

# AAUW SAINT LOUIS METRO INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

Minutes, February 28, 2017

- Call to Order                   The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Co-Chair Karen Francis.
- Present                         Ballwin-Chesterfield: Karen Francis  
Ferguson-Florissant: Shirley Breeze, Pat Kelemen  
Kirkwood-Webster Groves: Carol Davis McDonald, Marsha Koch, Kay Meyer, Chris Nobbe, Jeanne Webdell  
St. Charles: Grace Poertner, Janice Rumfelt  
St. Louis: Ellen Irons, Jan Scott
- Minutes                         Jan Scott moved and Kay Meyer seconded that the minutes of the November meeting be approved. MOTION PASSED.
- Financial Report               Carol Davis McDonald presented a finance report showing a balance of \$390.67 in the general fund; the deposit for the Spring Fling venue will be paid from this fund. The finance report also showed a balance of \$1,567.74 in the NCCWSL fund; airfare for the two students we are sending to NCCWSL still needs to be purchased from this fund.
- National Report               Shirley Breeze distributed an AAUW Calendar and emphasized that members who want a paper ballot for convention voting need to request it. Please remind members to do so. Shirley suggested that we try to include some of the facts in her document in branch newsletters.
- Karen Francis read the email from Patricia Ho about the possibility of a \$10 increase in annual membership. This increase can be approved by the National board without a member vote. The increase would be effective July 1, 2018.
- Shirley and Karen announced that AAUW will continue to support programs on pay equity, young women leadership, college partners, NCCWSL, STEM, and research that supports public policy. AAUW will no longer support the Tech Trek and Tech Savvy programs, Impact Grants, and Community Action Grants. The budget has been tightened to focus on AAUW priorities.
- Karen explained how actions on public policy-related bills are tracked and offered to share the weekly report she gets with everyone.
- There are 13 candidates for 10 AAUW Director positions. [Susan Barley](#), Ballwin-Chesterfield, is running for re-election.
- NCCWSL                         Deb McWard reported that there were six applicants for NCCWSL scholarships: four from St. Louis University, one from UMSL, and one from Washington University. All of the girls are terrific. One of those chosen is from St. Louis University, and the other is from UMSL.
- Deb explained that in the past we have given our NCCWSL attendees spending money to cover two meals and bus transportation. Jan Scott moved and Nancy Hutchins seconded that we give \$50 to each of the students to help cover incidental expenses. MOTION PASSED.
- Pay Equity Day                 April 4 is Pay Equity Day in Jefferson City. Public policy chairs Karen Francis and Pat Shores have arranged for bus transportation to and from Jefferson City for \$30 per person; the cost of this transportation is subsidized by an AAUW grant. For \$11 a box lunch can also be purchased. More details will be sent to each branch.
- The goal of the MO Lobby Corp this year is to touch base with every MO senator and representative to give them information about AAUW and its public policy. Lobby Corp members drive to Jefferson City every Tuesday and Wednesday. Anyone interested in going should contact Karen Francis. In Jefferson City, AAUW is known as a gender, equity, advocacy organization.

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Spring Fling	<p>Program (Ballwin-Chesterfield): The speaker is Jessica Woolbright, Chair of St. Louis Ending Violence Against Women (SLEVAWN). She will talk about SLEVAWN and the Court Watch program.</p> <p>Arrangements (Ferguson-Florissant): A cash bar will be available. Tables for displaying the raffle baskets will be set up outside the dining room. Arrangements will be made for a microphone and sound system.</p> <p>Registration/evaluations (St. Charles): Two members will man the registration table, which opens at 11 am. Carol Davis McDonald will make nametags based on registrations she receives.</p> <p>Publicity (Kirkwood-Webster): Either Lynne Roney or Marsha Koch will prepare the program.</p> <p>Fundraising (St. Louis): Each branch was asked to provide two baskets for the raffle and to have a list of basket contents displayed with the basket. Ellen's number is 314-580-0834.</p>
Int'l Lecture Series	<p>Kay Meyer reported that the lectures have been listed in more local newspapers and to feel free to post the flyer about the March and April speakers anywhere.</p>
Grants	<p>Karen Francis reported that Impact Grants and Community Action Grants are being discontinued by National.</p>
Title IX	<p>Ellen Irons distributed materials that were developed as a tool to determine how well school campuses are adhering to Title IX. This will be used as an outreach effort with our C/U schools. Ellen asked for names and email addresses of contacts at St. Louis C/U schools. It was also suggested that the toolkit be put on the AAUW MO website. Ellen will also email the toolkit to each branch.</p>
IBC Guidelines	<p>Shirley Breeze moved and Kay Meyer seconded that the revised guidelines be approved as distributed recently. MOTION PASSED.</p>
New Business	<p>Jan Scott publicized the luncheon forum on "Pay Inequity: Root Causes" on March 30 that the St. Louis branch is co-sponsoring with the St. Louis Press Club at the Missouri Athletic Club West. Karen Francis will serve as the moderator of panel. Cost is \$25.</p> <p>Chris Nobbe presented information about the International Space Development Conference being held at Union Station Hotel on May 25-29. She distributed copies of their Winter 2016 magazine and cards advertising the conference and asked for help distributing them at school, libraries, and any place children visit. The conference is geared for professionals and enthusiasts but some students attend. She explained the opportunity for AAUW branches to be a co-sponsor of the conference, which would get our logo on their website and one free registration. She also explained that for \$100 we could have a table in the exhibit area that we could staff with members who have STEAM careers. For questions or more information, contact Chris at <a href="mailto:stlspacefrontier@gmail.com">stlspacefrontier@gmail.com</a>. Jan Scott moved and Nancy Hutchins seconded that IBC co-sponsor this conference and work out [table] details at a later meeting. MOTION PASSED.</p>
IBC Mission	<p>To continue funding scholarships to NCCWSL and sponsor the Space Development Conference, IBC will need to continue raising funds. Karen Francis asked everyone to think about fundraising ideas and be ready to discuss them at the May meeting. We have already secured dates for doing giftwrapping at Barnes &amp; Noble next Christmas on Dec 17, 18, 19, and 20.</p>
Next Meeting	<p>The next quarterly meeting will be on May 30 at the St. Louis County Library Headquarters, East Meeting Room.</p>
Adjournment	<p>Karen adjourned the meeting at 8:45.</p>
Secretary	<p>Marsha Koch for Julia Triplett</p>