

AAUW METRO ST. LOUIS INTERBRANCH COUNCIL

stlouis-ibc.aauw.net August 29, 2024, via Zoom at 7:00 pm

Attendees: Joyce Bluett, Teri Brecht, Sandy Brody, Nancy Hutchins, Ellen Irons, Carol Davis McDonald, Deb McWard, Kay Meyer, Pam Meyers, Chris Nobbe, Grace Poertner, Lynne Roney, Jan Scott, Pat Shores, Shanley Windish

Call to Order. IBC Chair Ellen Irons hosted the Zoom call. Jan Scott and Carol Davis McDonald of St. Louis Branch are stepping in for Ellen temporarily. Jan called the regular quarterly meeting to order at 7:03 pm. Ellen enabled the AI Companion function of Zoom to provide a meeting summary. The agenda was accepted.

Introductions. We gave our names, branches, and our favorite thing about summer. Shanley Windish, a Webster University student who received an IBC scholarship to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), thanked the group and said she especially appreciated the presentation on intersectionality. Kennedy Cope was the other attendee. She did not return to school in St. Louis this year, but Deb McWard is following up with her.

Approval of Minutes. Minutes from the May 28, 2024, meeting were distributed before the meeting. Sandy Brody moved approval of the minutes, Lynne Roney seconded, and the minutes were approved as read.

Finance. Carol Davis McDonald provided the financial reports for IBC, the Spring Luncheon, and NCCWSL and asked for any additions to the proposed budget.

- Additions were for reimbursement of a Zoom account of \$160 and printing for the Lackritz awards of \$100.
- Carol will check on the time frame for an audit and possible persons to do it.
- The reports will be filed for audit.

REPORTS

International Relations Lecture Series. Kay Meyer.

- All but one lecture have two coordinators. An AAUW member is needed for the topic “Global Poverty and Money Hoarders.” The other topics are water, food, and plastics. Speakers are being sought.
- Looking to next year, an AAUW member is needed to be overall coordinator. Branches are asked to put the request in newsletters and encourage interested members.

¡Adelante! Book Club. Teri Brecht.

- The September book will be *The Daughters of Yalta*, reviewed by Kay Meyer. Books will be selected.
- The October book will be *The Women*.
- Information is going out to the branches for newsletters.

NCCWSL. Pat Shores.

- Pat shared a list of our past NCCWSL awardees, the IBC Guidelines for NCCWSL, and the amounts each branch has given. Individuals occasionally also make donations.
- IBC will proceed with one awardee this year.

Barbara Lackritz Service Award. Sandy Brody.

- An email will go out to branches in October with a deadline of November 1 for designating the branch's awardee.
- Names will be announced in February.

Spring Fling Luncheon. Sandy Brody.

- Publicity information is being prepared. Save the Date information will go to branches for their October newsletters.
- Part of fundraising will be the new "Sheroes" donation forms. Sandy shared a registration form and a Sheroes nomination/donation form, which will be sent to branches for their November newsletters. Individuals may name their Shero or Sheroes for a minimum of \$10, and names submitted in time will be listed at the Spring Fling.
- Fundraising will also include a 50/50 drawing and a lottery ticket tree.
- Nancy Hutchins has arranged for a deposit to be made on the venue. She will visit the site in October. Someone is needed to get the cake for dessert.

Financial Review.

- Diane Sher, St. Louis Branch, was mentioned as a possibility to do the financial audit.

Next meeting: **November 26, 2024.** Jan Scott adjourned the meeting at 8:27 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Lynne Roney, interim secretary

Next steps (From AI Companion Summary):

- Pat to look into recent developments regarding AAUW scholarship eligibility criteria and report back to the group.
- Sandy to send out the Sheroes fundraising and luncheon registration forms to committee members for review.
- Sandy to remove mention of bookmarks from the luncheon registration form.
- Nancy to coordinate with her committee to visit the luncheon venue in October to finalize details.
- Jan to approach Diane Sher about potentially serving on the Financial Review committee.
- Carol to check the IBC guidelines for when the Financial Review needs to be completed.
- Teri to coordinate with the a capella choir regarding their performance at the spring luncheon.
- Kay to continue seeking a partner for Mary Manning on the "Global Poverty Problem with Money Hoarders" topic for the International Lecture Series.
- Branch presidents to submit Barbara Lackritz Award nominations to Sandy by Nov. 1.
- Lynne to send out an updated version of the IBC Directory after the meeting.