

AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL
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May 24, 2022, via Zoom

Attendance – Names in Bold are Voting Members; *Share 1 Vote

IBC Chairs

Co-Chair Barbara Johnson (KWG)
Co-Chair Debbie McWard (KWG)
Finance Chair Carol Davis McDonald (KWG)
Secretary Marsha Koch (KWG)
Barbara Lackritz Pat Shores
Award Facilitator
International Relations Kay Meyer (KWG)
Lecture Series Coordinator
Webmaster Joyce Katz (BC)

State Positions

Communications Mary Jermak (BC)
DEI Chair Kay Meyer (KWG)
Equal Pay Advocates Pat Shores (BC)
Facilitator
Public Policy Chair Karen Francis (BC)
Strategic Plan Chair Pat Shores (BC)
Votes for Women Pat Shores (BC)
Missouri Trail Coordinator

Ballwin-Chesterfield (BC)

Co-President Jan Horner*
Co-President Sandy Brody*
Co-Membership Linda Roberson*
Co-Membership Judy Stagoski*

BC continued

Co-Program VP Marcia Block*
Co-Program VP Carol Anthony*
Finance Officer Pat Shores
Member-at-Large Jean Elliott

Ferguson-Florissant (FF)

Co-President Pam Meyers
Program VP Shirley Breeze
Newsletter Editor Patty Murray

Kirkwood-Webster Groves (KWG)

Co-President Jeanne Webdell
Program VP Chris Nobbe
Membership VP Deb McWard
Member-at-Large Nancy Hutchins

St. Charles (STC)

President Betty Takahashi
Member-at-Large Teri Brecht
Director Rose Ann Weeks

St. Louis (STL)

Co-President Ellen Irons
Membership VP Carol Davis McDonald
Member-at-Large Jan Scott

Barb Johnson welcomed everyone to this regular quarterly meeting at 7:02 pm. Shirley Breeze moved and everyone agreed that the agenda be adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the February meeting had been distributed prior to this meeting. Jan Horner moved and Betty Takahashi seconded that the minutes be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Finance – Carol Davis McDonald

Carol reported that as of May 11 we have a bank balance of \$8,145.83. The report will be filed for audit.

Branch Updates – Barbara Johnson

Barb asked each branch to give an update on their activities including fundraising projects.

- BC reported that they are no longer meeting at Trinity Church. Their new meeting location is at the Ballwin Golf Course at Holloway and Baxter Roads. They had their end-of-year banquet on May 14.

- FF also had their annual spring luncheon on May 14 with Susan Slaughter who spoke on her career as a woman first chair trumpet player with the St. Louis Symphony.
- KWG met this past Saturday for an end-of-year and new member celebration and spent about a half hour discussing how we can move forward.
- STC is planning for a visit from Sue Shineman.
- STL has met several times planning how to move forward on Votes for Women Trail. Their movie club is going strong; they meet the last Monday of the month. They had planned their annual end-of-year picnic in the park for this past Saturday, but the rainstorm forced them to move inside to Sue Barley's home.

OLD BUSINESS

Report from Swing into Spring Committee – Deb McWard

Deb reported that not one person said the meeting was anything but excellent. Some feedback and recommendations for the future include:

- The committee method worked very well this year.
- The fundraising was good; we need to be sure people know what the money is being raised for.
- Some felt the fundraising could be revised.
- There were 71 people who attended.
- The event would benefit from a different name.
- It was suggested that a NCCWSL alum should speak even if only a few words.

Pat Shores reported that the evaluations of the presentation of the Barbara Lackritz Awards were positive.

Digital Renewals and Set Up of Passwords

Pat Shores reported that the rollout of the new system at National is difficult for some and easy for others. On Friday an email from National instructed members to renew by credit card or by check to their branch finance officer. It is not necessary for every member to be on the hub [the new Community Hub].

Public Policy – Karen Francis

Karen reported that HB 1878 awaiting Governor Parson's signature is horrendous. Missouri already has a voter ID bill, but this bill will only accept a Missouri State issued ID. It includes a larger window of time to vote absentee--2 weeks prior to election--but you will have to go to the voter office. This bill also includes restrictions on registering people to vote, and you could lose your right to vote if you violate any part of the bill.

Fortunately, SB 776, the Parents' Bill of Rights, did not pass. Medicaid did get fully funded through 2023. The redistricting maps were finalized; Get Out the Vote will be very important. A report of the Title IX interviews of students at the four University of Missouri campuses has been compiled and shared with Department of Education offices. The Latinas equity pay date is December 8.

Continue Zoom Meetings? – Deb McWard, Chair

Should we consider having in-person meetings in the warm months? At this point, no public places are allowing meetings in person. Zoom is a good way for this group to meet. It was suggested to let the next set of officers determine how to meet. We will plan for the August meeting to be by Zoom.

NEW BUSINESSFinancial Review Committee – Deb McWard

Deb will appoint two people to do a financial review with Carol Davis McDonald and report at the August meeting. Mary Jermak agreed to help with the review.

Annual Event Committee—Deb McWard

The committee that planned the 2022 spring event was a pilot program. Based on the successful outcome of this program, the Committee moved that a permanent committee be established to plan and implement the annual event. **CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Appoint an Annual Event Committee – Deb McWard

Deb suggested appointing a committee now to begin working on next year's event and creating standalone guidelines for the committee similar to the way the Barbara Lackritz Award has its own guidelines. Quite a few suggestions for creating Annual Event Committee Guidelines were made. Deb will work with members of this past year's Committee to create new standalone Guidelines. Jan Scott moved and Betty Takahashi seconded that "approval of these revised guidelines is contingent upon seeing the entire proposal." **CARRIED.**

Ellen Irons created a Word document of the existing IBC guidelines and will send it to Deb for editing. Teri Brecht moved and Jan Scott seconded that "we have the new guidelines electronically approved by June 30. **CARRIED.** Approvals will be via email.

Next year is the 50th anniversary of IBC. Carol will provide a list of past presidents for the Annual Event Committee. There are two dates in March 2023 on which the IBC Annual Event could be held: March 18 and March 25.

St. Charles branch will be leading IBC next year. Teri Brecht asked that each branch send her its delegates' contact information by June 30. Teri asked for a volunteer to be Secretary next year. This person does not need to be on the Board or from the St. Charles branch.

Deb McWard reported that we are being encouraged to work with universities over the summer for fall planning. Let Deb know if you are interested in meeting this summer to brainstorm and plan.

The gift wrapping fundraiser was tabled to the August meeting.

The next IBC meeting is August 23 by Zoom; Rose Ann Weeks will be the Zoom host.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 pm.

Minutes prepared using notes from Carol Davis McDonald and listening to the Zoom recording.

Respectfully submitted,

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