

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting Minutes

May 8, 2025

Marriot West, Chesterfield, MO

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield branch members gathered at the Marriott for an annual year-end luncheon, which was themed “Dare to Color Outside the Lines.”

Co-chairs **Jane Hemer** and **Michele Mangnall** welcomed 60+ members in attendance and challenged each to color outside the lines to create a personalized program cover.

Members enjoyed a luncheon entrée of their choosing.

During dessert, the program began with **Sandy Brody** reviewing the service of **Jan Horner**, our **2025 IBC Barbara Lackritz** awardee.

Marcia Block announced that the B-C Booster fund raiser campaign surpassed its goal of \$6000.

Jan Horner recognized retiring officers **Co VP Program Kathy Brown**, **Co VP Membership Susie Teicher**, and **Secretary/Archivist Mary Jermak**.

Jan Horner conducted the installation of new officers and presented a large crayon to each, the color befitting her position. She quoted **Albert Einstein**: “You have to color outside the lines once in a while if you want to make your life a masterpiece.”

A black crayon went to **Karen Francis**, director of AAUW Fund, because black means stability and positive balance for the finances of the national organization.

Co-Director of Public Policy Angela Janik received a purple crayon to aid her in looking for wisdom in the laws and policies that support gender equity for women and girls.

Secretary/Archivist Kathy Lask was given a blue crayon, which signifies her ability to keep calm, trustworthy, and stable as she records accurate minutes.

A green crayon went to **Co-VP Membership Sage Taber**. It signifies growth, renewal, and harmony.

Yellow is the color for **Co-VP Program Kathy Skiles**, which denotes the optimism and sunshine needed to bring us interesting programs.

Co-president Janet Sloey will use the red crayon to show passion, love, energy, and power as she contributes her skills of leadership for the branch.

Respectfully submitted,

Secretary/Archivist Mary Jermak