

AAUW-BC Branch Zoom meeting 10/8/20 9:30-10:30 a.m. Business session 53 members present

Co-President Jan Horner: Sage Tabor is recording the meeting and will make a UTube link. If you want to have the link, please send Sage an email requesting it. Roz Marx filled us in on what was not open for entertainment; there will be a Jazz street every Thursday evening. We welcomed Marsha Weppelman back after recovering from shoulder surgery.

Co-President Sage Taber called the meeting to order; members recited the AAUW Mission Statement. Karen Francis and Jan will provide links to the 9/22 AAUW webinar about dues increases and membership requirements. www.aauw.org/resources/membership/initiatives/2020convening. Octoberfest is on for Saturday Oct. 10 in Trinity parking lot.

Pat Shores, Financial Officer, presented the asset balances as of 9/30/2020: Operating Fund is \$45,565.85; Dollars for Scholars is \$4,029.67, and Contingency is \$3,636.19 plus \$3,000 C/D for a total of \$53,731.72. She also requested a vote from the membership on the 2020-2021 Branch Budget, previously approved by the budget committee and the Board. Member vote by show of hands was 100% for.

Jean Elliott, past president, reported that 56 have signed up for the Octoberfest; bring chairs to place in upper parking spots. Volunteers will help with chairs, questions, etc. Volunteers should come by 10:30. Drinks are water, root beer and diet root beer. Eileen Krahman said we can use the restrooms by the gym. Book collections will be made – no more than two bags per car.

Marian Bauer/Eileen Krahman – AAUW Fund – all fall is collection time, through December. There will be a table at Octoberfest, go online or mail checks to Eileen. Donations by 12/31 are tax deductible this year. Four members have already sent in checks.

Karen Francis, Public Policy – Karen thanked her co-chair **Angie Janik** for the voting powerpoint. She asked us to take a second to remember Ruth Bader Ginsburg, who said that women belong in all places where decisions are being made; they should not be the exception. There is a big push for next three weeks. Get Out the Vote stresses what to do now. This is national Voter Registration Week. Vote in person at satellite offices in St. Louis County by October 22. Online at AAUW Action Fund there is a side by side of president, vice president, and governor candidates. Senate hearing starts Monday on the nominated Supreme Court judge. Reach out to our senators regarding the process. The candidate's vetting was for her current position, not for qualification for the Supreme Court. Opportunities to volunteer – www.ProtectTheVote.net – register; AAUW MO will choose poll monitors, can do from car. Training is 10/15 4-5:30 p.m. You would be given 3 hour shifts. 1-866-Ourvote is the national number. The St. Louis hub will help answer questions. Ann Patrice reported that if you haven't gotten your ballot, call and ask them to look up your name. In her case, there was an error. You can also take your ballot in and vote in person.

Judy Stagoski, Membership, said we have 198 members per the AAUW member records. Jeannie Waddell has joined as a dual member with Webster Groves/Kirkwood. The group is mailing birthday cards a little early so you get yours on time.

Carol Anthony – Program: November’s speaker will be Dr. Anna Kent from the Federal Reserve Bank, who will address income and wealth disparity issues.

Marcia Block, Winter Party, reminded members that raffle tickets - \$10 for one, \$20 for three – can be printed from the web. Contributions can be made to the branch, with checks to Pat Shores. Put Belles of the Branch on the memo line if you donate \$50 or more. The main event will be Dennis Stroughmatt, who will present a lively program on French Fiddle Tunes and Tall Tales, including humor and music. There will be some social time centered on holiday themes.

Joan Hewitt, Directory, reported that the online directories were emailed this past week. Check your spam if you didn’t see it in your mail. When Judy S. asked how much space the directory would take on our phones, Joyce Katz said that because it is a PDF format, it shouldn’t take much storage.

Susie Teicher, Dollars for Scholars: Thank you to everyone who continues to support by downloading the suggested sites (Friday news notes) or by individual donations.

Eileen Krahman - Octoberfest lunches are coming from Best Box Lunches, and Morris will be on site.

Carol Derington reminded us that the ER walk is good to go for Tuesday 10/13 starting at 10:30 a.m... Meet at the pavilion. It is primarily a social event, so bring your masks.

Yvonne Ward, Program, introduced the speaker, Julie Smith from Webster University. She became a co-host of the Zoom meeting so she could present an extremely interesting talk on Media Literacy. A reminder that Sage is recording the entire presentation; send her an email if you want the link to the UTube video. There will also be a summary in the next newsletter with links.

Submitted by Leslie Wier, Secretary and Archivist