

**AAUW-BC Board Minutes, Zoom meeting, Thursday, March 4, 2021 22 attending**

**Jan Horner, Co-President**, called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m., and attendees recited the mission statement. Sage Taber, Co-President, is away getting her Covid shot!

**Pat Shores, Finance Officer:** February ending assets: Operating Fund, \$43,392.62; Dollars for Scholars, \$3,572.03; and Contingency Fund, \$3,790.62, for a total asset value of \$50,755.27. Our Branch was recognized for its second contribution to National before the end of the year. We can expect the first email from National March 16 about dues for 2021-22. With one click we can pay on-line, or we can send a check to Pat.

**Mary Jermak – IBC:** The IBC committee has been working hard on the Spring Fling Zoom presentation. There will be a history of the Barbara Lackritz Award, which was started in 2003. Eight BC members have already received this award, and Mary is honored to be this year's recipient. The IBC Spring Fling will be Saturday, March 13

Marian Bauer and Eileen Krahman – FUND: Because there will be no traditional Spring Luncheon, contributors who merit the Century Club and Century Plus designation will not have their names in a program. Everyone agreed that putting the names in the Friday notes and in the Newsletter would be an appropriate way to honor those donors. After discussion of other ways to recognize them, Marian and Eileen are tasked to determine a simple way to do so at the spring picnic.

**Jean Elliott, Immediate Past President:** final reminder that the deadline to register for the IBC Spring Fling, to be held on Zoom on March 13, is March 8. The flyers in the newsletter and on the AAUW B-C website contain raffle tickets and sign-up info. Thanks to all those that have bought the raffle tickets. This is a free event, but donations to IBC are appreciated. The two speakers are music teachers. Our branch's Mary Jermak will be honored as the recipient of the Barbara Lackritz award. If you have a guest with you for the Zoom meeting, please send that person's name to Deb McWard.

**Public Policy, Karen Francis:** This is Women's History month; the St. Louis Women's March is March 6, and International Women's Day is March 8. The MO Women's Political Caucus is working issues to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment. On March 11 is a meeting on pay gap – What would you do with an extra \$250,000? Friday notes will contain how to register. In MO, we are keeping an eye on major legislation: House 334 presses for Photo IDs even though the MO Supreme Court has rejected it twice; the bill requires a State Photo ID. Senate 137 tries to purge people from voter rolls. On the national side sign up for action alerts –click on ACTION NETWORK button on AAUW website. Senate 23 and 25 education bills, using words like "empowerment" seeks using public funds for charter and private schools. AAUW is supporting Equal Pay bills in the Missouri legislature. In April and May, AAUW members will vote on national issues – revised Public Policy priorities – inclusion, equity and diversity; and bylaws pertaining to membership – eliminating the degree requirement. This requires a 2/3 vote, with 5% or more of membership participating in the vote. MO is asking for a YES vote on both.

**Janey Sloey and Susie Teicher, Dollars for Scholars:** Janet is looking forward to the regular Dollars format (Marcia B said Janet has been doing a fantastic job with the Covid version); at the end of the year

Dollars will need a replacement for Susie. At this point Jan commented that we will have several open Board positions, and we all need to help think of replacements.

**Michelle Mangnall, Spring Picnic:** In response to member input, there will be four choices of sandwich, including a veggie option. She credited Jan Horner with the picnic idea, because the committee was ready to cancel the event. Carol Anthony said she has a big tub of picnic supplies if they could be used. Joyce will post sign-up info on the web and on Facebook– call Michelle with your sandwich order.

**Programs, Carol Anthony and Yvonne Ward:** - this month's speaker is Lannis Hall, Covid 19 Impact on Cancer Health Disparity; the speaker next month will be Mary Jo Gorman' her topic is Advancing the Cause: Strategies for different Stages of Life . There will be a Programs Committee meeting following this meeting to create a contact list to develop the programs for next year. Members are encouraged to email their suggestions to Yvonne in advance.

**STEM – Susan Fenwick:** Science Fair will again be virtual, on April 26. AAUW is giving 3 prizes of \$125 each. Girls of Promise – the girls will receive gift boxes; Valley Park will participate and the committee is waiting to hear from Maplewood/Richmond Heights. AAUW has not had “identifiers”, so with the help of Pam Kulp, we now have 30 lanyards with AAUW on them and badge holders. The file for the badges can quickly be updated. A subcommittee is updating materials on Why So Few? for presentations.

**Barb McQuitty: Nominating Committee (with Linda Roberson and Judy Stagoski):** Because of the unusual year and the difficulties of having two new people in several areas, several Board members are staying in their current positions. Co-President Jan Horner (staying); Financial Officer Pat Shores (staying); Linda Roberson coming in as Membership, Judy Stagoski staying; Marcia Block will work with Carol Anthony on Programs; FUND – Marian Bauer staying; Public Policy – Angie Janik staying but we need another person to replace Karen Francis who has accepted a position with AAUW national.

**New Business:** Thank you for participation in the Kim Churches Zoom meeting. Susan F. commented how astonished she was at how much is going on at the national level. The YouTube location for the meeting will be listed in the Friday notes. The MO state president, Sue Shineman, tries to zoom with branch presidents once a month. Jan can share the list of fundraising ideas that were shared by other branches. She asked about possibly having a Birthday Special since this is the 40<sup>th</sup> birthday year of our branch. Perhaps put it in conjunction with another event, earmark the funds for something specific, etc. Susie Teicher commented that perhaps Dollars for Scholars could help organize it. IBC is looking for people to be on the NCCWSL and Lackritz award committees. Jan and Sage have decided to communicate through Friday notes, the website and newsletter rather than inundate everyone with emails every day.

The meeting adjourned by turning it over to Carol Anthony for the program committee meeting.

Submitted by Leslie Wier