

AAUW-BC Board minutes, Zoom meeting, Thursday February 4, 2021 26 in attendance

Sage Taber, Co-President, welcomed Board members, who recited the Mission Statement. **Jan Horner, Co-President**, said that since February is Heart Month, we should realize we are the Heart of the organization. Now in the second half of our AAUW year, we need to remember to check our web sites regularly. Since Trinity Lutheran church will not be open the rest of this school year, we will consider doing events outside when the weather is warmer. Minutes on the Website have been approved as posted.

Finance Officer, Pat Shores: January ending assets: Operating Fund, \$46,182.62; Dollars for Scholars, \$4,687.03; and Contingency Fund, \$3,781.26, for a total asset value of \$54,650.91. Even though Dollars for Scholars is lower than we would like, we already have \$3000 in funds available for transfer. She reviewed the change in dues for the 2021-2022 year: National increases by \$3 to \$62, State remains \$10, and BC remains \$22 for a total of \$94.

Programs –Carol Anthony, Co-Chair announced a planning meeting after the March 4 Board meeting to discuss speakers for the next AAUW year. Branch speaker next week is ShawntelleFisher, who will describe “Life After Lock-up; The Reality of Re-entry. **Yvonne Ward, Co-Chair**: Our March 11 speaker will be Lannis Hall on Covid-19 and its Impact on Cancer Health.

Jean Elliott, Past President, talked about the IBC Spring Fling on March 13, which will be a free Zoom event 10:30 a.m. to 12. There is a raffle for a fund raiser; two teachers will speak on the way they virtually instructed music classes. Mary Jermak will be honored with the Barbara Lackritz Award, so our attendance would be supportive in honoring her. Flyers are on the website for registration and raffle tickets.

Public Policy/Fund: Karen Francis discussed the beginning of the state legislative session. AAUW is following the bills filed to support gender pay gap. Despite a public vote against it, Right To Work is coming Back; HB 334 is trying to demand photo ID – it accepts only state issued photo IDs. Two education Bills, Senate 23 and 25, empower Missouri to allow public dollars to be used for vouchers to private schools. At national level, HR 1 tries to establish voting rights and rules; our state governor did not extend the changes made this past election. National AAUW’s letter to the 117th Congress regarding our priorities will be on the Web. Tomorrow (Feb. 5) is the last day to make comments on by-laws and priorities creating diversity structure and planning for success. March is Women’s History Month. Question: What would you do with \$250 thousand plus? At a question about which of the bills to support, Pat Shore, the facilitator statewide for political topics, explained that the 3 House bills have gone to committee, composed of 5 Republicans and 2 Democrats. Let Pat know if we want to help.

Dollars for Scholars – Susie Teicher, co-Chair, said that although **Janet Sloey** continues to find interesting or educational items for the Friday Notes, she is getting no feedback, so they will ask in the Friday notes for comments from members or suggestions for other items. Better yet, encourage everyone who watches or listens to suggestions to send a donation to DFS, including what they enjoyed. Mary Jermak remarked that the state newsletter, which is on our website, includes links to Black History events.

International Relations on February 9, 10:45 a.m., covers Pros and Cons of Reparations for Political Injustices. Pat Bishop usually sends the link for the Zoom meeting the day before, or you can go to the newsletter to get the link.

Spring Picnic – Jane Hemer: Our May event will be Thursday In the Park, at Paul Schroeder Park in Manchester, 11:30 a.m. – 1 or 1:30 p.m. We have a pavilion for lunch in fresh air and social distancing. Lunch will be from Goia’s Deli, with a choice of sandwich or salad, chips and cookie for \$11; water and iced tea will be available beverages. **The Branch will be paying for the lunches.** Although we had to cancel Whitmore for this year, we hope to go back there for next year. The committee will put a Save the Date notice in the Friday Notes, and Michelle Mangnall will take reservations. We will order lunches in advance.

NCWSL update: Nicole Caldwell, who was to represent us last year, will attend the ZOOM this year, and we will get a rebate for the difference in full registration for last year and this year’s cost. Pat Shores will check with Debbie McWARD to see if there is any opportunity to add another student to use the rebate for additional representation.

Nominating Committee – Judy Stagoski for Barb McQuitty: Because 2020 has been an unusual year, with the health crisis upending normal activity and work in our organization, the Nominating committee, in conference with the current Co-Presidents, has recommended the following slate to keep the activities as normal as possible. The Governance Director, Marsha Weppelman, concurs that there is a valid reason in our By-laws to recommend this particular slate at this time, (Statement in Article X, Section d.) The Committee – Barb McQuitty, Nominating Committee chair, Linda Roberson and Judy Stagoski, submit the following slate: (* indicates person who would normally be replaced or one stepping in for someone not continuing)

Co-President: Jan Horner *

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Finance Officer: Pat Shores *

VP Membership: Pat White

VP Membership: Judy Stagoski *

VP Program: Carol Anthony

VP Program: Marcia Block *

AAUW Fund: Marian Bauer *

AAUW Fund: Eileen Krahman

Public Policy: ----- (Karen Francis has been asked to be AAUW Missouri President starting July 1; she will still be on the committee. Angie will help find her co-leader)

Public Policy: Angela Janik

Additional notes: Mary Jermak – Sandy Brody facilitated a very productive meeting on Jan 29 with all areas of communication discussing ways to improve various areas. At state level, state officers of 11 Notes from state level meeting - Midwest states agreed to a regional meeting; Missouri seems to be ahead of others in the planning process. Missouri had 22 reps at the meeting, with someone in every breakout session. Karen said a session on Web Social Media Communication conveyed that Digital communication is not going away. Mary sent a chat note about a YouTube session on “Joining a Zoom Call for the First Time Fun and ...)” – the link will be in the Friday Notes. Other comments: Women who used to be called low wage workers are now deemed essential workers (those who care for others). The Equity wish list is on the AAUW website. Naming of Melinda Gault as Vice President of Board positions AAUW in realm of equity (practicing what we preach will help with corporate fundraising as well).

Website – Joyce Katz: Our website is updated every week from the Friday Reminder. Our site is not getting as much use as it should. How should we get people to use it? We could put it up in our browser list of all useful sites. We could use the web to list all our past information – officers, awards, etc. instead of reprinting in the Directory. We could put a link to the Web in the Friday notes. There is a live link to the web on page 1 and final page of the newsletter. Do a feature article, such as Did you know you can find X on our website?

Submitted by Leslie Wier, Recording Secretary