. number.

- At IBC, it was suggested that we distribute bookmarks, for AAUW visibility. In this vein, please think about where there are some good places for tabling.
- It was proposed that we rearrange the gym for branch meetings. Reducing the number of chairs for the meeting and arranging them farther apart has worked out well. Suggestions are welcome.

Elected Officers:

Secretary/Archivist: Susan Fenwick, for Sue Lancaster

MOTION to approve the minutes of the last business meeting. A vote was taken, and the motion PASSED.

Finance Officer: Pat Shores

- Pat presented an asset report for July and August. The ending balances are as follows. Operating Fund, \$46,899; Dollars for Scholars, \$611; Schnucks, \$3,224. Total assets stand at \$50,734. These reports are based on the end of the previous month.
- Budget sheets, developed by a budget committee, were distributed to the board members.
- Pat went over the budget line by line, reviewing budgeted amounts and actuals, followed by proposed budgeted amount for this year. (Please see copy of budget attached to these minutes in the Secretary/Archivist's binder).
- Marian Bauer noted that this year we have added another person to receive a scholarship, and we also are able to increase the amount per person for each semester.

MOTION: Pat moved that the Ballwin-Chesterfield Board approve the 2018-2019 Budget as corrected. A vote was taken, and the motion PASSED.

VP Membership: Mersine Kallaos and Angie Janik

- Mersine said that as of today we have 232 active members and 15 who need to renew. The committee started with approximately 55 members who needed a reminder to pay their dues. The committee contacted them and reduced the number greatly.

- New member coffee: Trinity has a nice room that is perfect for hosting the new member coffee, which will be held at 1:00 on October 25. Mersine passed around a sheet for board members who plan to speak to the new members that day.

VP Program: Sage Taber and Mary Jermak

Sage reported that speakers are lined up for every month, and they are listed in the front part of the *Directory*. Note: new directories were available at the meeting today.

Immediate Past President: Sandra Murdock

Sandra is our Interbranch Council (IBC) representative. She announced that we will be doing a gift-wrapping fundraiser again this year. On March 23, the IBC Spring Fling will be held at The Highlands.

Sandra passed around the award certificates given to our branch by the state organization, including Galaxy and Ten-Star Branch awards, and First in Giving to AAUW for the state. It was suggested that these certificates be on display at the Fall Brunch, for viewing by members and guests.

Elected Directors:

Educational Opportunities (EOF): Marian Bauer and Judy Stagoski

Marian stated that the bean soup sale is on again this year, and she has some for pre-sale today, at \$6 per pound. Panera gift cards also will be sold. The book sale starts in October, on regular meeting days only. EOF has been exploring ways of rearranging tables in the gym to move the book sale.

Legal Advocacy (LAF): Doris Nistler and Julie Triplett

Julie announced that November will be a joint LAF/EOF individual giving month, to donate to the AAUW Fund. This is the only time they will ask for money for the AAUW Fund. Having individual giving in November is advantageous for getting the donation into this fiscal year.

Public Policy: Eve LaJeunesse and Karen Francis

- Karen said we will be working at the branch level on Get out the Vote.

- Public Policy also is getting information out about AAUW's opposition to judge Kavanaugh due to his stance on various issues that AAUW supports.
- AAUW supports Amendment #1 in Missouri, known as "Clean Missouri," which means cleaning up campaign finance, with regard to the amount of money that people can give to various people, as well as Proposition B, which raises the minimum wage to \$12.00. Information will be going to all members to explain what these amendments and propositions are.
- Election Protection will provide training on how to handle alternate ballots. Another opportunity is national voter registration day.
- The Title IX Delivery System is in the hopper.
- In the spring, there will be a focus on issues associated with the gender pay gap.
- Many of these efforts are a collaboration with other St. Louis organizations. What we support is vetted at the AAUW national level.
- Voter mobilization: Julie Triplett mentioned that while getting people registered to vote is important, we also need to get registered voters to the polls.

Report from Restructuring Committee: Leslie Wier

- A summary report was sent out in advance to board members. Leslie gave a special thank you to the members of the committee. Their work was completed in just *three* meetings!
- A big change occurred at the national level, where we are encouraged to donate to AAUW Fund, rather than to individual funds such as EOF. Our branch has had separate elected positions for LAF Fund and EOF Fund; these will be replaced by two co-directors for a single fund. The position will include all branch fundraising for AAUW national. They will be supported by a large committee.

- An appointed director is recommended for university liaison; this is local branch focused. Again, two co-directors and a committee.

MOTION: Julie Triplett moved, on behalf of the committee, that the positions of LAF director and EOF director be eliminated and replaced by a single AAUW Fund director elected position. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Marian Bauer moved that the AAUW B-C board accept the recommendation of the restructuring committee to create the position of University Liaison Director, which will continue the local scholarship functions formerly performed by the EOF director. The motion passed unanimously.

- The position of Communications/Web has expanded over the years, to the point that it has become too large. It will be renamed Web Manager, and the responsibilities will be clarified. This does not require a vote.
- The unwieldy name of Branch Development for Leadership and Operating Funds will be changed to Branch Fundraising.
- Also, aide positions will be named.
- Care Notes will be a standing committee.

Appointed Directors:

Branch Fundraising: Jane Miller, Diane Correll, and Marcia Block

There will be a meeting of this committee after the Fall Brunch. People are lining up contributions from vendors, etc. for the Winter Party.

Directory: Joan Hewitt and Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy

Marcia thanked them for a fabulous job. The directories are here, and the digital version also will be sent out, after the branch meeting. Please take copies of the directory for friends who do not attend regularly.

Dollars for Scholars: Rita Hawkins-Page and Sydney Jumper

No report. Barb McQuitty is sending around a sign-up sheet for an event to be held on September 19, and you may give checks for it to Barb.

Governance: Marsha Weppelman

No report.

Hospitality: Pat White and Linda Roberson

Linda will have Hospitality hostess sign-up sheets at the branch meeting. Please sign up for a month.

Newsletter: Sandy Brody, Joan Davis, Susan Fenwick, and Jean Light

Sandy thanked everyone for their patience and cooperation. The November newsletter that is coming out in October will require submissions a bit earlier than usual. The newsletter is produced ten (10) times per year. Marcia Block commented that the new editors have done a fabulous job.

Fall Brunch: Susan Fenwick, Linda Roberson, and Barb McQuitty

Susan reported that we have 132 sign-ups so far, and she thanked Linda for handling the registration. The food order goes in on Monday, so sign-ups need to be in as soon as possible. Some extra lunches are being ordered.

Spring Luncheon: Carol Anthony and Jane Hemer

Carol reported that they received a great number of responses after asking for feedback, and the comments were overwhelmingly positive. Linda Kridel researched venues, and no other venues came close to Whitmoor, so the committee has decided to retain the Whitmoor as the site of our spring luncheons. Prizes were a good addition to the program. The committee also investigated whether or not we need to continue employing a bartender for a fee. The conclusion was to continue, but they may change the beverages that are passed around. Attendance was up—100 paid, compared with previous years, at 88. Carol passed out an accounting sheet to show where the expenses originated. This event is not a fundraiser, just a

social event that needs to break even. There will be a committee meeting on September 17 at 1:00. All are invited.

STEM – Carol Greenaway

- Carol received a thank-you note for AAUW-BC representatives judging the Science Fair. We will sponsor two girls again this year.
- STEM may develop a flier for new members, to be distributed at the New Member Coffee.
- In March, Expanding Your Horizons will be held again. An announcement will be coming later.

Web Manager – Joyce Katz

- Some changes are afoot. Bette Bude and Mary Kay Wolfe now are handling Friday Notes. Susan Haynes is going to send out a new member database at the end of every month. Mary Jermak is interested in learning the website.
- Joan Reed is sending cards to members who are ill. Send a note to Joyce, and notifications will be approved by the sick person or someone very close to them, before any announcements are made.

Standing Committees:

Eleanor Roosevelt Walk: Carol Derington and Eileen Krahman

- There is a change this year; they are not requiring a payment. Donations will be appreciated, however. In Individual Giving Month, you may put a notation on your donation to earmark it for E. R. Fund, if you wish.
- The date of the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk is October 16, at 10:30 a.m. in Des Peres Park.

International Relations: Susie Teicher

- There is one meeting a year where we meet with the Tuesday Women's Association at the Ethical Society. They met in August and came up with thirty (30) topics. From these,

four topics were selected, as follows. January 8: The Rise of Extremism around the World. February 12: The Impact of Fake News and Freedom of the Press around the World. March 12: Who is Pulling the Strings? April 9: The intersection of Religion and Politics.

- We need more AAUW representation on the committee. They especially need people to help line up the speakers. Also, it would be good to have more people in attendance.
- Pat Shores asked Susie to please ask them to send their flier digitally.

New Business:

Marian: buy bean soup!

Adjournment:

Marcia Block adjourned the meeting at 11:45 a.m.

Addendum:

An electronic board vote was conducted between the last 2017-2018 board meeting and today's first board meeting of 2018-2019.

On July 31, president Marcia Block requested that board members vote to approve the following additions and/or substitutions to the 2018-2019 appointees:

- Sydney Jumper for Dollars for Scholars. She will work with Rita.
- Barb McQuitty for STEM. She will work with Carol Greenaway.
- Jean Light will replace Barb Jowett for Interest Groups.
- Add Eileen Krahman to Eleanor Roosevelt and delete Jean Elliott.

The vote resulted in approval of all these candidates.

Susan Fenwick, on behalf of
Sue Lancaster, Secretary/Archivist