

AAUW B-C Board meeting 11/4/21 hybrid Zoom/in-person

The meeting was called to order by Co-President Sage Taber.

Jan Horner, Co-President, thanked everyone for all they have done for AAUW. Special thanks to the Eleanor Roosevelt Walk team – Eileen Krahman, Carol Derrington, and Jean Elliott- for planning this year's walk at Des Peres Park. Although attendance was smaller than some other years, contributions were significant; all money raised goes into the national AAUW research funds. AAUW National has asked that each branch contribute \$140 in honor of our national anniversary; Pat Shores, Finance, has said there is money in Special Projects to cover the donation.

Finance Officer: Pat Shores – October asset report: Operating Fund - \$36,064.77; Dollars for Scholars - \$7,051.13; Contingency - \$836.62, and CD - \$3,058.74 for a total of \$47,011.26. She reminded us of the traditional gift of \$25 to AAUW in memory of those members who have passed away. These include past members who were very active during their membership years, as well as current members. This year we have paid for 6 memorial gifts, with 2 more not yet sent.

Programs: Marcia Block – reminder that Bryan Jacks is our speaker at Branch this month; no speaker in December, but Cheryl Roberts will talk with us in January about Living Life through an Inclusive Lens. The Directory contains a list of all speakers and their topics. The evaluation done for the October meeting shows that most members really dislike the hybrid meeting format; many had trouble hearing the speaker. One person asked if libraries should really be doing all the outreach activities (speaker was from St. Louis County Public Library system).

AAUW Funds: Marian Bauer – reported that last year AAUW-MO contributed \$18,426 to Fund; AAUW-BC contributed \$4,575. We sent \$535 in September that was never deposited at AAUW. Sue Barley I looking into it. This happened some years ago with LAF money that didn't ever make it. With reduced staffing and outsourcing of financial tasks, it is more difficult than before to get answers and problem-solving. Marian reminded us that our 11/11 meeting is annual giving day. There will be envelopes on the chairs for those who wish to write a check, but online giving is extremely easy to do as well. Friday notes will remind members of on-line donations.

Newsletter: Mary Jermak: During Branch meeting, there will be an acknowledgment of all the people who contribute to the newsletter before it is published. The proofreading team has been expanded and the newsletter team is always open to anyone who wants to help. Sandy and Jean are on their 4th year of their editorship, so they are on the lookout for new help.

Fundraiser: Jan Horner – the December 40th Birthday Party is this year's fundraiser; please review the Friday notes and the Newsletter about details of how you can join in – "light", gift cards, raffle tickets, etc. Marcia already has 40 gift cards for the first raffle prize; other cards that come in will be gathered for a second drawing. Checks are sent to Jayne Kasten, but Marcia will take them as well and get them to Jayne. There will be a sign up for setup and day of event help.

Nominating committee – Judy Stagoski, Liz Maher, and Yvonne Ward – is ready to fill 6 Board positions:

Co-President, Co-VP programs, Co-VP membership, Finance Officer, Co-Director of AAUW Funds, and Co-Director of Public Policy. Please send nominations to any of the committee members of those you think would be good a good fit for any of these positions. Remember to talk to those you nominate first, to make sure they are willing to do the job. If you are interested but not sure what the job is, call the current person and ask what the job involves.

Table set-up: it is necessary to know ahead of time who needs tables or a place at a table. Jan has to provide a visual picture of the layout to teenage boys who set up the night before; they have trouble following if the directions and picture is not clear.

Barb Lackritz Award: Mary Jermak – Mary reviewed the criteria for the award in this first year of having each Branch select its own Awardee. The person shall: uphold the AAUS Mission; provide service at any AAUW level; provide leadership at any level; and provide service and leadership to a non-AAUW group. And our Award winner for AAUW-BC is JOYCE KATZ!

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Wier, Secretary-Archivist