

**AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting Minutes**  
**March 11, 2025**  
**Ballwin Golf Events Center, Holloway Rd., Ballwin**

The meeting began at 9:32 a.m. There were 56 members in attendance.

**Co-president Sage Taber** opened the meeting with the AAUW Mission statement. She thanked the March hostesses:

**Kathy Brown, Jane Hemer, Jan Horner, Michele Mangnall, Myra Morse, Nancy Pierson, Linda Roberson, Sue Shriver, and Carol Derington**

**Co-president Carol Anthony** spoke about the following items:

- The March 20 deadline to register for the IBC spring luncheon
- **Jan Horner** will receive the **Barbara Lackritz Award** on behalf of B-C
- B-C needs to fill two appointed positions for the Hospitality Committee
- The 2025 National dues are \$74 and the 2026 dues are \$76.

2025–27 Slate of Officers – The election will be at the April branch meeting.

**Nominating Committee Chair Bette Bude** introduced the nominees:

**Co-president Janet Sloey**

**Co-VP Program Kathy Skiles**

**Co-VP Membership Sage Taber**

**Secretary/Archivist Kathy Lask**

**Appointed Directors Karen Francis (AAUW Fund) and Angie Janik (Public Policy)** will continue in these positions. Candidate bios and photos are posted on the branch website and are featured in the newsletter.

**Sage Taber** gave the finance report in the absence of **Finance Officer Jean Light**. As of February 28, there is \$28,688.89 in the Operating Fund account. The CD earned \$10.27 and is now \$3091.37. Total branch funds are \$31,780.26.

**Public Policy Co-director Angie Janik** alerted us that the Missouri legislative session is active, one week before spring break. Bills are moving quickly. The branch public policy committee follows bills related to the AAUW Mission. Members are encouraged to voice their opinion to their legislators. Visit <https://ballwinchesterfield-mo.aauw.net/> and click PUBLIC POLICY for updates and contact links.

**Co-VP Program Kathy Brown** announced a meeting to be held after the speaker to set plans for next year's speakers. Ideas are welcome to Kathy or **Marcia Block**. The April speaker will be **Jaimie Grandinette** whose topic is Art Museum Exhibits.

Membership had no report.

**B-C Boosters – Marcia Block** stated that contributions may be made through April and can be sent to **Linda Roberson**. Information is in the newsletter and on the website. The goal is \$6000 in contributions and \$5000 has been donated to date. Members' \$22.00 branch dues do not cover

branch expenses and activities. **Carol Anthony** stated that the 2025 DFS events have been successful and encouraged members to sponsor an event.

**Spring Luncheon Co-Director Jane Hemer** stated that May 8 Spring Luncheon, ***Dare to Color Outside the Lines***, is to be held at the Marriott West. Reservations are \$45. The social hour is at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. There will be a choice of entrees.

**STEM Co-Director Barb McQuitty** announced the STEM Girls of Promise ceremonies and requested volunteers to help at the three high schools:  
Valley Park, April 10 at 7:15 a.m.  
Maplewood Richmond Heights, April 18 at 7:15; and  
Pattonville, April 22 at 7 a.m.

STEM judges, **Sandra Murdock, Marcia Block, and Barb McQuitty**, will review projects submitted to the 2025 Academy of Science e-Fair and will choose AAUW B-C's winners.

**Sage Taber** asked if there were any additions or corrections to the February branch meeting minutes. Hearing none, the minutes were approved as written.

**Out-to-Lunch – Mary Biggs** invited members to attend the lunch on Wednesday, March 19, at EdgeWild Restaurant in Chesterfield.

**Munching Matters – Linda Roberson** drew attention to the date change. It will be April 11 at the Hearth Room. Elaine **Eltomi** is the speaker.

**Carol Anthony** stated that the weekly Friday Reminder or FR, describes the purpose of the publication and is the preferred name.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

**Marcia Block** began the program portion of the meeting at 10:30 a.m.  
The speaker was Huvona Watkins, Executive Director of *Almost Home*, which is a recipient of B-C Silver Anniversary Grant.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
**Mary Jermak**  
Secretary/Archivist