AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting Minutes October 9, 2025 Ballwin Golf Events Center, Holloway Rd., Ballwin

The meeting began at 9:33 a.m. with the AAUW mission statement led by Janet Sloey. There were 51 members in attendance. Hospitality Hostesses were thanked for their snacks for the meeting. Carol Anthony explained that as an experiment the meeting was being recorded for future viewing on Zoom.

Co-President Carol Anthony announced that a nominating committee is being formed. A volunteer is needed to chair and serve on the committee. She also asked members to think about someone to nominate for the Barbara Lackritz Award. Finally, she stated the January meeting will be on Zoom.

A survey on different ideas for fundraising was distributed to members.

Co-President Janet Sloey moved for approval of minutes from the September meeting. The minutes were approved as written.

Finance Officer Jean Light reported there is \$26,893.89 in the branch checking account. There is a CD for \$3172.77. The branch's total assets are \$33,239.43 She moved that 2025-2026 budget be approved, and the motion was unanimously approved.

AAUW Fund Pat Shores stated that for the Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch of AAUW to become a 5-Star Branch, it is essential members donate to National. Branch members will be asked to donate to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund in November.

Public Policy Marge Andersen encouraged AAUW members to sign the petitions to block the changes republicans made to the congressional district map in Missouri (HR1 bill.) Public Policy committee members also collected signatures concerning the Initiative Petition Process.

DFS Events Marian Bauer announced the U.S. Grant tour was cancelled due to the government shutdown. The No Kings Rally will be on October 18 from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the corner of Manchester and Weidman Rd.

Program VP Marcia Block has invited Joe Regenbogen for our November speaker.

Planned Giving Sue Barley announced that Kay Meyer was added to the Legacy Circle and presented with a Legacy Circle pin. Over 700 members have included AAUW in their estate planning.

Directory –Joyce Katz stated that the last copies of a printed directory were distributed to members who ordered them.

Winter Party Tickets for the December Winter Party again will be \$30. Lunch will be catered by Art of Entertainment. The Valley Park HS vocal group will perform. Erlaine Eltomi added that

Elegant Edibles will be for sale. She asked for volunteers to bake and encouraged everyone to buy them at the party.

University Liaison Mary Jermak reported that two students from Maryville University each received \$1,000 scholarships for each semester.

STEM There are 16 members on the STEM committee, but no one leader. Subcommittees are taking different leadership roles.

Spring Luncheon Michele Mangnall asked those on the committee to stay after the branch meeting to start planning.

Used Book Sale Linda Roberson asked for book donations and for members to buy books.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, **Kathy Lask** Secretary/Archivist