December 12, 2024, Branch Meeting Minutes Ballwin Recreational Center, Ballwin, MO 10 a.m.–1:15 p.m.

There were 83 members in attendance.

The annual AAUW B-C Holiday Luncheon and fun-raiser was an enjoyable event. Members socialized in a festively decorated room. They bought Lotto and 50/50 tickets and bid on a delectable array of Elegant Edibles food items donated by member volunteers, designated by their EES (Elegant Edible Society) blue ribbon badges.

Winter Party Chair Marcia Block opened the event and welcomed all. She honored the committee members by asking them to come forward. Marcia prepared an information sheet with details of income v expenses for members to see reasons why and where the branch needs to raise funds.

As a kick-off to the 2025 B-C Booster Campaign, the committee led a B-C Booster pep song. Some housekeeping items were announced: bidding on Elegant Edibles concludes at 11:15 a.m. Table poinsettias are for sale for \$10 each.

A box lunch was catered by the Art of Entertainment at 10:50 a.m. After lunch, from 12:30–1p.m., the Parkway West Jazz Choir, led by Terry Fitzpatrick, entertained with a medley of holiday songs Branch member **Kay Wunder** was recognized as a past director of the choir.

Next was a drawing for the winners of Lotto (won by **Angie Janik**), 50/50 (won by **Sue Shriver**), and the poinsettia plant attendance prize (won by **Pat Shores**).

Respectfully submitted, Mary Jermak Secretary/Archivist