

AAUW B-C Board meeting April 1, 2021. 22 people attended.

Jan Horner, Co-President –called the meeting to order. Sage Taber is on the way to get her second Covid shot. We repeated the mission statement. Minutes of last meeting, on the website, were approved.

Pat Shores, Finance Officer – reported assets at 31 March were: Operations - \$42,338.86; Dollars for Scholars - \$4,447.03; Contingency - \$815.89 plus CD of \$3058.74. The CD earned \$58.74 and has been renewed for another 13 months. Although we had agreed to fund the food costs of the Spring Picnic, held in place of our Spring Luncheon, Marsha Weppelman, Governance, reminded Pat that according to Section 2, Financial Polices, “Any additional expenditure, not approved by a line item in the budget, in excess of \$500, must be approved by the branch board of directors and voted on by the membership.” We approved Pat’s motion –“ *I move that we pay for the food, drink, and park rental for the Picnic in the Park on May 13, 2021*” and it will be voted on at the April 8 Branch meeting. Although the money is available in the budget, we have to account for it by line item. Pat also reported that 41 members have paid their dues early; each received 3 chances for a Panera gift card.

Carol Anthony, Co-Vice President of Programs, reminded us that next week’s speaker, Mary Jo Gorman, comes with an extensive academic and business background. The details are in the April Branching Out newsletter. Yvonne Ward and Carol got five confirmed speakers out of six needed, so they can announce the speaker list in May.

Jean Elliott, past Co-President and IBC representative, gave a final report on the IBC Spring. Sixty people zoomed in, many of them BC members. Send a note to Jan Horner if you wish to view the event. Thank you to all who attended, donated money, or bought raffle tickets. 5 BC members were among the winners. Over \$1700 gross was collected to fund NCWSL and Spring Fling 2022. Pat Shores has volunteered to serve on both the Barb Lackritz Award policy review and on the NCWSL review group. Jan Horner gave kudos to Jean, who came up with the raffle fundraising idea for the event and for the video congratulating Mary Jermak on her Barb Lackritz award; Mary said the video was a wonderful celebration from her fellow members.

Angie Janik, Co-Vice President of Public Policy, said the committee is following state and national legislation, particularly as it pertains to AAUW focus. They are communicating with the Friday notes for current need for action and the newsletter. Eileen Krahnman wrote a specific letter to Ann Wagner about Ann’s lack of support for women in a recent vote and received a standard form letter as a reply.

Susie Teicher, co-chair of Dollars for Scholars, thanked everyone supporting them by enjoying the Zoom events that co-chair Janet Sloey finds each week for the Friday notes. Janet said that she will start reviewing the big rolling box that came with the job. They have revamped the events form and will make copies for when we are ready to go to real events. Marian Bauer said she and Pat Shores are trying to set something up for an Aquarium visit – stay tuned. Marcia Block reminded us to get the AAUW card for discounts on branch or personal printing at Office Depot. And Jan reminded us to get our expenses in to Pat for prompt reimbursement, especially since AAUW year ends on June 30. She also said that CDC guidelines allow small groups who are vaccinated can get together.

Marsha Weppelman, Governance, reported that we need to remove the Named Gift program from our policies since it is no longer a national or state program. Mary Jermak said that according to our state group, branches are free to come up with our own program instead of Named Gifts to recognize members. Marsha also explained that the new Roberts Rules of Order (2020 edition) contains a special article on electronic meetings; she received this information from member Sue Barley, whose Florida affiliation has already made this change. The Board does not have to vote on this, but the update needs to be in compliance since we may need to continue at least next year.

Article XVI. Electronic Meetings Any meeting of the membership, board, executive committee, committees, task forces or other AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch groups may be conducted in whole or part by electronic means as long as all persons participating, whether in person or electronically, may hear each other and communicate in real time. Participation in an electronic meeting constitutes attendance and any official actions shall be recorded in minutes.

Susan Fenwick commented that the wording is excellent, because it constitutes attendance and therefore approval, which is important when we conduct business. Jan said any committee that uses Zoom is covered, even though they may not be conducting business.

Jane Hemer, co-Chair of the Spring Picnic event, ran through the details – 5/13 at Paul Schroeder Park in Manchester, 11:30 a.m. Lunch is furnished by Goia's; water and iced tea will be available. March and April newsletters have the luncheon choices. Please email Michelle Mangnall with your selection by May 5; so far 30 have responded! Paper name tags will be available –we may stick them to our masks!

Joyce Katz, Webmaster, reminded us that our Website is a resource for members, but also an introduction to the Branch for members of the public. We have the ability to add more pages to present stuff; for example, Susan Fenwick has updated STEM information for the community. Go to Community Outreach to see what's happening.

Other Business, Jan reported that we need help to get appointed positions filled for next year. Even though the elected slate is ready, we still have a Public Policy position to fill. On 4/8 Sue Barley will discuss the national vote on membership; voting starts April 7. The state-wide meeting, held virtually on Zoom, will be May 1. More info will be on the Friday notes and in the newsletter. Our last Board meeting of this year is next month. For closure, look at what we did this year, and provide an end-of-year report. Discuss problems and challenges (attachment 1). Pat Shores asked if elected officers should use as well (yes). Pat told us that she is calling each person to find what is needed for next year's budget. For our May meeting there are no committee reports' we will work in "groups." Jan also reminded us that the Strategic Plan has been simplified to 5 major goals. (Attachment 2). Where do we fit in and how do we promote that goal. Pat said that National has a new strategic plan; she is on the committee to develop a new state plan. The Branch agenda for April 8 will contain the same people as today. Barb McQuitty asked to add STEM to report on Girls of Promise.

Homework: 1. Pay dues; 2. Look at your job and complete the end of year report; 3. Read the Strategic Plan; 4. Reserve your spot for the spring picnic.

Next week – vote on elected officers. The ballot will be sent as a presidents' email with YES or NO on the slate, so the vote will be by email. Sage will announce next week. A quorum is 31 for our Branch meeting.

Submitted by Leslie Wier, Recording Secretary

See attached Appendices for Strategic Plan and Committee Report Form

APPENDIX I

AAUW BALLWIN-CHESTERFIELD (MO) BRANCH

2020-2021 STRATEGIC GOALS

GOAL 1: Ballwin-Chesterfield fosters a growing diverse community of members, supporters, students, and others who advance the AAUW mission.

All branch meetings are publicized and open to the public.

Ballwin-Chesterfield membership reflects the diversity within our larger community.

GOAL 2: Under auspices of AAUW's powerful advocacy programs, Ballwin-Chesterfield works locally to promote educational economic equity and civil rights for all women and girls.

Ballwin-Chesterfield collaborates with other local organizations that advocate for women and girls.

Ballwin-Chesterfield develops activities that promote AAUW's Public Policy Program.

GOAL 3: Ballwin-Chesterfield supports philanthropic efforts of AAUW programs that provide women and girls with opportunities for a lifetime of success.

Ballwin-Chesterfield members and supporters continue to financially support local and national education opportunities for women and girls and community programs focused on issues facing women and girls.

Ballwin-Chesterfield continues to support and expand STEM opportunities.

Ballwin-Chesterfield members and supporters are encouraged to contribute to the Greater Needs Fund.

GOAL 4: Ballwin-Chesterfield promotes Branch Development.

Ballwin-Chesterfield continues offering a variety of mission-based educational programs and social opportunities.

Ballwin-Chesterfield provides opportunities for leadership through training, conference attendance and mentoring.

Ballwin-Chesterfield provides 21st century communication systems.

Ballwin-Chesterfield maintains transparent and responsible financial operations.

GOAL 5: Ballwin-Chesterfield supports AAUW research.

Ballwin-Chesterfield educates members regarding AAUW research reports.

Ballwin-Chesterfield uses AAUW research to educate appropriate groups.

Ballwin-Chesterfield supports AAUW research through fundraising efforts, especially the annual Eleanor Roosevelt Walk.

APPENDIX II

AAUW Ballwin Chesterfield

End of the Year Report 2020-2021

Committee:

Co-Chairs:

Committee Members:

- 1. List the duties your position performed this year.**
- 2. What was your budget and expenses for the year?**
- 3. List your recommendations for additions, corrections, or modifications for your committee for next year.**
- 4. Explain problems or challenges for your committee this year.
(besides Coronavirus)**
- 5. Additional comments or suggestions.**

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