

American Association of University Women
St. Louis Interbranch Council
Thornhill Library, 12863 Willowyck Drive, 63146
February 25, 2020
7:00 pm

Shirley Breeze called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Those in attendance were, from Ballwin-Chesterfield, Marsha Block, Jean Elliot; from Ferguson-Florissant, Shirley Breeze, Pat Kelemen, Pam Meyers; from St. Louis, Ellen Irons, Jan Scott, and Sally McGowan; from Kirkwood-Webster Groves, Jeanne Webdell, Marsha Koch; from St. Charles, Betty Takahashi, Karen Schneider; Dual members Karen Francis, Deb McWard, Carol Davis McDonald, Barbara Johnson, Jeanne Webdell, Marsha Koch, Nancy Hutchins, and Kay Meyer.

The November 26, 2019 meeting minutes were read and approved as corrected.

Financial Report: Carol Davis McDonald gave the Finance Report.

Operating expenses: \$2759.21

To date:

Total income \$418.00

Total expenses \$210.00

Discussion by officers:

1. The possibility of changing the time of future meetings starting in April 2020. Suggestions were made to have daytime meetings instead of evening. The reason is that most of the members were retired or able to change their workdays around.
2. It was announced that the Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch will be in charge for the next two years.
3. Branches are to update their branch history this year.

Old Business:

1. Spring Fling 2020 arrangements:
 - The St. Charles Branch will be responsible for having songbooks at each table. Selling CDs about Women Suffragettes was discussed.
 - How many tables to have was discussed.
 - Ellen Irons/St. Louis Branch will be responsible for Registration and Evaluation.
 - Fundraising: Each branch will bring two Tote Bags with the theme of **Women on the Go**. The value of each bag should be \$50 or \$25 plus a \$25 gift card inside the bag. A card to be displayed outside each bag should describe what is in the bag or show pictures of the items in the bag. Also, 50/50 lottery tickets will be sold; those tickets should be a different color than the ones sold for the raffle.
 - Publicity: Kirkwood-Webster Groves member Nancy Hutchins recommended advertising on the IBC, Branch, and State websites as well as the Facebook pages. Jeanne Webdell stated she would help with the publicity too.
2. MO State Meeting update: The MO State AAUW Conference will be held May 1-2 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center in Columbia, MO. The names of the speakers were announced.
3. Karen Francis shared information on the AAUW Midwest Regional State Convention that will be held in June in East Moline, IL. She spoke about the hotel arrangements, the speakers, the dinner cruise on the Mississippi River, and more.

New Business:

1. Mary G. Jermak of Ballwin-Chesterfield was announced as the awardee of the Barbara Lackritz award.

2. Deb McWard discussed the NCCWSL program. She stated the difficulties with purchasing plane tickets for the students and if a student would not be able to attend the leadership event in Washington, DC. There are concerns about how long the plane ticket purchase is good for. Ellen Irons moved to invite the prior year (2019) students to Spring Fling so they can share their experiences. Jan Scott seconded the motion; motion passed. The group also voted to pay for the students' meals.
3. Karen Francis presented more information about the AAUW Midwest Regional Convention in East Moline, IL. She stated that one of the main speakers will be the granddaughter of Ida B. Wells.
4. Karen Francis said that the Coke Grant was renewed for the Be Smart Work Smart program.
5. Kay Meyer spoke about the International Relations Lecture Series at the Ethical Society.
6. Karen Francis said the Lobby Day will be held in Jefferson City March 12, 2020. Lobby training day will be held March 9, 2020.

The next meeting will be held on May 26, 2020 at the Thornhill Library at 7:00 pm.
The meeting was adjourned.

--Reporting Pam Meyers
--Transcribing Pat Kelemen