

## Minutes of AAUW-BC Board Meeting, November 3, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Co-President Sandy Brody with a group recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement. Opening remarks: Karen Francis will not be present to do Inclusion Fusion this month; Sage is continuing to heal, but her wife is in the hospital with sepsis; building doors do not open until 9 this month. The October board minutes were approved as published on-line.

Jean Light, Finance Officer, provided the October Asset Report: Operating Fund - \$27,383.33; Dollars for Scholars - \$4,853.42; Contingency and CD unchanged at \$86.62 and \$3,058.74 respectively. Jean is shopping for a better deal on the CD. She asked that everyone who receives a reimbursement check please cash/deposit it in a timely way; she will put a reminder note in with each check she sends out.

Marcia Block and Janet Sloey, Programs Co-Vice-Presidents: This month's speaker, Galen Gritts, a member of the Cherokee Nation, will present without any technical assistance since oral story-telling is tradition for his people. January's speaker, Nicole Adele, is co-founder of ABNA, a civil engineering firm. She was recommended by branch member Sandra Murdock.

Suzanne Couch, Co-Director AAUW Fund, reminded us that the annual Fund collection will be done at this month's Branch meeting after the business portion. The committee is urging everyone to give something; the amount is not critical, participation is key.

Marian Bauer and Angela Janik, Co-Directors Public Policy; Marian asked if everyone had received the voting card sent by the committee; she has extras. Handouts on the table included a copy of the Post-Dispatch election section and a helpful Election Day card with where, when, and several what or what if sections. No one has requested a ride to the polls. The PP committee will hand out an unscientific poll at the meeting to ask how Branch members find out about Public Policy. There will be time for public comments after publication in the Missouri Register on Nov. 15 of Secretary of State Ashcroft's proposed challenge to library book policy. Mary Jermak researched the Missouri Constitution amendments on the ballot; the amendment requesting a constitutional review is required by law every 20 years.

Jan Horner, Director Winter Fundraiser: The Winter Holiday Fest, December 8, is a party. For \$25 we will get lunch (see Newsletter and Friday notes for choice and send check to Sandy Kalin to reserve), entertainment by the Queens of Swing, and some fun games. We will talk about where our dollars go for local activities, and we can sign up to be a Branch Booster at \$50, \$100 or \$200 levels. This campaign will run through the spring months. Mary Jermak will want a picture of the committee.

Betty Jo Hogan, Co-Director of Dollars for Scholars, reported that the last two recent activities have completed and there are no new dates to announce, nor have there been any new donations to the Honor Roll, which might be a good idea for people to whom recognition would make a good holiday gift. Nancy Pearson, Co-Director, reached out to the Interest Group to see if they would sponsor some activities.

Mary Jermak, Newsletter Editor, explained the deadline change to the day after the Branch meeting to allow for inclusion of newer information. Pat Shores provided the team copies of “Smart Brevity” which includes ideas like scan and skim, dense print leads to low readability, use bullet points. Marian said pictures are also attention grabbers.

ER Walk – Pat Shores for Carol Derington, Committee Chair – the Walk this year collected \$945. We are the last branch still doing this walk, since Research is now under Greatest Needs. We will continue next year (based on member interest). Based on a question from Pat, there is interest in re-starting a Walking Group, which was an interest group several years ago. The group would walk in a different park each month. Interested people can contact Pat. Board approval is needed/was given for starting a new group.

Susan Fenwick and Yvonne Ward, Co-Directors for Spring Luncheon: they are happy with the volunteers and enthusiasm shown at the start-up meeting. Coming up is the planning meeting at Whitmore.

Sue Shriver, University Liaison Director, still has bean soup to sell at the November Branch meeting.

Sandy announced that is time to select a Nominating Committee, which per by-laws contains a member of the executive board, another board member, and a non-board member. The CO-Presidents decide who those people. Positions to be nominated include 1 Co-President, 1 VP Programs, 1 VP Membership, 1 Public Policy, Secretary-Archivist, and 1 AAUW Funds. There was discussion of term length because everything got frozen during Covid. Some officers will have served 3 years instead of 2; in some areas both chairs or directors have simultaneously ending terms. For example, Michele and April will need to decide how they want to handle whether either or both chose to stay as choices for Membership.

As New Business, Mary Jermak asked about increasing our visibility through signs or banners. Who might have the old banners or signs we have used? Where would they be placed?

Marcia Weppelman, Parliamentarian, reminded us than on P.8 of the By-laws, there is 1 vote per office or position, if there are two people sharing. She will bring back the paddles to help keep the voting process per the rules. That will help in ensuring we have a quorum as well.

Joan Hewitt, Hospitality Director, said that the roster is nearly full, but they need a coordinator for January and additional help in March.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Wier, Secretary/Archivist