

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting Minutes
Ballwin Golf Events Center, Holloway Rd., Ballwin

April 10, 2025

The meeting began at 9:32 a.m. There were 61 members in attendance.

Co-president Carol Anthony opened the meeting with the AAUW Mission statement. Carol asked for any additions/corrections to the March branch meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Hospitality co-chair Carol Derington thanked the hostesses for this year and the April hostesses:
Lorna Anderson, Sandy Brody, Alice Crippen, Kelly Johnson, Pam Kulp, Sandra Murdock, Doris Nistler, Sue Truitt, and Mary Kay Wolfe.

Co-president Sage Taber stated that the annual AAUW MO conference is May 3 via Zoom. You may register online. Members are encouraged to gather to view the conference.

Sage also announced that there are board positions that need chairs:

- one for Spring Luncheon
- one for Winter Party, and
- two for STEM.

Joyce Katz, Directory Chair, announced that next year's Directory will be in digital form to be emailed to members. The cost of printing is now prohibitive. The Directory will have links to the web for procedure, policies, and meetings including programs.

Nominating Committee Chair Bette Bude made two motions.

1. I move that the membership approve nominees 2025–27 Slate of Elected Officers:

Co-president Janet Sloey
Co-VP Program Kathy Skiles
Co-VP Membership Sage Taber
Secretary/Archivist Kathy Lask

The motion was approved.

2. I move that the membership approve the 2025–26 Elected Directors:

AAUW Fund Co-director Karen Francis
Public Policy Co-director Angie Janik

The motion was approved.

Finance Officer Jean Light gave the finance report. As of March 31, there is \$30043.39 in the Operating Fund account. The CD earned \$10.27 and is now \$3160.68.
Total branch funds are \$33,144.

Out-to-Lunch – Mary Biggs invited members to attend the April lunch at Favazza and the May lunch at Annie Gunn's Restaurant in Chesterfield.

Membership Co-Vp's April Walgreen and Susie Teicher celebrated five new members to the branch this year. As each was announced and stood, members applauded. Each was given a gift bag. **Kelly Johnson, Lois Le Blanc, Deloris Vermont, Mindy Zavist, and Glory Perry and Elisha Ott** (both not present). Susie thanked members for their recommendations.

Public Policy Co-director Angie stated that AAUW will email a digital ballot on April 14. There are proposed changes to the Public Policy Priorities.

The branch public policy committee focuses on local issues that are important to the AAUW Mission. Angie spoke of important Missouri legislation.

1. Status of the state budget. It includes a cut of \$300M to education.
2. A bill which includes a \$50M cut for Medicaid.
3. The proposed state budget is \$5B less than the amount submitted by Governor Kehoe.

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.

B-C Boosters – Marcia Block thanked members for their donations and stated that we are close to the goal. Contributions may be made at the April meeting or sent to **Linda Roberson**. Marcia suggested that members see the poster which highlights member donations.

STEM Co-Director Marcia Block said there are two more STEM Girls of Promise ceremonies: Maplewood Richmond Heights, April 18 at 7:15; and Pattonville, April 22 at 7 a.m.

Spring Luncheon Co-Director Jane Hemer stated that May 8 Spring Luncheon, ***Dare to Color Outside the Lines***, will be at the Marriott West in Chesterfield. Reservations are \$45 by May 1. The social time is at 11 a.m. with lunch at noon. The induction of officers and the honoring of special members will occur. There will be raffles and attendance prizes.

Upcoming DFS events

Carol Anthony said that the Clark Family Library Tour will be repeated on April 25 from 11 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Donation: \$10 In addition, there will be an optional lunch afterwards at the nearby Canyon Café.

Roz Marz stated that there will be a SLAM docent led tour by Claire Richardson of the new *Roaring* exhibit on June 17. The cost is \$15 for Art Museum members; cost for non-members will be determined. An optional lunch to follow at Panerama Restaurant.

Janet Sloey announced that there will be Tai Chi demo/practice after the meeting. Participants may donate in the basket provided.

The business meeting adjourned at 10:07 a.m.

The program portion of the meeting resumed at 10:30 a.m.

Co- VP Program Kathy Brown introduced the April speaker **Jaimie Grandinette**, who described the many steps involved in creating Art Museum Exhibits.

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Jermak
Secretary/Archivist