

AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL
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November 22, 2022, via Zoom

ATTENDANCE

2022-2023 OFFICERS		<i>Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch (KWG)</i>	
Co-Chair	***Betty Takahashi (SC)	Co-President*	Jeanne Webdell Marsha Koch
Co-Chair	Teri Brecht (SC)	VP Program	Chris Nobbe
Secretary	Patty Murray (FF)	Newsletter	Carol Davis McDonald
Finance Chair	Carol Davis-McDonald (KWG)	Member at Large	*** Kay Meyer
Voting Members		<i>St. Charles Branch (STC)</i>	
<i>Ballwin Chesterfield Branch (BC)</i>		President	Betty Takahashi
Co-Presidents*	Sage Taber, Sandy Brody	VP Program	*** Rose Ann Weeks
VP Programs*	Marcia Block, Janet Sloey	Member at Large	Teri Brecht
Member at Large	*** Jan Horner	<i>St. Louis Branch (STL)</i>	
Newsletter Editors*	Mary Jermak	President	*** Ellen Irons
	Jean Light	Membership	Carol Davis McDonald
	*** Pat Shores	Member at Large	Jan Scott
<i>Ferguson-Florissant Branch (FF)</i>		AD HOC CHAIRS	
President	*** Pamela Meyers	Web Managers	Joyce Katz (BC), Lynne Roney (STL)
VP Program	Shirley Breeze	Facebook Page	Nancy Hutchins (KWG)
Member at Large*	Patty Murray, Joyce Bluett	Barbara Lackritz	*** Pat Shores (BC)
Voting Members in bold *Share 1 Vote ***IBC Annual Event Committee Members		MIM	Mary Jermak (BC)
		NCCWSL	Deb McWard (KWG)
		Adelante	Betty Takahashi (STC)
		Public Policy	Karen Francis (BC, FF)

Teri Brecht welcomed everyone to this regular quarterly meeting at 7:01 pm. Ellen Irons was Zoom host. The meeting began with introducing ourselves with our names, branches, and a favorite Thanksgiving tradition. The first addition to the agenda was that the Marching Mizzou marching band has been chosen as the first band in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade and will be interviewed on the TODAY show tomorrow. The second addition was that Deb McWard will go first on the agenda.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from the August 23rd meeting had been distributed prior to this meeting. Jan Scott moved, and Marcia Block seconded that the minutes be accepted. **CARRIED.**

Finance

Carol Davis McDonald reported no financial activity since the August 23rd Finance Report with the same bank balance of \$8,055.83 and \$2,583.65 in the NCCWSL Fund. One check remains outstanding. The report remains on file.

Branch Reports

St. Charles Branch: Annual "Greatest Needs Fund" UN-Auction and Fun Day November 3.

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St. Louis Branch: Dance the Vote! at the Missouri History Museum with a table to distribute AAUW literature, ERA program on November 16, and are working with Girl Scouts of Eastern Missouri on a patch program. Volunteers needed to participate in four presentations in March.

Ferguson Florissant Branch: AAUW table at the Florissant Fall Festival, sold voting signs, DEI Committee Meetings held, Branch Christmas luncheon at Brio's Italian Grille.

Kirkwood Webster Groves Branch: Voter information session on October 14 at Oak Bend Library and a second October 20 at Webster Groves Library.

Ballwin Chesterfield Branch: Galen Gritts of the Cherokee Nation through Missouri Humanities Council "The Forgotten Trunk in the Attic" about what it's like to be a Native person in Missouri, history and future of on November 10.

The St. Charles Branch was in *Missouri in Motion* Fall 2022 edition for their Eleanor Roosevelt annual October 11 birthday photo display and trivia: Her first name (Anna), her newspaper column ("My Day") and how she and Franklin were related (5th cousins).

OLD BUSINESS

NCCWSL 2023

Deb McWard led a discussion about NCCWSL registration, dates and prices; the conference will be in person this year [5/31/2023 5:00 PM EST to 6/03/2023 12:00 PM EST, University of Maryland, Early Bird Rates (Effective through April 3) are STEM Half-Day Workshop Only (May 31): \$65, Residential Conference Only (June 1-3): \$565, and Commuter Conference Only (June 1-3): \$385]. Deb can send us registrations from last year along with a letter but the letter is 20 years old; should we publicize NCCWSL with flyers and could a "commercial" be created; question about how to get attendees to provide a summary of their experiences to help promote the program such as providing them a detailed form they can fill out and attach pictures rather than writing something from scratch. Pam Meyers asked if there are any recordings from last year. NCCWSL Scholarship Selection Committee needed; so far Ellen Irons, Jan Scott and if anyone else interested, please contact Deb.

CU Connections

The NCCWSL discussion flowed directly into College University Partnership led by Karen Francis. National has not posted information about which schools have renewed. National is sending out invoices a second time. Karen Francis asked if we should decide as to whether schools should be partners before we offer NCCWSL scholarships and should we have a policy. Students that were sent last year, even if the school has not renewed, should be grandfathered in to allow those students to attend again this year. Marcia Block said AAUW should consider students' merits rather than the schools' partnering. Jan Scott believes student NCCWSL attendance should be what pushes schools to partner. Question from Patty Murray as to whether AAUW's position on abortion rights and Missouri's strict stance is causing some Missouri schools not to partner; SLU has left while Fontbonne and Maryville are rumored to have left for the same reason. Some of our five branches have been paying directly to send students to NCCWSL which is a separate process from the selections that Metro St. Louis IBC makes.

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Annual Event 2023

Ellen Irons submitted a comprehensive report and budget; both are attached. Date is March 18, 2023, beginning at 11:30 am at EdgeWild Winery in Chesterfield. Theme is Celebrating Strong Women. Flyer is ready, EdgeWild's name is spelled correctly. Speaker is Nicole Evelina, and our event is listed on her website:

<https://nicoleevelina.com/events/>

Jan Horner reported that we will have four menu choices that day and that we can each run a tab if we wish to purchase alcohol or coffee. Kay Meyer will provide a list of cultural institutions for the purchase of gift cards to each branch, each branch will choose one place, and Kay will purchase all the gift cards. Gift cards will be won through ticket purchases and drawings; we do not have to be present to win a gift card.

Barbara Lackritz Awards 2023

Barbara Lackritz Award forms are to be emailed to Pat Shores within the next two weeks. The following nominees are Ballwin Chesterfield, Marcia Block (reported by Sandy Brody), Ferguson Florissant, Pat Kelemen (by Shirley Breeze), Kirkwood Webster Groves, Barbara Johnson (by Jeanne Webdell), St. Charles, Barbara Olive (by Teri Brecht), and St. Louis, Ellen Irons (by Carol Davis McDonald). We are asked to keep the nominee names quiet until the announcement is made in the articles for the branch newsletters.

Public Policy

Karen Francis thanked everyone involved in Get Out the Vote. National AAUW approved Missouri AAUW's Public Policy Committee's request to officially write to Missouri Secretary of State Jay Ashcroft about the proposed Missouri's Code of State Regulations, rule number 15 CSR 30-200.015. Libraries must certify in writing that their policies conform to this new rule or lose state funding. Talking points and links packets will be sent to branches; the public has until December 15, 2022 [received by] to offer public comments on this proposal.

Mary Jermak shared that the Legislative Retreat set for early February will be by Zoom.

International Relations Lecture Series

Kay Meyer reported on progress with the speaker series and a revised flyer is ready, although there has been difficulty with the pdf and email conversion (Mary Jermak offered to assist). The lectures are on the second Tuesdays January through April and held at the Ethical Society. The committee is working on a dual Zoom/in person option, but the lectures will definitely be in person this year. Kay will send reminders to branch Treasurers for branch contributions which Kay will collect; person contributions are also welcome.

jAdelante! Book Club

The next meeting is by Zoom on Thursday afternoon, January 26, 2023 at 1:30 pm. The book discussion will be led by Jan Barrett: *Hidden Valley Road: Inside the Mind of an American Family* by Robert Kolker.

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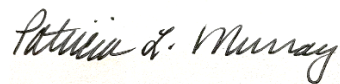
UPCOMING EVENTS/DATES

1. Karen Francis provided information about the Greatest Needs Campaign, National's 2022 fundraising drive to members. AAUW's most important work is research, programming, and advocacy. Currently, only 4% of the national budget is unrestricted money; 13% of the national budget comes from membership dues. National made a staffing cut in 2018 and are currently at 45 staff members, which is down from 110. The Board is matching Greatest Needs Campaign contributions up to \$80,000; donations are tax deductible.

2. Pam Meyers shared that the National Women's Political Caucus in St. Louis is offering a training class for women to run for any public office on February 4, 2023. Fee is \$25 and includes lunch. Contact Pam.

3. February 28, 2022, at 7:00 pm. Next IBC Zoom Meeting

Motion to adjourn by Ellen Irons. Seconded by Pam Meyers. **CARRIED.** Meeting adjourned 8:17 pm.



Patty Murray, Secretary