

AAUW-BC Board meeting minutes April 7, 2022

Jan Horner, Co-President, called the meeting to order with a recitation of the Mission Statement. The agenda has been flipped to accommodate some who need to leave early. **Sage Taber, Co-President**, explained that we will keep our Zoom account for the next year to accommodate any need changes. She reminded us to turn in our budget requests to Pat Shores as soon as possible. Sage will email the form for our end-of-year reports which are due by June 1. The March Board minutes on the website were approved and seconded.

Pat Shores, Finance Officer, presented the Asset Report for March: Operating Fund, \$29,473.16; Dollars for Scholars, \$4,896.72; Contingency, \$836.62; and CD, \$3,058.74 for a Total of \$38,265.24. Pat told us that the rollout of the new national AAUW system continues to be slow, with information doled out a bit at a time. She prepared a procedure for the Friday notes which asks people to continue trying to log in to the new Community Hub, but to not pay dues on line because the amount given is incorrect. Pat cannot collect dues checks at this time because she needs training on how to enter our information into the new system. The voting segment for national elections is working. Pat reminded us that our branch reimburses the cost for the State Convention in May; we have 5 members signed up so far. She is sending \$25 as a tribute for the State 100th anniversary. NCCWSL – our two student candidates, Feleesia Cunningham and Shayla Pham, both rising juniors at the University of Health Science and Pharmacy, have chosen to attend the entire Zoom program this year at \$165 each. We have committed to send them to Washington, DC for the NCCWSL convention in 2023. Pat has handled the NCCWSL arrangements as part of her work with IBC; University Liaison will take over the NCCWSL function this coming year.

Jan Horner gave a brief review of our tenure at Trinity Lutheran for meetings and events. As with everything else, costs have gone up and some amenities, like access to the kitchen, are no longer available. We now pay for two teenagers to set up chairs and tables the night before, and there have been problems with getting the AV equipment to work properly. Sandy Brody, Mary Jermak and Sue Shriver are the committee looking into alternative sites, and provided a report on their findings so far.

Jan reminded us to turn in our descriptions of Board positions, especially if there will be a new person this coming year. There may have been changes because of Covid, or information may be outdated. At the State meeting, the branches were asked to publicize 10 Claims to Fame over the past 40 years, so we shared several ideas for Jan to pull into the final list for our branch: Dollars for Scholars, Stem Girls of Promise, numbers of scholarships, guest speakers, fund raising, interest groups, community service grants (Each One Teach One in Wellston; Human Trafficking initiative), Silver Anniversary grants, dynamic daytime meetings, etc. These are to be placed on a poster board display to fit on a half-table. We will get points toward the Star Award for doing this. Karen Francis will be installed as Missouri State President in May. Jan also thanked Jean Elliott (not present) for her excellent work on Spring Fling for IBC. Doris Nistler and Linda Roberson provided the names of people who entertain in the community where they live. In addition to being honored at the Spring Fling, Joyce Katz will be honored at our Spring Luncheon in May as well.

Judy Stagoski, Co-Chair of Membership, asked that we all continue to try to access the new system; it took her nearly 10 tries but she finally got in and it continues to work for her.

Marian Bauer, Co-Chair of Funds, is working with Sue Barley (state and national) to obtain correct contribution lists in time for recognition at the Spring Luncheon.

Angie Janik, Co-Chair of Public Policy, thanked Carolyn Brown, Co-Webmaster, for putting in and updating regularly the grid created to help members follow legislation through the Missouri state house.

Genevieve Gibson-Newman, Chair of STEM, reported that the five Girls of Promise in Valley Park will be recognized as part of an in-person awards dinner on April 20. The Maplewood-Richmond Heights four Girls of Promise will be honored at a breakfast event in the school library April 28; parents, teachers and the STEM committee will be in attendance. Pattonville, the newest school in the STEM group, has not yet provided information, but it is a new group and will take time to work through the process. (Jan commented that connections are important; the science teacher doing this is a former student of our member Marcia Block, who retired from Pattonville.)

Jan reported for **Dollars for Scholars** that the Honor Roll has brought in nearly \$1000 from the postcard idea, and with Board approval they would like to continue that for next year. The tip jar added \$300 to the coffers; Janet Sloey will put it out for the last time in April; counting pennies is a lot of work for smaller return! Other fund raisers like bean soup and Panera are done by University Liaison, and Mary Kay Wolfe will continue the Book sales. It is easier with fewer books, as more people are reading electronically, but it also brings in less money

Sue Shriver, co-chair for University Liaison, said their committee met to look at the criteria for scholarships. The wording will now specify female students who have been out of high school for 10 years. They are recommending an increase from \$750 per semester to \$1000. That recommendation will go into the budget request. Sue was invited to the Maryville dinner hosted by the development group, which recognized every scholarship, regardless of size, given to a student.

Michelle Mangnall, co-Chair of Spring Luncheon, was excited to report that we are finally having the Spring Luncheon, last held in 2019! Fifty people have signed up so far, and there is still time for additional signups at the Branch meeting next week. Flowers have been ordered from the wholesale nursery. Each table will have a single potted plant on a mirror with ribbons; instead of one large centerpiece for the raffle, there will be three 10" pots of annuals decorated on stands at the entry. The food tasting was excellent (Susan Fenwick said "wait until you taste the dessert!"). There will be a cash bar and servers with trays of non-alcoholic mocktails; music will be provided by Whitmore's Alexa. Jane Hemer has created a lovely three dimensional cover for which she hand-cut the decorations herself. The committee members have been asked to do the evaluations afterwards to provide suggestions for improvements.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Wier, Secretary/Archivist

