

**American Association of University Women
St. Louis Interbranch Council
Minutes of May 28, 2019 Meeting**

The St. Louis Interbranch Council Meeting was held at the Thornhill Branch Library, 12863 Willowyck Drive, Maryland Heights, MO on May 28, 2019. Shirley Breeze called the meeting to order. Seventeen members were in attendance: Shirley Breeze, Jan Scott, Pat Shores, Marcia Block, Jeannie Webdell, Lynne Roney, Karen Francis, Betty Takahashi, Karen Schneider, Grace Poertner, Pat Kelemen, Carol Davis McDonald, Ellen Irons, Debbie McWard, Kay Meyer, Nancy Hutchins, and Pam Meyers.

Jan Scott moved and Kay Meyer seconded approving the minutes from February 26, 2019. Motion passed.

Old Business

Carol Davis McDonald presented the Finance Report and the group discussed the income from Spring Fling.

The low attendance at Equity Action Day in Jefferson City this year was discussed.

Items regarding Spring Fling were examined. The food was not satisfactory for most members. The Highland Country Club of Forest Park was too expensive and the quality of the food was poor. The event was stated as the fund raiser for IBC. Income was split between cost of the meal and NCCWSL. Branches shared concerns that there were too many things going on besides the Treasure Chest fund raiser.

NCCWSL: Deb McWard discussed her concerns about the airfare budget and the NCCWSL program representatives at local universities.

Karen Francis shared information on the Work Smart program and the bookmarks. She also stated that Kim Churches reported that there will be a balanced budget, which will be a first in decades after reducing the staff and reviewing the different funds. The Restricted Funds cannot be touched. The LAF has received a \$10 million grant.

The International Lecture Series Planning Committee will meet on August 13, 2019, at 10:30 in the lower room at the Ethical Society. The committee hopes new members will volunteer to help.

Nancy Hutchins discussed the Barbara Lackritz Award; her suggestions included a traveling trophy.

A glossy membership folder was discussed. Marsha Koch has worked on this and will be asked to present a proposal later.

New Business

Suggestions for Spring Fling 2020: Invite other organizations and individuals to attend. Have interesting speakers. Advertise to event more widely. Broaden the horizons of the event to make it grow. Have alternate meals. Set goals before August 2019. Break down the cost to encourage members to want to attend. Jan Scott moved and Grace Poertner seconded having a theme for the event.

The 32nd Annual Equality Day Brunch will be held on August 24, 2019, from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm at the Clayton Plaza Hotel. Free parking will be on the orange level. The featured

speaker will be Lisa Maatz. Kay Meyer moved that advertisements in the program should be sold for \$60.00 for a half page. Nancy Hutchins seconded and the motion passed. Contact Pat Shores from Ballwin Chesterfield for more information.

The MO AAUW State Meeting will be held in Columbia, MO, at the Hy-Vee grocery Store on Conley Road on July 27, 2019.

The next two IBC meetings will be held on these dates

August 27, 2019 at Thornhill Library

November 26, 2019 at Bridgeton Trails Library

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