

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Annual Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2024
Ballwin Golf Course Events Center, 333 Holloway Rd., Ballwin 63011

President Sage Taber opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and led members in reciting the AAUW Mission statement. There were 54 members in attendance.

Sage announced the names of the April Hospitality Hostesses—**Marge Andersen, Marilyn Beiter, Pam Bowman, Ellen Friedman, Jan Horner, Mersine Kallaos, Sandra Murdock, Doris Nistler, Cay Noble, and Sue Shriver**—and thanked them for the delicious buffet.

Election of Officers

Marcia Block reviewed the nominees and **Sage Taber** conducted the election. All nominees were elected.

Co-President Carol Anthony

Co-Vice President Program Marcia Block

These officers were elected to a second term:

Finance Officer Jean Light

Co-Vice President Membership April Walgren

Co-Director of Public Policy Marian Bauer

Co-Director of AAUW Fund Suzanne Couch

Finance Officer Jean Light reported branch assets at the end of March 2024. The checking account balance is \$19892.15. The certificate of deposit of \$3246 matures in June. The CD proceeds will go in the checking account. A CD in the amount of \$3000 @ 4.47% was taken out at US Bank in March.

Membership vice-presidents Susie Teicher and **April Walgren** stated that the branch has seven new members since August 1, 2023. They welcomed **Myra Morse, Helen Houle, Carolyn McIntosh, Kathy Lask, Rachel Canis, Jane Fetick, and Becky Litherland**. Each was given a small token of appreciation.

Public Policy Director Marian Bauer reported to members that The Missourians for Freedom initiative petition two thirds of the 300,000 signatures needed. Marian invited members to sign the petition.

Nancy Pierson, Dollar for Scholars, updated members about current events which are published in the branch newsletter and Friday Reminders and on the website. Nancy encouraged members to plan events over the summer. An Elegant Edible drawing will take place at today's meeting.

Yvonne Ward and Carol Anthony, Spring Luncheon directors, encouraged registration for the annual luncheon to be held May 9 at the Marriott West, Chesterfield. There will be a raffle of floral pieces and one attendance prize per table.

Ann Hansen invited all to the April 9 Out-to-Lunch to be held at Olivia on the Hill at 11:30 a.m. She reminded members of the blue Directory supplement which lists all luncheon information.

Margaret Andersen spoke on behalf of the **International Relations Lecture Series**, held at the Ethical Society on the second Tuesday morning from January to April. The last lecture was on NATO and **Susie Teicher** introduced the speaker. All topics this year were very newsworthy. Marge would like suggestions on how to increase attendance by B-C members.

Karen Francis, AAUW MO president, spoke on several topics. She encouraged members to attend the May 4 annual AAUW MO conference in Columbia, MO. **Denise Lieberman, Missouri Voter Coalition**, will speak. Stipends are available from the state and the branch towards early bird registration fees. Please let Karen, **Sandy Brody**, or **Sage Taber** know if you are interested. There is a drawing for a Tribute Quilt to honor the late **Grace Butler** who was an AAUW leader.

Karen announced that her term as state president will end June 30 and she is proud of all accomplishments, including the fact that there is a Missouri member on every national board. She encouraged members to vote on the AAUW bylaws proposal on membership eligibility. There will be no name change and it will be an opportunity for people to join who support our mission. Non-degreed members can be national members (cannot ONLY be a branch member). Karen will have the information on the percentage of branch members who voted.

Karen announced that Ballwin-Chesterfield, along with the St. Louis Chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women, received a *Community Partnership Award* in recognition of collaboration in community involvement at the April 3, 2014, Celebrating Women Ceremony.

Marcia Block invited members to attend upcoming STEM recognitions at local high schools. Maplewood-Richmond Heights on April 12 and Pattonville on April 15.

Suzanne Couch thanked members for their donations to St. Martha's Hall.

Joyce Katz announced the recent passing of **Ann Patrice O'Shaughnessy**, a valued member and friend. No one can take Ann Patrice's place, but if you would like to help with the *Directory*, contact Joyce.

The Elegant Edibles drawing winners were **Kathy Brown, Jan Barrett, and Margaret Estes**.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:08 a.m.

The April speaker was **Julia Brown**, board member of the **League of Women Voters** whose topic was *The Electoral College and the Proposed National Popular Vote Interstate Compact*.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jermak
Secretary/Archivist