

## AAUW Balwin-Chesterfield Board Meeting

September 4, 2025

West County EMS & Fire Protection District 1, 223 Henry Avenue, Manchester

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 a.m. by **Co-President Carol Anthony**, who led the recitation of the AAUW Mission Statement, *AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*  
*Board members in attendance:*

### ***Elected Officers***

Co-Presidents Carol Anthony, Janet Slokey

VP Program Marcia Block & Kathy Skiles

VP Membership Sage Taber

Secretary/Archivist Kathy Lask

Past President Sage Taber

### **Elected Directors**

AAUW Fund Karen Francis

Public Policy Marian Bauer

### ***Appointed Directors***

Branch Fundraising Karen Francis

Governance Pat Shores

Newsletter Directors Pat Shores, Joyce Katz,

University Liaison Mary Jermak and Karen Francis

**STEM** None Named (Restructuring Meeting September 9)

Fall Brunch Directors Pat Shores and Marian Bauer

Hospitality Cay Noble

Webmaster Carolyn Brown

Winter Party Marcia Block

Spring Luncheon Erlane Eltomi and Michelle Mangnall

The May 2025 Board Minutes were approved.

**Co-President** Carol Anthony reported information from the Executive Board meeting about ways to connect to new members. Raising dues is not a good idea so we will stay at \$22. AAUW will continue our scholarship program and seek out new STEM leaders. We will also continue to work on fund raisers.

The January meeting will be a Zoom meeting. It saves \$200. Members will be notified via email if any other meetings need to be Zoom because of bad weather. It was suggested we cancel the July meeting so Hospitality has more time to plan other meetings. It was decided it was important to socialize in July so a place will be decided and each member will pay for her lunch.

There was no discussion on the proposed 2025 proposed budget. Finance Officer Jean Light will be back in St. Louis tomorrow. Board members should address questions/corrections to her.

Membership numbers have been decreasing so ideas to boost membership were discussed.

**Erlaine Eltomi** suggested we contact schools district and ask if they would be willing to give retirees information on AAUW as a way to increase membership.

The requirements for State and National AAUW 5 and 10 star programs are the same. Karen Francis brought up how important it is to contribute to the National AAUW.

Four Missouri Branches earned 5 stars from National. This year we earned 4, but in 2022 we had 5 stars. We will work for 5 stars this year.

A beautiful brochure encouraging joining AAUW was passed around.

**Marian Bauer** discussed how important it is to contact our Missouri legislators to protest the proposed redistricting in Missouri and the attempt to limit ballot amendments.

A Zoom meeting on STEM leadership is coming.

**Marcia Block** announced the Winter Party will host the Valley Park Choir for entertainment.

**Mary Jermak** stated that at the annual MU Student Engagement Event, 11 students signed up for free student membership because MU is an AAUW partner school. Maryville lawyers are checking that scholarships follow new Federal guidelines.

**JOYCE Katz** reported that digital copies of the directory will be emailed to members.

A motion by Pat **Shores** and seconded by **Kathy Lask** was made to charge \$5.00 for printed copies of the directory. The motion passes unanimously.

There will be a signup for Out to Lunch at the next meeting September 11.

**Karen Francis** suggested we support The Community Action Agency just as we support St Martha's.

We need to make it easy to contribute to National. Members can contribute on line or we could pass a basket. It is important to get the names of those who contribute.

**Pat Shores** spoke about IBC. IBC includes 5 AAUW branches in the St. Louis area. We need to support these other branches by attending their programs and making our programs available to them.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14.

Respectfully submitted,

**Kathy Lask**

Secretary Archivist