

AAUW MISSOURI STATE BOARD MEETING MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2017
COLUMBIA, MISSOURI

List of Attendees:

Board Members: Linda Berube, Jane Biers, Shirley Breeze, Suzanne Couch, Karen Francis, Marianne Cole Fues, Ellen Johnson, Joyce Katz, Pam Kulp, Diane B. Ludwig, Pam Meyers, Doris Nistler, Jan Scott, Sue Shineman, Pat Shores, Nicky Stanke, Alyse Stoll, Betty Takahashi, Julie Triplett.

Guests: Janet Bunger, Sue Barley, AAUW National Board of Directors, Patt Braley, Erlaine Eltomi, Marsha Koch, Yvonne Morrison.

Call to Order: Jan Scott, President

The Spring AAUW Missouri State Board meeting was called to order by President Jan Scott at 3:15 p.m. at Holiday Inn Executive Center, Columbia, Missouri. Jan welcomed Board and introduced guests.

Jan appointed Shirley Breeze and Pat Shores as readers for the Board minutes and for the Saturday, May 6, 2017 conference meeting.

Quorum: Linda Berube, Parliamentarian

We have 8 voting members, which is a quorum.

President's Report: Jan Scott

Distributed 2016-2017 Directories, and red pens. She was in an article for the Ladue News.

Secretary's Report: Doris Nistler

Minutes from the Board meeting conference call of January 28, 2017 were electronically served upon the Board. Corrections: p. 4, Joyce does not mail newsletter to branch presidents – they are sent electronically, and Joyce mails others; p. 4, corrected spelling Marian McClellan. Pat Shores moved minutes be approved as amended, seconded. **Motion carried.**

Finance Officer's Report: Ellen Johnson

Third quarter report and proposed budget for 2017-2018 submitted. Under general operating, AAUW convention should be \$1000. Budget amendments: \$75. Woman of Distinction, Public Policy request funding from \$300 to \$700, Directory increased to \$500, Funds and Grants, \$30, Membership VP, \$50. Julie moved the 2017-2018 budget be amended as Board suggested, and approved as amended, seconded, **Motion carried.**

Membership: Sue Shineman

As of 4-30-17, largest branch is Ballwin-Chesterfield with 251 members, most new members is the Kansas City branch with 27, largest percentage increase is Nevada, 5 new members. Total

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membership as of 4-30-17 is 747, an increase of 10 new members since 2-1-17. Outstanding Member Committee met and selected 2 outstanding members on state level to be honored. A list of National only members was emailed to branch Membership VP or Presidents encouraging them to contact these individuals about joining on a branch level. Emails will be sent to the branches having members eligible for Honorary Life Membership status in 2018. Some kickback has been received on dues increase. National dues increase is voted on by the National Board only, after appropriate notification given to membership.

AAUW Fund: Julie Triplett

Total giving for Missouri in 2016 is \$47,484. Considerable drop from 2015, which was \$61,190. Per person has gone down about \$11/per person. We will be taking a collection tomorrow when we have our LAF speaker.

Discussion: One of the reasons 2015 was so profitable was "Charting the Course". Money from the sale of fund raising item tomorrow will go toward operating funds.

Communications/Web Manager: Joyce Katz

Communications are ongoing, including updated items as needed, responding to requests from members. Began serving on MIM committee, posting MIM to the web and mailing the newsletter to those members who do not have email.

Public Policy: Karen Francis and Pat Shores

Update on AAUW MO Impact Grant: April 2nd Equity Action Day in Jefferson City was a success. 120 activists attended, and we collaborated with 16 groups to put on this event. We heard from legislators about various issues, including equal pay. Highlight was meeting with Auditor, Nicole Galloway, only state wide elected woman who talked about responsibilities of the office. After presentation, activists talked to legislators about pay equity bill and other issues of interest to them.

AAUW MO Lobby Corps incorporated into the impact grant, goal was to meet with every representative and senator. They met with 33 out of 163 reps, 13 of 34 senators and our voice heard on issues important to AAUW. The Lobby Corps are assigned locations and given talking points to be given legislators, meeting one-on-one and discussing our goals.

There are 17 or 18 AAUW Missouri members who are going to DC convention, and National is organizing a Lobby Day. We will be setting up appointments with our Missouri representatives. The 3 big issues are 1) student debt 2) Title IX, sexual assault, 3) Medicaid.

Strategic Plan Monitor: Diane Ludwig and Jan Scott

Strategic plan reviewed and looking at things we are doing in Missouri to change the climate for women and girls. Advocacy work here is stellar. Our Public Policy grant is in effect, and started

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a lobby corps. Our Equality Action Day was a success. On point 2, we have 6 current AAUW MO members serving at the National Level. We have done a lot of work with our CU rep program, and an AAUW student branch organization was started. We are working well with student groups. On AAUW fund raising, even though our numbers dropped this year, we have some very faithful donors. On History Day, we are helping the younger generation. We have a very solid State board, with highly qualified dedicated women. Overall, we are covering all aspects under the Strategic Plan and changing the climate for women and girls.

Programs – May State Conference: Nicky Stanke, VP Programs

Packets have been completed, and everything is ready to go for tomorrow.

Historian: Jane Biers

Question is what to do with left-over books we have on our History. We did try to sell them, unsuccessfully, and right now sitting in her house. Should we try to sell them tomorrow, or put them out for members? Recommendation is that they be made available to the branches.

Missouri History Day: Betty Takahashi

The Missouri History Day held April 29th was successful and the theme this year was “Making a Stand in History”. The prizes were given in honor of Joan Gones, AAUW member and past chair of AAUW Missouri History Day. The winners were Jr. Performance, Lily Casey, Sr. Performance Kylie Harris, and Jr. Documentary, Sarah Brightman. Winners were given certificates, AAUW note cards and material on AAUW.

Branch Incentive Program: Pam Kulp and Alyse Stoll

No new activity since January. They want to share the project from the Independence Branch, which will be discussed by project chair, Sue Shineman. Requested that Sue be allotted time at tomorrow’s conference to share what happened with their very successful project, which will be inspiring to the rest of the branches.

Governance/Bylaws: Marianne Fues

In addition to her report, participated in a Governance Webinar Tuesday, February 28. State Policy will be reviewed and revised next year. She will chair the policy review.

Inter branch Council: Suzanne Couch

We had a wonderful IBC Spring Fling on March 25th. Our speaker was Jessica Woolbright, St. Martha’s Hall and Chair of SLEVAWN, who spoke on family violence. We are now getting ready to send two girls to NCCWSL. We had seven applicants and it was difficult to select only two.

National Liaison: Shirley Breeze

AAUW Calendar, about the election. The mail-in ballots deadline is May 22nd. Members can vote online up until June 15th. All voting items are in Outlook Magazine. We will be getting a new research report, “Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans,” to be released May 24th.

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Discussion on poor voting turnout and ways to increase voting at the branch and state level. There is a video on the National website encouraging members to vote. Suggestion was to include voting as one of the categories in the Star Award application as an incentive in getting their members to vote.

Sue Barley: (recognized by the chair) Two years ago the number of voting members was 1990, and of that 197 voted. This finding came up after the election and if you want to know what your branch did, you have to get that information right after the election results. National has made it easy to vote and members need to know how convenient it is for them. When we had delegates, we talked more about voting, but now that it is one member one vote, less discussion and the number of members who vote has declined. The next Star Award will include one point for branches that have a voting percentage of 10%. Jan will notify branch presidents of this.

Missouri in Motion Newsletter: Jan

Carol Davis McDonald could not attend, but has a question regarding when we should send out our next issue of Missouri in Motion and suggested content. Discussion and resolution: The newsletter should go out now and the deadline to get articles to Carol should be May 15th.

Nominating Committee: Linda Berube

Board officer nominees are Doris Nistler, Secretary, Marsha Koch, Program VP and Marian McClellan, President Elect. Appointments for next nominating committee members will be suggested and made at the July Board meeting.

Old Business: Jan

Jan thanked the departing board members, Diane B. Ludwig and Nicky Stanke for their dedication and years of service to AAUW MO Board.

New Business:

Discussion: \$1000 has been budgeted for National Convention. Jan is not going, but the money is there to be used. Discussion: There are pre-conference meetings being held Wednesday morning, and three of our Board members have to go on Tuesday, a day ahead of the conference, in order to attend these meetings.

Karen moved that members of the board attending the National Conference who need to go early in order to attend the Wednesday morning pre-conference meetings share the \$1000 allocated in our 2016-2017 budget. Seconded. **Motion carried.** (The three board members attending pre-conference meetings are Marsha Koch, Marian McClellan and Julie Triplett).

Next Board Meeting: Jan

The next AAUW MO board meeting will be on July 15, 10:00 a.m. to be held in the middle of the state. Location to be announced.

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Motion to adjourn:

Joyce Katz moved that the meeting be adjourned, seconded. Motion carried.

Jan adjourned meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Doris Nistler, Secretary