

AAUW-BC Board meeting in person, March 3, 2022

Sage Taber, Co-President, opened the meeting with the Mission Statement. **Jan Horner**, Co-President, asked us to think of two numbers, 6 and 24. It took the US Women's soccer team 6 years to settle the issue of equal pay for \$24M. Equal Pay Day this year is March 15, when women finally earn what men earned by December 31, 2021. Jan pointed out that this is a notional date; Hispanic women, then other women of color lag behind even more. Jan and Sage asked that if we are continuing in our Board position, to let them know. Minutes of the last meeting were approved and seconded.

Jean Elliot, past Co-President and IBC representative, reminded us that 3/12 is the deadline for signing up for the IBC Spring Fling event 11:30-2:30 on March 26. Car pooling can be set up.

Pat Shores, Finance Officer, provided the asset report for February 2022: Operating Fund, \$30,448.50; Dollars for Scholars, \$4,759.46; Contingency, \$836.62; and CD, \$3,058.74 for a total of \$39,103.32. Pat has started working with **Jean Light**, nominee for incoming Finance Officer. She handed out forms for next year's budget, reminded attendees to talk with their co-chairs before submitting a request. This is a zero sum process so you must enter values and reasons for the request. You may also request funding for any new ideas or projects in your area. The forms are due in April. Remember to turn in requests for reimbursement with receipts to get paid before the end of the AAUW year. Pat had lunch with Morris, who retired from his job at the church and has been seriously ill. Normally we had given Morris a gift of \$50 for his help with meeting set-ups, but she gave him a check for \$100 and our sincere thanks for his years of working with us. He was thrilled with the gift and said thank you to the group.

Judy Stagoski, Membership Co-Chair: We should receive an e-mail from National on March 16 reminding us to renew our membership; total this year is \$97. The new website system includes the HUB; each member will be responsible for maintaining her own profile. We should have all received an e-mail from National on How to Access Your AAUW account. Discussion followed about the problems encountered; we will wait for two weeks to see if the system settles out, and then Joyce can copy the original note into an e-mail to be sent to each member. Judy said thanks to our website, she got a note from Walla Walla, Washington asking about our book sales; she ended up on a Zoom meeting with several people to discuss their annual book fair which raised \$63,000 to fund scholarships! Mary Jermak asked if last year's excellent news article encouraging continuing membership could be repeated this year. We currently have 162 members.

Marcia Block, Programs Co-Chair, said their committee is meeting next week by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday 3/9; **Carol Anthony**, Co-Chair, will send out a reminder.

Marian Bauer, Funds Co-Chair led a discussion about Funds at the national level.

Ann Riley, Public Policy Co-Chair, reported that their group is working with Pat Shores on gender pay equity; they plan to hold discussion with civic leaders in Ballwin, Chesterfield, and perhaps Manchester.

She sent a copy of the matrix found on our website which clearly identifies Missouri legislation by bill number, status and action. Currently there are 4 bills on gender equity, 5 on education, 8 on initiatives and 4 on voting rights. None has moved to the floor. March 9 is the deadline for signing up to take part in the Missouri Election Coalition meeting. (Note from Leslie: The matrix is impressive and is updated weekly – thank you to Angie Janik!)

Janet Sloey, Dollars for Scholars Co-Chair, requested a table for Branch meeting for sign-ups for events now that things are opening up. The Jazz event is filled. Honor Roll has slowed down. The tip jar continues to help; in January there were 2 baggies of change that were added. Book sales are planned for March and April meetings, so bring in your books and puzzles as indicated in the Friday notes.

Susan Fenwick, Spring Luncheon Co-Chair: Begin signing up for reservations for the May 12 luncheon at the March branch meeting. Bring your checkbooks so you can pay at the time of registration - \$28 – or checks can be sent to Carol Derington. The food tasting is March 10. There was additional discussion of who needs information tables set up and logistics for photos, etc.

Under other business, Sage reported that our Maryville scholarship winners made a video thank-you, which she will try to share via e-mail; it was very nicely done.

Judy Stagoski provided an **update on nominations for officers**; Eileen Krahnman had to drop out of Public Policy so Marian Bauer has agreed to be the co-chair. For those who may have missed the list, Sandy Brody will be a Co-President; Jean Light, Finance Officer; Janet Sloey – Programs co-Chair; Michelle Mangnall and April Walgren, Membership Co-Chairs; Karen Francis and Suzanne Couch – Funds co-Chairs. Newsletter needs new people! Mary will stay on to do the Dollars for Scholars segment and to troubleshoot; Sandy will do some proofreading. Mary will make a pitch at Branch meeting.

It was suggested and informally agreed that if we move locations and we will have to take our own electronic equipment, we should purchase new, lighter, more convenient models.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Wier, Recording Secretary/Archivist