

**American Association of University Women  
St Louis Interbranch Council  
Minutes of the August 27, 2019 Meeting**

The St. Louis Interbranch Council Meeting was held at the Thornhill Branch Library at 12863 Willowyck Drive, in Maryland Heights, MO on August 27, 2019.

Shirley Breeze called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

There were 17 members in attendance from the AAUW branches of St. Louis County and City and St. Charles. Patty Scott was present from the International relations lecture series. Ballwin-Chesterfield: Marcia Block, Jean Elliot, Sandra Murdock, Pat Shores; Ferguson-Florissant: Shirley Breeze, Pat Kelemen, Pam Meyers; Kirkwood-Webster Groves: Carol Davis McDonald, Deb McWard, Kay Meyer, Lynne Roney, Jeanne Webdell; St. Charles: Grace Poertner, Karen Schneider; St. Louis: Ellen Irons, Sally McGowan, Jan Scott.

Jan Scott moved and Sally McGowan seconded approving the revised agenda and Jan Scott moved and Patricia Kelemen seconded approving the May 28, 2019 minutes.

**Financial Report:**

Carol Davis McDonald presented the Finance and Operating Expense Report as well as the Budget for 2019-2020. The Operating Funds Balance is \$3,248.60 which includes NCCWSL.

**Old Business:**

The 2020 Women's Vote Centennial Activities

- Ellen Irons presented a large packet of research materials that she has been working on. It is filled with facts and photos of the history of voting rights for women to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women getting the vote.
- The Missouri History Museum will present programs during the year, and on April 23, 2020, the NCJW will present a program along with other women's organizations in the area.
- Equality Day Brunch 2019: Pat Shores said the event was successful. There were 150 in attendance. The speaker was Lisa Maatz, who was wonderful.
- The AAUW State Conference will not be held in Columbia, MO in 2020 but will be held at the Regional Conference June 17-20 in East Moline IL.
- Work Smart: Pat Shores stated that Karen Francis said the goal of 100,000 online hits was successful and that the Work Smart grant had expired. Pat said the St. Louis County Library system will be advertising this free program along with the use of bookmarks promoting the Work Smart free online educational program.
- The Spring Fling will be held next year at the Greenbriar Country Club in Kirkwood. There were many discussions on what type of program and what type of meal to have. Jeannie Webdell moved and Kay Meyer seconded a motion to form a Spring Fling Program Committee for 2020. As of now, the date for Spring Fling is March 28, 2020. Jeannie Webdell moved and Patricia Kelemen seconded approving the date.

**New Business**

- The Branch History updates need to be sent to Jane Biers of the Columbia, MO Branch. Her email address is [BiersJ@Missouri.edu](mailto:BiersJ@Missouri.edu).

- Jean Elliot shared information about the upcoming Eleanor Roosevelt walk on October 15, 2019, starting at 10:30 at the Des Peres City Park. She also suggested a picnic lunch could be held afterward. Everyone could bring a salad or dessert.
- The Missouri State Board Meeting in July was discussed. Everything went well.
- Pat Shores presented the State Public Policy updates and stated that she has agreed to fill the position of State Legislative Action Coordinator. (This is not a paid position.)
- Deb McWard stated that more colleges and universities need representatives from AAUW to work with them. The questions AAUW must deal with are who to contact at the institution and what are the expectations and programs AAUW offers.
- A discussion of the expense reports of the women who attended 2019 NCCWSL followed. For example, how should expenses such as per diems for attendees and purchasing airline tickets be handled in a timely and economical manner.
- Gwen Westbrook will chair the Lackritz Award Committee. The Galaxy Award Program has been discontinued.
- The next IBC meeting will be held November 26, 2019, at the Bridgeton Trails Library.

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