

AAUW-BC Board meeting via Zoom, February 3, 2022

**Jan Horner, Co-President** called the meeting to order after some members experienced technical difficulties. We recited the Mission Statement and approved the minutes of the last board meeting.

**Sage Taber, Co-President**, asked members appointed to the Board to let them know of their intentions for next year – stay or go? Email your intentions by March 1.

Because we are half-way through the AAUW year, we are using this meeting to do “housekeeping,” so the Agenda today focuses on the Star Award Action Plan to see where we stand at this point. In summary, for the 2021-2022 AAUW MO Goals, we have done the following: **Leadership** – achieved all 5 of the goals (3 required); **Branch Management** – all 4 goals (2 required); **Membership** – 3 of 6 are complete (2 are required and we are working on the rest); **Educations and Research** – the required 4 of 5 are met and Pat Shores is working on the 5<sup>th</sup>; **Branch Programs** – achieved 3 or 4, 2 required; **Educational Equity** – achieved all 4, 2 required; **Public Policy** – 5 of 6 completed (3 required); **AAUW Fund** – cannot calculate data for first 4 of 6 requirements – National has not yet provided the information; we have met the other 2; **Communication: Visibility** – all 6 goals (3 required); and **Communication: Technology** - all 5 goals (3 required). A reminder that the AAUW database is closed between Feb 4-15 for installation of new software; everyone will have to learn the new system.

For other branch business we covered the following:

1. The Board approved the appointment of **Barbara Kellams** as Directory Co-Chair through the next AAUW year. 2. **Pat Shores, Finance**, provided the monthly report for January 2022: Operating Fund balance - \$34,693.30; Dollars for Scholars - \$7,010.31; Contingency Fund - \$836.62; and CD - \$3,058.74 for a total balance of \$45,598.97. Pat commented that in early February she has paid the final \$1500 in scholarship obligations, so the remaining value in Dollars is almost what we need for next year. Job Well Done! Jan commented the success of our Dollars chairs, **Janet Sloey** and **Nancy Pierson**, is incredible given that we have had few in-person events. 3. Facilities rental: We will be paying \$375 per month, but there are glitches. Trinity asked for a much higher immediate increase but Pat negotiated that price through the end of June. Sandy Brody agreed to chair the committee to search for replacement sites; she has research from last year for another organization she supports. They will report at the end of April. 4. Scholarship candidate guidelines have been tabled to next month.

5. NCCWSL update: extensive discussion on this topic. Where does NCCWSL fit in our branch organization and who will be responsible for it. Pat Shores provided some history: for several years, we donated \$500 to IBC to fund their candidate for the Conference. In 2019-20 our branch wanted to support one more candidate so worked with UMSL to select someone. The conference became virtual because of COVID, and now we would like to support two candidates. The rules have been updated by IBC – candidates must be from STL area universities that are AAUW partners. There are 5 campuses in the area that qualify, but UMSL has not paid their dues. There are two candidates who have been chosen from the University of Health Science and Pharmacy: Shayla Pham and Feleesia Cunningham, both sophomores. The conference will again be by Zoom; we have committed to support them for next year's conference. **Sue Shriver** and **Lorna Anderson** agreed that they could fit NCCWSL into their

University Liaison committee, and **Jean Elliott**, our IBC representative, will coordinate the guidelines and other IBE related information with them. **Mary Jermak** pointed out that there is a lot of excitement at IBC about NCCWSL, and AAUW sees this conference as a pipeline for membership.

6. Jean Elliott reminded us of the IBC Swing Into Spring event on March 26; registration info is on the website and in the newsletter. This year the Barb Lackritz award is presented to a worthy recipient from each branch; **Joyce Katz** is our branch's honoree. 7. Missouri Woman of Distinction Award. There are lots of requirements needed by April 1; Jean Elliott has all the paperwork she did for 2020, when the awards were cancelled because of Covid. The group voted to keep that candidate, Karen Francis, and Jean will provide any needed updates. 8. **Marcia Block** reminded the group that the committee is working on programs for next year; please get suggestions to **Carol Anthony** or Marcia by May 1.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Wier, Secretary/Archivist