

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting Minutes

5-1-25

Co-presidents Carol Anthony and **Sage Taber** brought continental breakfast items to share with attendees.

Those in attendance: **Sage Taber, Carol Anthony, Jean Light, Marcia Block, Sandy Brody, Pat Shores, Marian Bauer, Susie Teicher, Janet Sloey, Carol Derington, Jane Hemer, Kathy Brown, Carolyn Brown, Karen Francis, and April Walgren.**

Sage Taber called the meeting to order. The AAUW mission statement was repeated.

The April board meeting minutes were approved at the end of the meeting.

Co-President remarks—Carol Anthony suggested that the library room might be an alternate location for board meetings in future, especially when food service is needed. She encouraged members to attend the Missouri State annual conference meeting on Zoom on May 3. The branch received 10 stars on the branch rating system. The second tour of the library netted \$90 for DFS. Carol received a thank-you from St. Martha's for donations from branch members. There was a thank-you from the Art Museum for the contribution made on behalf of the speaker. Some monies were accrued from the Tai Chi class after the April meeting.

Financial Officer report—Jean Light reported that we have \$31,994.29 in checking and around \$3,110 in the CD. BC Boosters amount was \$6,664.66.

Public Policy—Marian Bauer reported that the state legislative session ends May 9. The State Supreme court upheld Proposition A on minimum wage and sick leave issues. The Child Welfare Act passed, outlawing marriage of those below the age of 18. Amendment 3 is in the works to be overturned and/or returned to the voters again in November 2026. **Angie Janik** will write a summary of the legislative session for the branch website. Marian recommended MO Independent.com as a good source for news online. **Karen Francis** commented that the initiative petition process is being threatened again.

Program VP Kathy Brown reported three definite speakers for 2025–26.

November—**Joe Regenbogen** on American Foreign Policy

February—**Sara Ruiz** from Ashrei Foundation on Photo ID Access in Missouri

April—**Emily Garrett** from Wild Care Park

Other possibilities

Lihua Yu, Assistant Professor, Goldfarb School of Nursing, Gerontology

Emeara Burns from Story Stitchers

Beyond Housing

Membership VP April Walgren reminded us about the July branch meeting's theme "Happy Renew Year." Members can renew memberships, invite guests, bring party appetizers to share. Time is from 1– 3 p.m., July 10. More information will be in the next newsletter.

IBC–Sandy Brody reported that \$1600 was made at the spring luncheon. A Webster University student, **Sophie Price** will be sent to NCCWSL. The branch will be responsible for fundraising for the 2026 spring luncheon.

BC Boosters–Both **Marcia Block** and **Karen Francis** made comments. If BC Boosters is to continue, a new coordinator is needed for 2025–26. Other discussion centered upon budget issues. The winter party raised \$2100, and although fundraising has not reached pre-pandemic levels, scholarships to Maryville and UMSL are possible. The role of University Liaison is more important than ever, and we may expand outreach to other universities. The University Liaison committee is working on criteria. **Jean Light** has received all budget requests for the coming year, but the final budget is still in progress.

STEM Director Marcia Block reported that the STEM Girl of Promise breakfasts at Valley Park, Pattonville, and Maplewood-Richmond Heights high schools have all been completed with 10 girls recognized in total. The Maplewood-Richmond Heights event included three girls from last year who spoke on the event's effect upon them.

Spring Luncheon Co-Director Jane Hemer reported that 66 members, nine tables, have registered for the event which will be at Marriott West with the social hour at 11 a.m. **Jan Horner** will conduct the installation of new officers.

Karen Francis reminded board members of two webinars, the National AAUW Webinar to address the new strategic plan, on May 1^h at 6 p.m. and a May 28 webinar to address DEI issues. No details on time are available for the second webinar.

There was no new business and the meeting adjourned.

Minutes submitted by **Janet Sloey** for **Secretary/Archivist Mary Jermak**.