**IBC Meeting Minutes 11/27/2024**

**Attendance (by Zoom)**

Joyce Bluett (F-F), Teri Brecht (STC), Joyce Katz (B-C), Christine Nobbe (KWG, STL), Carol Davis McDonald (KWG, STL, B-C), Sandy Brody (B-C), Pat Shores (B-C), Nancy Hutchins (KWG, B-C), Kay Meyer (KWG, B-C), Grace Poertner (STC), Lynne Roney (KWG), Jan Scott (STL), JoAnne Vieweg (STC)

**Quick recap**

The meeting covered various topics including the use of AI for tasks, Thanksgiving plans, organizational matters, and upcoming events. The team discussed updates to their website, financial reports, and plans for future conferences and lectures. They also addressed nominations for awards, arrangements for a spring luncheon, and ideas for recognizing historical figures in their events.

**Action Items/Next Steps**

• Pat Shores to gather and distribute information about the new NCCWSL conference in 2 weeks.

• Jan Scott and Carol Davis McDonald to organize a Zoom meeting to discuss NCCWSL conference after Pat shares the information.

• Sandy Brody to contact Ferguson-Florissant branch about submitting a Barbara Lackritz Award nomination.

• Joyce Bluett to inform Pam Meyers to contact Sandy regarding the Barbara Lackritz Award nomination.

• Nancy Hutchins and arrangements committee to have a final review meeting with Sheila in March for the spring luncheon.

• Sandy to send registration flyer, Sheroes article, and donation form to branches for January and February newsletters.

• Diane Sher to conduct the financial review with Carol.

• Teri Brecht to discuss with Saint Charles branch about organizing a summer or fall trivia event.

• Kay Meyer to send invoices to the branches with reminder to contribute to the International Relations Lecture Series.

**AI Usage and Potential Risks Discussed**

The team discussed the use of AI for various tasks, including meeting notes, action items, and even composing letters. Chris Nobbe noted that AI can be helpful but also cautioned about the potential risks of using open-source AI, as it could collect and store sensitive information. The team also discussed the challenges of using AI for tasks like grammar and tone adjustments, and the need for careful monitoring of the AI's output.

**Thanksgiving Traditions and Plans Discussed**

Christine, her daughter, and son-in-law are going to Bentonville, Arkansas for Thanksgiving and plan to visit the Crystal Bridges Museum of American Art. Sandy used to invite foreign students who couldn't go home to her Thanksgiving dinner when her husband taught at the University of Kansas. Carol doesn't have any Thanksgiving tales to share. Pat is making a non-green vegetable casserole for Thanksgiving. Lynne prefers cornbread dressing and is updating the website with Jan and Carol as IBC co-chairs. Teri's family grills steaks for Thanksgiving, but this year her son is making pasta dishes. Kay and her husband Bruce are going to Maggiano's for Thanksgiving dinner. Grace is having two Thanksgiving gatherings, one on Sunday and one on Thursday. JoAnne's grandson loves her husband's honeyed carrots. Nancy used to have a Chinese Thanksgiving with her mother, but now goes to her brother's house where her sister-in-law makes traditional dishes. Jan is having Thanksgiving at her residential facility.

**Agenda, Minutes, Financial Report**

Kay Meyer moved and Nancy Hutchins seconded approval of the agenda. Motion carried. Nancy Hutchins moved and Teri Brecht seconded approval of the minutes of the August meeting. Motion carried. This is the second meeting of the 2-year rotation when the St. Louis Branch is responsible. The meeting was facilitated by Jan Scott and Carol Davis McDonald in the absence of Ellen Irons, who is now under hospice care at home. The team discussed the need for a new secretary and the possibility of involving more people from the branches in the meeting. They also discussed the financial report, with Carol reporting that they have $7,638.24 in operating funds and $1,134.46 in the NCCWSL fund. The financial report will be filed as presented. The team also discussed the need for a new chair for the CU Partners.

**Website Updates and Facebook Concerns**

• Lynne Roney informed the team that the website has been updated to match the current style, with a few minor adjustments needed. She suggested a new photo on the homepage, preferably a long, narrow one. Joyce Katz agreed that someone else should take responsibility for the website, as she was withdrawing from web activity.

• Nancy brought up a concern about advertisements and unauthorized posts on the IBC Facebook page, which she had previously managed. The team agreed to investigate the issue and possibly remove the page to establish a new one. Joyce suggested that Chris and Lynne could look into the matter.

**Group Updates**

• Kay reported that they have secured four speakers for the upcoming International Lecture Series, with the flyer set to be distributed within the week. The lecture series will be the last one chaired by the Tuesday Women's Association in the rotation, and she encouraged members to consider taking on the responsibility on behalf of AAUW for the next two years. Kay also noted that the lecture series has been well attended, with around 70 to 100 people attending each event.

• Teri announced that the Adelante group does not meet in December but will resume in January with a discussion on *Circling the Sun*, led by Deb McWard.

**Conference Participation and Decision Making**

• Pat discussed the decision to send a student leader to NCCWSL, a conference that will now be organized by another group, NASPA, after AAUW's 39-year involvement.

• IBC has sent 18 women student leaders over the years, spending more than $15,000.

• The cost of the 2025 conference should be similar to what IBC has been paying.

• Pat suggested that IBC could send a student leader, find a more local conference, or use the funds for other purposes. The team agreed to wait two weeks for more information about the conference before making a final decision. They also discussed the possibility of creating their own program and the challenges of organizing a conference. The conversation ended with the decision to proceed with caution and gather more information before making a final decision.

**Barbara Lackritz Award and Spring Luncheon**

• Sandy reported that she had received names from four branches for the Barbara Lackritz Awards, but Ferguson-Florissant had not responded. She planned to contact them. Joyce Bluett agreed to contact Pam Meyers to submit a name from Ferguson-Florissant.

• The committee for the spring luncheon was reviewed, with Teri (St. Charles) in charge of the program and Nancy (Kirkwood-Webster Groves) in charge of arrangements. Nancy also mentioned that the venue was accessible and they had a blue lighting effect. Carol (St. Louis) is in charge of registration and evaluation, with Sandy (Ballwin-Chesterfield) planning to send out information to branch newsletters starting in January.

• Fundraising will include the Sheroes tributes (printed in a trifold display), a 50/50 raffle, and a lottery tree.

• Entertainment will be the “Mixed Nuts” women’s chorus. Kirkwood-Webster Groves will provide the cake for dessert.

• The date, March 29, is the 150th anniversary of the Supreme Court's decision on Virginia Minor's voting rights. Jan suggested this be recognized at the luncheon.

**Other Business**

• Discussion of a new chair for the C/U Partners renewal task force will be postponed until the next meeting.

• Jan has spoken with Diane Sher, CPA, about doing the financial review.

**Women's Trivia Event**

Teri reported that the women-only St. Charles Trivia event will be held in the summer or fall after a hiatus due to COVID-19. Pat confirmed Ballwin-Chesterfield's interest in attending.

**Expressions**

Kay and Nancy invited members to join the Expressions group on December 3, 1-3, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church to create Hershey's Kisses snowmen.

Nancy thanked Jan and Carol for stepping up as co-chairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Lynne Roney

Temporary Secretary