

AAUW-BC Branch Meeting via Zoom, September 10, 2020 9:30-11:00 AM

Co-President Jan Horner called the meeting to order. The 62 members present recited the Mission Statement. Thanks to Pat Shores, the mayors of Ballwin and Chesterfield signed the **100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage Proclamation**; Jan, Sage Taber, and Pat were photographed with the mayors; pictures will be in the Newsletter. **AAUW honors:** AAUW was one of 100 associations that will save the world, in the Equity category for AAUW's efforts on salary negotiations. Our branch was one of 14 out of 1000 branches to receive the **5 Star Award** for the 2019-2020 year; Marcia Block and Pat Shores wrote and submitted our entry.

Finance: Pat Shores reported assets at 8/31/20: Operating Fund - \$45,279.75; Dollars for Scholars - \$4,198.00; Schnucks/CD (to be renamed Contingency Fund) - \$3,634.04; Grand Total - \$53,111.79. Pat reported that the budget, which had been approved by the Board on September 3, will be sent by e-mail to all members; members will vote for approval at the October meeting.

Fall Brunch and ER Walk: Jean Elliott - Saturday, October 10, 11 am-1 pm, is the Oktoberfest replacement for Fall Brunch. The plan, pending final approval by Trinity, is to provide a root beer and box lunch via drive through in the Trinity parking lot. Members can bring books, puzzles, etc. for book sales, to be collected from car trunks. Weather permitting, there will be attendance prizes and a table for fundraising. Reservations required by October 2; call Jean Elliott. First 100 accepted. Jean will notify those who accepted if the event is called off. Trinity's decision will be governed by safety. Rain- still pick up lunches; dry – if you want to socialize at a distance, bring chairs and sit 6 feet apart while we eat. **Eileen Krahnman - ER Walk – Tuesday, October 13, 10:30 am** at Des Peres City Park, (Ballas and Manchester Roads). Bring a sack lunch if you wish. Members can donate directly through The AAUW website to FUND or can send checks to Eileen Krahnman. The money goes for research. Check the newsletter and Friday reminders for information.

Dollars for Scholars: Janet Sloey - The committee is trying to include at least two items per Friday notes that members can check out for remote or virtual participation. Because we can't do traditional fund-raising, we are relying on donations. Checks with Dollars for Scholars on the memo line can be sent to Pat Shores.

Membership: Judy Stagoski - The birthday card recognition program is successful so far; if you haven't sent your birthdate yet, please send to Judy Stagoski or Pat White so you too can receive a card. We have about 180 members currently and recently added a transfer from Columbia, MO, Ann Riley, who is on the meeting with us today.

Programs: Carol Anthony reported that all speakers are in place; we will use a Webinar format for the speaker portion of the meetings. The October speaker, Julie Smith, will discuss Media during election times, and help us sift through for the truth. Carol and **Yvonne Ward** expressed appreciation to Mary Jermak and Sage Taber for the initial contacts.

AAUW Fund: Marian Bauer reminded us that AAUW Fund supports the national strategies, which include Greatest Need, Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. Our Branch

fundraising will continue to support the Greatest Need. Individual giving between now and December 31 is tax deductible for the 2020 federal tax year. Since we are not collecting in meetings, members can mail donations to Eileen Krahnman or contribute online through the AAUW website. Donations of \$100 or more earn Century Club recognition; \$250 or more goes to Century Plus status.

Branch Fundraising: Marcia Block and Linda Roberson said the hope is to still do something social if possible for Winter Fundraiser, but it will not be at Trinity; perhaps a nice luncheon when gatherings are possible again? Information regarding raffle ticket sales will come soon. Tickets will be one for \$10, 3 for \$25. Please send donations; small expenses still continue even with no group meetings.

Directory: Joan Hewitt - There will be no **printed** directory this year. The online version will be e-mailed in early October. Check your Spam folder. The last time to make changes is next week, and reminded us that membership is the start of any changes. **Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy** said they have delayed sending to catch any late joiners. AAUW has moved their cut-off date to September 30 from November 30.

University Liaison: Carol Greenaway reminded us that our focus is on non-traditional women students; current scholarships cover two women at UMSL and two at Maryville. We are not doing Panera cards or bean soup fundraisers this fall, perhaps in the spring. For the used book collection at Oktoberfest, please bring no more than two boxes or bags of books. Current hardcovers bring higher prices, old textbooks are not accepted. Sales to members will resume when meetings resume, hopefully in the spring.

Public Policy: Angie Janik and Karen Francis narrated a PowerPoint presentation which focused on Get Out the Vote. It honored the suffragettes, provided key dates for requesting absentee ballots, etc. September 22 is National Registration Day. The September and October newsletters and Friday Notes will continue to provide detailed information. Members can also contact Angie Janik or Karen Francis for more information.

New Business: We are looking for a **new Co-Webmaster** (or two people who want to work together) – let Jan or Sage know ASAP.

After finishing the business part of the agenda, Jan “mixed us up” into chat rooms so we could socialize virtually – great fun!

Minutes Submitted by Leslie Wier, Secretary/Archivist

