

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield

Branch Meeting Minutes, January 9, 2025

The meeting began at 9:44 a.m. and was held via Zoom because of inclement weather. There were 39 attending.

Co-president Sage Taber called the meeting to order with the AAUW Mission Statement.

Co-president Carol Anthony said that

- our branch earned three stars as part of the AAUW Five-Star Program. The February newsletter will feature the Five-Star Program.
- She applauded the success of the Winter Party, which began the B-C Boosters campaign. The goal is to raise \$6000. To date \$2834.66 has been donated.
- Carol said to mark March 29, 2025, for the IBC luncheon where **Jan Horner** will be honored with a **Barbara Lackritz** award.
- The IBC event will feature a new fund raiser instead of baskets.

Finance Officer Jean Light reported an Operating Fund total of \$31,523.78, including a mature CD. After discussion, it was decided that the CD will be renewed for another five months at a rate of 3.9%.

VP Membership Susie Teicher stated that **Alisa Ott** is a new member.

Public Policy Director Angie Janik stated that the 2025 Missouri legislature opened on January 8 with over 300 pre-filed bills. The committee will track the state legislative session's bills that apply to AAUW's priorities. Angie stated that the committee will review proposed public policy changes included in the January 8 email from National. **Public Policy Director Marian Bauer** will send a summary and suggestions for a branch response.

Winter Party Co-chair Marcia Block reported that the Winter Party netted \$2,089.97. Elegant Edibles raised \$796. She stated that the Boosters Campaign will accept donations in February, March, and April at branch meetings. Members may also mail a contribution check sent to **Linda Roberson**.

Co-president Carol Anthony reviewed the upcoming DFS offerings. There will be a Tai Chi demonstration on February 7 and a tour of the Clark Family Library on February 21.

International Relations Chair Susie Teicher encouraged members to attend the first lecture in January, *Our Planet's Plastic Crisis*. The February lecture is *Water Security in a Changing Climate*.

Program Co-VP Kathy Brown reported that the February program will be *The Impact of Domestic Violence on Our Community*, a change from the original topic.

The business meeting closed at 10:10 a.m.

Program Co-VP Marcia Block introduced speaker **Joe Regenbogen**, former teacher, Op-ed writer for the Post Dispatch, and published author of six books. His topic was *The US Supreme Court: Stepchild of the Federal Government*.

The meeting ended at 11: 23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jermak, Secretary/Archivist