

AAUW-BC Branch meeting minutes for Feb. 10, 2022 (in person meeting!)

Jan Horner, Co-President, called the meeting to order at 10:14 to allow more social time for member. The group recited the Mission Statement, followed by remarks from Sage Taber, Co-President: We hope to be in person in the coming months. In March, the Nominating Committee will announce the slate of elected officer candidates. The IBC Spring Fling is March 26; Joyce Katz will be honored as the Ballwin-Chesterfield Barbara Lackritz Award winner. In April, STEM Girls of Promise events will be held at Pattonville (thanks to Marcia Block for the introduction), Valley Park and Maplewood. All members are encouraged to participate in the May 7 state meeting. The Spring Luncheon in May is highly anticipated, and we look forward to a terrific future after the past challenging years. And from Jan- Please check the newsletter for numerous future event dates. Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Barbara Kellams is the new co-chair of the Directory, to serve through next year.

Reports: **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. Scholarships have been paid for this year, and DFS funds look good. **Marcia Block, Program** – Sara Wessel of the Better Business Bureau will speak in March on Scams Targeting the Community (particularly women). The program committee will have its annual planning meeting mid-March via Zoom. Contact either Marcia or Carol Anthony to participate. **Angie Janik, Public Policy**, reported they are working with Pat Shores, State Pay Equity Advocate, who is training them to work with local officials. 2022 legislation kicks off. Check the website for which Bills are being worked. The public policy section is updated each Monday. **Janet Sloey, Dollars for Scholars** – there are three upcoming events: The May 29 Jazz STL event registration deadline is Feb 28; Walking Tour of Tower Grove Park is 4/28; and 5/4 is a trip to the Soldiers' Memorial. Lunch venue to be determined for the latter two events. **Spring Luncheon** is scheduled for May 12 at Whitmoor Country Club, 11 a.m.; noon lunch is \$28. The theme is Making a Difference Step by Step. **Genevieve Gibson-Newman, STEM** – in addition to the three Girls of Promise events in Sage's remarks, the STEM team will participate in judging the Spring Science Fair entries. **Jean Elliott, IBC**, reminded everyone of Swing Into Spring, March 26. The site is Catering To You banquet facility in Florissant, and entertainment is by the 1940's style band, The Queens of Swing. Barbara Lackritz Awardees are B-C, Joyce Katz; Saint Charles, Pam Kulp; K_WG Jeanne Webdell, and St. Louis, Sue Barley. Kulp, Webdell and Barley are dual members. To avoid procrastination, Jean has printed forms and stamped envelopes available. Carpooling is an option. The event is also a fundraiser for NCCWSL – there will be raffles for gift cards and 50/50.

In final wrap-up, Jan reminded us of the state meeting in May. Mary Jermak added that details are available for the Centennial Dinner celebrations May 6 and the conference May in the state newsletter, Missouri in Motion, to be published soon. 2/17 is the Women's Legislative Retreat. The Art Contest voting runs until 2/17. Our Branch has entries from Susan Fenwick, Pickett Lima and Pam Kulp: Balance; Diversity in Orange; Autumn Hydrangeas; Lighting the Fire for Women and Girls Throughout our World; and Tulip Trios. Today's program: Valerie Battle Kienzle – Ready to Wear: A History of the Footwear and Garment Industry in St. Louis (this is a substitution from original planned program).

Thank you to Mary Jermak for notes; minutes submitted by Leslie Wier, Secretary/Archivist

