

Minutes of the AAUW-BC Branch meeting, 11-10-2022

**Sandy Brody**, Co-President, called the meeting to order and led the group in the AAUW Mission Statement, and thanked the November hostesses for the lovely table of treats.

**Jean Light**, Finance Officer, reported the balances for Operating Fund - \$28,224.32, and Dollars for Scholars - \$4,853.42.

**Marian Bauer**, Public Policy Co-President, reported that PP worked all this first quarter on Get Out the Vote. A survey on the chairs, to be left at the membership table, will help Public Policy in knowing how their efforts are received and in setting additional priorities – members do not have to put their names on the surveys.

**Jan Horner**, Director Branch Fundraising and Immediate Past President, described the Winter Holiday Fest, December 8. For \$25, we get a lovely box lunch (3 choices) and entertainment by the Queens of Swing. NO STUFF THIS YEAR! Bring checkbooks and cash to join the BC Booster Club, which will raise funds throughout the rest of the AAUW year, through April. There will be different levels for boosting. Sandy Kalin will accept reservations through December 1.

**Nancy Pearson**, Co-Director for Dollars for Scholars, reported on the success of three events since the October meeting, but explained that there are no new events on the schedule. We need new events with sponsors! The Honor Roll is available and could be an excellent holiday gift.

**Suzanne Couch and Karen Francis**, Co-Directors of AAUW FUND, stood with baskets in hand as they reminded members of today's annual collection for the FUND. Envelopes on the chairs were for checks made out to AAUW, with Greatest Needs on the memo line. Suzanne mentioned that our AAUW research was cited at the White House, so we are known! Research costs money. The amount is not critical and is tax deductible. Any donations made in October, November, and December are matched by National. Our goal is to get everyone to donate something this year, regardless of amount. Send Karen an e-mail if you had problems at your polling place when you voted.

**Michele Mangnall**, Co-VP of Membership, introduced a guest, Carol Montgomery, who brought her membership application, and announced a new member, Suzanne Truitt.

**Mary Jermak**, head of the selection committee, explained that starting last year, the Barbara Lackritz Award, formerly given for one outstanding member within the Interbranch Council (IBC), is now awarded within each Branch and celebrated at the annual IBC luncheon in March. This year's luncheon on March 18, hosted by our Branch, will be at Edgewild in Chesterfield. The nominating committee (Mary Jermak, Barbara Kellums and Suzanne Couch) chose **Marcia Block** for this year's BC winner for all the ways she has supported AAUW at many levels and exemplified our mission within the larger community.

The speaker after adjournment, was Galen Gritts, a registered member of the Cherokee nation.

Respectfully submitted, Leslie Wier, Secretary/Archivist