

AAUW-BC Board meeting via Zoom, September 3, 2020 9:30-11:30 AM

**Opening remarks, Jan Horner, CO-President:** Use of Zoom continuing. All groups except 1 have met virtually. Pat Shores got the mayors of Ballwin and Chesterfield to sign the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Proclamation. Sage and Jan had picture taken with each mayor. **AAUW honors:** one of the 100 associations that will save the world, in the Equity category for AAUW's efforts on salary negotiations. Jan said AAUW-BC received **the 5 Star award**; only 14 of 1000 branches qualified. Jan asked us to **review the packet of 5 sheets** she had emailed; in addition to the particulars of names of officers, meeting dates, etc., the packet includes the Strategic Plan and information on how to qualify for the 5 Star award. We are to review the Strategic Plan and keep working on various categories.

The July minutes, found on the web page, were approved.

**AAUW Fundraising;** chairs attended Zoom meeting with state, planning how to raise funds. We will continue to support the Greatest Need. Individual giving between now and 12/31 is tax deductible; committee is working on ways to raise money without direct meetings. Mail donations or contribute on-line through the AAUW website. Friday reminder notes will keep fundraising in front of members. \$2000 already donated so far this year.

**Finance:** Pat S. has set up a PayPal account for use with branch fundraising, but would not be used for national funds. **Asset report** - for the future, the Schnucks account will be labeled the Contingency account. Fund balances at end of August: Operating Fund - \$45,279.75; Dollars for Scholars - \$4,198.00; Schnucks/CD - \$3,634.04; Grand total - \$53,111.79. Pat presented the **2020-2021 budget** for review and approval. The budget committee believes the budget is the most sensible under the circumstances. In Operating Fund section income, she explained that the entire dues payment by check has to be entered in our books; she then sends the appropriate shares to national and state. The Fall Brunch line item was replaced by Oktoberfest (see description later). The annual donation to AAUW Fund of \$4000 will be paid, half by 12/31, the other half contingent upon no other needs. We do not have a continuing liability to Trinity; at this time Trinity is using the gym to allow the preschool more space to distance the children. That situation will continue at least through December.

**Membership:** The committee started a birthday recognition program as a way to keep members involved. We currently have 180 members, plus 8 who have not yet renewed. We have added a couple of new members since the end of June. Joyce will add them to the database.

**Program:** All speakers are now in place. Yvonne will find out how to handle payments to the speakers, and will send speaker info to directory and newsletter. The Speaker portion of our meetings will be more like a Webinar, with 100 members allowed to participate. State Board has asked about sharing with others. Are we recording and then sharing/ doing like U-tube?

**Jean E,** past co-president, asked for Board members to participate in a **phone tree**. Each of us would get 6 member names and phone numbers, plus a script, for us to reach out and increase our level of involvement. We will make calls early next week so we can collate the results. Part of the call would be to talk about coming events

**Public Policy** asked that we contact our Senators regarding the postal issue; the group will put a blurb in the Friday Notes and additional voting info on the website. **Missouri amendment #3** has misleading wording – **vote NO**. The committee will meet on September. Conflicting info about ballot box locations shows importance of accurate and timely information. Putting 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp on ballot envelope would force it to be sent first class, not bulk.

**Branch fundraising** –Marian B. said it is unlikely we will have group meetings. They are planning to sell **scramble (raffle) tickets**, \$10 for one, \$25 for 3 – to friends, neighbors, family; ask for individual contributions; still holding on to idea of something social; send in ideas

**Directory** - Ann Patrice - Sept 11 is final proofreading meeting, but will hold off two weeks longer to submit digitally. National has moved their “purge date” up to Sept 30 from Nov 30.

**Dollars for Scholars** –Janet S said they are including U Tube links in Friday notes, trying to find short and sweet items to encourage donations. Plan to have a fundraising marathon after the first of the year. They are trying to reinvent the idea of Dollars. Paperwork is updated and ready to go whenever we can do events again

**Saturday October 10, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. is the Oktoberfest** replacement for Fall Brunch. Each attendee will receive a root beer and a box lunch via drive through in the Trinity parking lot. People can bring books, puzzles etc for book sales; the Dollars committee will collect from car trunks. A memo with what is being looked for will be publicized. Weather permitting, there will be a table for fundraising; attendance prizes (mums). **Reservations required by October 2**. First 100 accepted. If it rains we can still pick up the lunches. If nice, and if we want to socialize, we can bring chairs, etc. and sit 6 feet apart to chat while we eat. We will have the entire Trinity parking lot to spread out. We can sell raffle tickets there as well. We will need help - parking lot monitors, hand out food, etc., set up and clean up. Marcia reminded that we need to ask Morris about access to bathrooms

**STEM:** Susan F says they have a great committee; Expanding Your Horizons may or may not happen; Science Fair will be virtual. They are planning recognitions and finding on-line activities.

**University Liaison** – Carol G - UMSL and Maryville are still scholarship recipients. Committee met in early August. No bean soup at this time; trying to decide if Panera cards are worth doing – the source now pays only 8%. Discussion on other approaches to bulk sales. Bette asked for Panera phone number if anyone has one. Sales may be too much hassle for this yea. Sue Shriver has suggested a restaurant day at Panera – it will take paperwork. Let members know of various ways to get discounts, printing gift certificates. Jan asked that we get details of restaurant day for later.

**ER Walk: Tuesday, Oct 13 10:30** at the Des Peres City Park (Ballas and Manchester). Committee will check on availability of pavilion if weather is iffy for socializing under the umbrella. People can donate directly through AAUW web to Fund or can send checks

International Relation: Speakers still being identified; there will probably not be flyers this year.

**IBC**– revamped branch responsibilities – BC is now the fund raiser for the year. Barb Lackritz winner (Mary Jermak) will be honored in 2021. Use last year’s package for this year? See Deb McWard.

**Board actions:** 1. **AAUW MO Named Gift Program** – started years ago – 1 person for each \$500 given – do we eliminate, change or leave as is? – **let Jan and Sage know our opinions.** 2. **Future dues increase** – **send our opinions** to Jan and Sage. They will put questions into a chat box online so they can send in to AAUW 3. Pat moved to approve the budget. With change for Oktoberfest, **budget passed** by show of hands. 4. We **tried the concept of breakout rooms** for social time

Minutes submitted by Leslie Wier, Secretary/Archivist