

**AAUW MO STATE BOARD MEETING
MINUTES
FRIDAY, MAY 4, 2012**

Call to Order

Julia Triplett called the meeting to order at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel in Columbia, Mo., at 5:05 p.m.

Quorum Status

Yvonne Morrison declared a quorum was present.

Attendance

Gloria Bandstra, Susan Barley, Linda Berube, Jane Biers, Shirley Breeze, Holly Burgess, Grace Butler, Kathleen Cha, Nancy Hutchins, Ellen Johnson, Joyce Katz, Diane Ludwig, Carol Davis McDonald, Debbie McWard, Yvonne Morrison, Doris Nistler, Lynne Roney, Pat Shores, Alyse Stoll, Betty Takahashi, Toni Thornton, Linda Tinker, Julia Triplett.

Approval of Minutes

Additions to January 28, 2012, minutes: Correction to spelling of Debbie McWard's and Toni Thornton's names.

MOTION: Debbie McWard moved that the January 28, 2012, minutes be approved as corrected and reviewed by readers. Motion seconded and passed.

Debbie McWard and Lynne Roney agreed to read the minutes of the May meeting.

Reports from the following officers were received and placed on file:

Elected Officer Reports:

Vice-President for Membership – Ellen Johnson
Finance Officer – Carol Davis McDonald

Appointed Officer Reports:

Historian – Grace Butler
Governance/Parliamentarian – Sue Barley/Yvonne Morrison
Presentation of State Assembly Rules – Sue Barley/Yvonne Morrison
College/University Relations – Jane Biers/Debbie McWard
Communications – Joyce Katz
Web Manager – Lynne Roney
AAUW Funds – Toni Thornton/Doris Nistler
Public Policy – Holly Burgess/Nancy Hutchins
Web Manager – Lynne Roney

Committee Reports

Administrative Assistant – Pat Shores
AAUW Missouri Branch Incentive Program – Sandy Frank/Alyse Stoll
National History Day in Missouri – Joan Gones/Betty Takahashi

Additional Business

Vice-President for Program

Diane Ludwig reported that 50 members were registered for the May 5, 2012, conference. As a result, the income would be slightly less than the expenses – in the \$50 range. The cost per person for the May event is \$60 as compared to the meeting held at the Rickman Center, where the cost was \$38 per person, and the Lake of the Ozarks meeting with a cost of \$102. The meeting at the Lake of the Ozarks was for a two-day period and to celebrate the 90th anniversary of the formation of AAUW MO.

In addition, Diane informed the Board that the packet to be distributed to members at the meeting the following day would contain 13 pieces of literature, including impact maps. These maps illustrate where AAUW made an impact in Missouri and the United States, as well as the world.

Diane informed members that the website GreatNon-Profits.org highlighted organizations that work to empower women, and that AAUW was one of three organizations featured for the month. We can move higher up the ladder if we get additional testimonials. The plan is to send testimonials by individual members to the website at the reception today. We need ten testimonials. Diane also told members that the *The History of Missouri* is printed and bound.

At the general membership meeting the following day Kathleen Cha will be the keynote speaker; she brings great expertise to share. A flag, one of 130 flown over the national Capitol in honor of AAUW's 130th anniversary, will be carried into the meeting by past state presidents. The flag will be kept in Missouri. Branches may request the flag for their events.

Fund Raising Committee Report

Diane Ludwig, Sue Barley, and Yvonne Morrison serve on the National Fund Raising Committee. The book *Grace and Grits* by Lilly Ledbetter is available for purchase. A special AAUW edition of the book includes Ruth Bader Ginsburg's dissenting opinion on the Supreme Court decision in the Lilly Ledbetter case. The AAUW edition of the book may be acquired for a \$130 donation to AAUW.

Sue Barley is one of four Legacy Circle members in Missouri. Members attain this honor by making a planned gift to AAUW National. Donors may make an AAUW Charitable Gift Annuity by donating a minimum of \$10,000 to AAUW. They then receive quarterly interest from their donation. The amount of interest paid is determined by their age at the time of the donation. Donors may also name AAUW as a beneficiary in their will, trust, insurance policy, or individual retirement account. A special luncheon is held at the national convention for Legacy Circle members.

Vice-President for Membership

Ellen Johnson reported that there are 840 members in AAUW MO. Ellen also reported on the Dead Branch Project. On a conference call with Ellen, Sue Barley, Yvonne Morrison, and members of the AAUW staff, it was learned that Cape Girardeau wants to continue as a branch, as does Warrensburg, with two members. Springfield is undecided as to whether they will remain active. Northern Clay County has one member and will be disbanded. Rolla has two members, and they are undecided. St. Joseph Area and Lebanon remain on the list and disbandment papers will be signed at this meeting. After the paperwork for all disbanded branches has been completed, Missouri will have 22 branches, and there may be a further decline in number of branches in the near future.

Kathleen Cha stated that branches that are only social branches do not last. The branches that follow AAUW goals succeed.

Finance Officer

Carol Davis McDonald informed the Board that the third-quarter finance report was distributed to members. She then discussed the proposed budget. The only change to the proposed budget is the inclusion of national convention expenses for 2013. The \$3,000 needed to carry over to next year appears to be available.

MOTION: Carol Davis McDonald moved that the proposed budget be accepted and presented to the membership at the meeting on the following day. Motion carried.

President-Elect

MOTION: Linda Berube moved that a donation of \$100 be made from the treasury to the AAUW Leadership Fund in recognition of Julia Triplett's service as AAUW MO president with the additional \$30 to be donated by members. This will allow Julia to receive a copy of Lilly Ledbetter's book. Motion seconded and approved.

Linda Berube informed the Board that the Woman of Distinction Committee consisted of Ardy Pearson, Shirley Breeze, Jane Biers, and Toni Thornton.

The July 20-21 Board meeting will be in Kansas City. The Friday evening meeting will be at Linda Berube's home. The Saturday meeting location is still to be determined. There are several choices available.

On May 3-5, 2013, the Joint Convention with Illinois will take place in St. Louis at the St. Louis Ball Park Hilton. Each state will have its own board meeting in the late afternoon and then members of each state will meet for dinner together. The convention will start on Saturday morning and end at noon on Sunday.

Historian

The AAUW MO History Book is for sale for \$10 at this meeting. The book will be updated every ten years. Jane Biers will assume Grace Butler's duties as Historian.

Kathleen Cha shared with members that when San Francisco celebrated its 90th anniversary, the members of the branch were videotaped as they told their AAUW stories. Kathleen suggested that student affiliates might be interested in participating.

Governance/Parliamentarian

Sue Barley and Yvonne Morrison reported that the AAUW MO bylaws have been updated with the mandatory changes from national. The state meeting quorum cannot be composed of number of branches, but must consist of number of members. The AAUW MO quorum requirement suggestion is 5% of the membership reported on February 1. See the report for additional information.

College/University Relations

Deb McWard informed members that packets for C/U reps are being revised. The four MU students who presented at the MO State Convention in 2011 appreciated being asked and meeting AAUW members. Missouri will be represented by eight University of Missouri Columbia students, as well as at least one student from University of Missouri St. Louis at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June. Sue Barley will attend part of the conference.

Web Manager

Lynne Roney informed the Board that *Mission in Action* and *Galaxy* application forms should be in Word format so that members can enter information on their computer and submit their application online. St. Louis IBC is responsible for change to the forms.

Missouri in Motion

Newsletter deadline is May 7, 2012.

AAUW Funds

Toni Thornton and Doris Nistler reported that the lunch speaker on May 5 is LAF plaintiff Kathy Bull. She is involved in a lawsuit with Ball State University, and AAUW is assisting her. Raffle tickets will be sold at lunch to raise money for LAF. It is a 50/50 raffle, and half the money will go to LAF and half to the winner.

Public Policy

Holly Burgess encouraged board members to study the Public Policy Impact Grant Implementation Plan that was sent to them. The Jefferson City Equal Pay Day Rally was fun and interesting. A rally is planned for Equal Pay Day in 2013. Holly agreed to do a wrap up of the day's seminar at the membership meeting on May 5 since Sam Lehman will not be there.

Other Reports

Inter Branch

Diane Ludwig proposed re-evaluating the switching of IBCs to judge the Mission in Action and Galaxy applications. The Board will discuss this at the July meeting.

Association

Kathleen Cha discussed her background in AAUW; "AAUW Speaks with a Powerful Voice" will be the title of her presentation at Saturday's meeting.

Leadership Corps

Shirley Breeze informed the Board that an LAF plaintiff is suing Rumsfeld for the rape cases in the military services. Shirley distributed copies of "Crossing the Line" to board members for placement in locations such as libraries where they can be read by many people.

Shirley invited members to prepare a basket for the silent auction at the regional conference with the proceeds to go to AAUW Funds. Holly Burgess volunteered to come up with products to sell at the regional conference.

Thank You Gift

Linda Berube announced that a donation to AAUW Funds is being made in honor of Julia Triplett in appreciation of her service to AAUW MO.

President's Report

Julia deliberately waited until last to give her President's Report. She told members that she had learned that if you work with good people and let them do their job, all will work out. This Board exemplifies this philosophy.

Adjournment

Diane Ludwig moved the meeting adjourn at 8:10 p.m. Motion passed.

Linda Tinker
Secretary

Planned Board Meeting Dates for 2012-2013:

July 20-21, 2012 – Kansas City

October 13, 2012

January 26, 2013

May 3, 2013 – St. Louis