

AAUW-BC Branch Minutes, Thursday, April 14, 2022

Jan Horner, Co-President: Jan called the meeting to order, and attendees recited the mission statement.

Sage Taber, Co-President: Sage made the following announcements.

The AAUW St. Louis branch is sponsoring internationally renowned artist, Dana Tiger, at the Galleria on April 15.

The AAUW state convention will be held on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, at the Holiday Inn in Columbia. Be sure to get your reservation in soon. You will be given a reimbursement check on the day of the convention. Karen Francis will be installed as the new state president. Gloria Blackwell is going to speak. There is additional information about the conference on the website.

The AAUW Ferguson-Florissant branch spring luncheon is going to be held on Saturday, May 14, at 11:30. We are invited to join them. Susan Slaughter, the first woman to be named principal trumpet for a major symphony orchestra, will be there.

Today is the last time Jan will be chairing a branch meeting, after three years of serving as co-president. Sage thanked Jan on behalf of the branch members.

Please note: The deadline for making a submission to the Friday Reminder is noon on Thursday.

Pat Shores, Finance Officer: Pat gave the assets report: Operating Fund, \$29,473.16; Dollars for Scholars, \$4,896.72; Contingency, \$836.62; and CD, \$3,058.74 for total of \$38,265.24. Pat then spoke about dues payment. She asked members to hold off on paying their dues; the amount shown is wrong. Do not pay online using a credit card, and do not send the Finance Officer a check. Look for further instructions in the Friday Reminders.

VP Membership, Judy Stagoski: Judy welcomed a new member of our branch and a former member who is returning. An article is forthcoming that explains the dues increase for membership. There are many reasons to (re)join AAUW.

AAUW Fund, Marian Bauer: Marian thanked everyone who contributed to the fund during 2021. AAUW B-C contributed \$13,000 as a branch.

Public Policy, Ann Riley: The Missouri legislature is on break. A big issue facing legislators is the state budget. A proposal is pending for a statewide starting salary for teachers. Also pending is a proposal to give every taxpayer in Missouri \$500 for Covid recovery. This measure appears to have bipartisan support. A Senate position is opening up. Multiple candidates aspire to fill it.

Jean Elliott, Immediate Past President: Jean reported that the IBC Luncheon was a lovely and memorable experience. The Barbara Lackritz honorees were recognized. It was interesting to hear what all they have done, which is impressive. The luncheon included some fundraising, which netted over \$1000. Jean found it very enjoyable to work on this committee with members of other branches.

Dollars for Scholars (DFS), Janet Sloey: Multiple in-person DFS events are scheduled.

April 28, Tower Grove Park walking tour. Favazza's for lunch.

May 4, St. Louis Soldiers Memorial Military Museum. Maggiano's for lunch.

May 29 - Jazz St. Louis concert. (This event is full).

June 23, Carondelet Museum. Pietro's for lunch.

STEM, Barbara McQuitty: Three STEM Girls of Promise events are going to be held in person.

April 18, Pattonville H.S. breakfast. Marcia Block brought in this new school for Girls of Promise.

April 20, Valley Park H.S. dinner and awards night.

April 28, Maplewood Richmond Heights breakfast.

All AAUW B-C members are invited to the Pattonville and Maplewood Richmond Heights breakfast ceremonies. If you plan to attend, please sign up to bring food items for the continental breakfast.

Spring Luncheon, Michele Mangnall: After two years of cancellations, we will be back at Whitmoor Country Club. Chef Jesse has put together a wonderful menu for us. Doors will open at 11:00 for social hour, and lunch will be served at noon. Activities will include installation of officers, a raffle for three large floral centerpieces, and attendance prizes. The cost is \$28, payable by check. Payment is accepted at the reservations table today, or a check may be sent to Carol Derington at her current address. (She moved recently). April 28 is the deadline to reserve a seat at the luncheon because we must give the final count to Whitmoor. Reservations may not be held without a check.

University Liaison, Lorna Anderson: The committee met and reviewed the criteria for selecting candidates for scholarship awards. There is only one change: the recipient is specified [not recommended] to be a female who has been out of school for at least ten years. This information is shown on the AAUW B-C website, under CommunityOutreach.

Nominating Committee, Judy Stagoski: Judy announced the slate of officers for 2022-2023. A vote was held, and all of the candidates were approved by the members in attendance at the meeting.

Program: Today's speaker was Carol Gravens of the Missouri Botanical Garden, who presented a fascinating program on the topic "Plants that Changed the Course of History."

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Fenwick for Leslie Wier, Recording Secretary/Archivist