

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch October 2025 Board Meeting

October 2, 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 Janet Sloey** 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 Sloey

VP Program Marcia Block, Kathy Skiles

Secretary/Archivist Kathy Lask

Past president Sage Taber

Appointed Directors

Directory Joyce Katz

Governance Pat Shores

University Liaison Mary Jermak and Karen Francis

Winter Party Marcia Block

Elected directors

AAUW Fund Karen Francis

Public Policy Marian Bauer

FUNdraising Carol Anthony

Spring Luncheon Erlaine Eltomi

Webmaster Carolyn Brown

The September 2025 Board Minutes were approved.

IBC The branch can decide to participate or not for the Barb Lackritz award.

Carol Anthony expressed a need for a Nominating Committee to look for officers.

Pat Shores moved that the Board approve the creation of a special committee to revise the Bylaws and policies. The motion was approved.

Jean Light reported there is \$26,893 in the Operating Fund. An AAUW banner was purchased for \$34 and will be brought to the next board meeting. Karen Francis is picking it up the day of our October branch meeting.

Sage Taber suggested to earn points for the Star Programs that we donate to National. She suggested \$100.

Karen Francis emphasized we need to support National to become a Five-star branch at the National Level.

Marian Bauer reported that Missouri has voted to approve redistricting, but there are lawsuits and AAUW supports groups collecting signatures to overthrow this. AAUW can collect signatures from our members only.,

Marcia Block has speakers for October and November branch meetings lined up. Planning is going well for the Winter Luncheon and tickets will be sold at the October and November meetings. Cost \$30.

Pat Shores announced we collected \$1145 for Dollars for Scholars at the ER Walk.

Carol Anthony asked if we need to collect more money through Fund Raising Events.

Erlaine Eltomi will again do Elegant Edibles at the Winter Party. The Spring Luncheon is all set and will be at the Marriott West. July 9 will be our summer social meeting luncheon at Chandler Hill. Signups will be in April and May. Price to be decided.

Mary Jermak reported the recipients of our scholarships for Maryville University in the amount of \$4,000. **Karen Francis** said UMSL has not responded for scholarships. Webster and Harris Stowe are other possibilities.

Carol Anthony stated that a **Stem** meeting will occur next week.

A Zoom branch is meeting planned for January.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:55.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Lask

Secretary/Archivist