

AAUW Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch Meeting Minutes, November 13, 2025

Co-President Carol Anthony called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. and announced that meetings would now also be held on Zoom, with **Carolyn Brown** uploading the recording to the B-C site for future reference. This will enable members who cannot physically attend the branch meetings in person to attend from their homes. The mission statement was read, and November hostesses and co-chairs were acknowledged.

Co-President Janet Sloey thanked attendees and requested approval of the October 2025 branch minutes, which were posted on the website. She also announced the nominating committee, consisting of **Betty Bude, Marge Andersen, and Marcia Block**, who are tasked with encouraging members to run for office.

Bette Bude discussed officer and director positions that need to be filled, with nominations accepted until December 20th. She stated that a table had been set up for members who were interested in nominating someone or themselves for one of the open positions. Nominating forms were available at the table.

Co-President Carol Anthony announced that **Kathy Lask**, the secretary, is unable to complete her term due to illness, and **Marge Andersen**, along with **Cay Noble and Pat Shores**, will cover the remaining months. She also announced creating a new audio-visual position to alleviate the program coordinator's equipment responsibilities.

Finance Officer Jean Light reported that there is \$27,508.69 in the branch checking account. The CD account has \$3,283.35 in it. The branch's total assets are \$30,792.04. She moved that the 2025-2026 budget be approved and the motion was unanimously approved.

AAUW Fund Marian Bauer, substituting for **Karen Francis**, provided an update on AAUW Fund activities and encouraged members to support the organization with donations, aiming for a five-star branch status. The national organization is concentrating on gender equity for women and girls as well as the promotion of voting by women by partnering with the League of Women Voters.

Public Policy Angie Janik discussed various public policy issues in Missouri, including the redistricting referendum and Amendment 4, which has not yet received support from Missouri AAUW or the League of Women Voters. She mentioned that the Missouri Right to Read Coalition, led by the National Council of Jewish Women in St. Louis, is working to combat book banning, and encouraged members to read their newsletter and watch the documentary "The Librarians." She also announced an upcoming talk by Chief Justice Mary Russell of the Missouri Supreme Court which is free but requires registration.

Co-President Janet Sloey discussed the results of a recent survey, which showed members prefer smaller fundraising events like game days and raffles over large-scale fundraisers. She announced plans for a game day event, though details like venue and pricing are still to be determined. Members were asked if this planned game day was an appropriate plan and the majority members raised their hands in affirmation.

DFS Events Marion Bauer updated the group on the DFS event at the Ulysses S. Grant National Historic Site, noting that the government shutdown has delayed the event's scheduling. The new event date will be shared when it is finalized.

Winter Party Marcia Block and Erlaine Eltomi promoted the upcoming Winter Party on December 11th, which will include lunch, entertainment by the Valley Park show choir, and

an Elegant Edibles auction. The cost of the luncheon is \$30.00 and members could still sign up at the meeting. In addition, members could send their checks to Sandy Kalin if they did not have a check available.

The business meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Marge Andersen

November Branch Meeting Video Link -

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1gtwCOaLdAh9GCyeqj7o8TWeK07F9sK1H/view>

Joe Regenbogen Presentation Video Link -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JFCrBXvxEqPNAG9hZga_EDxrF7wKiriG/view