

AAUW MISSOURI STATE BOARD ZOOM MEETING

March 4, 2023

The meeting was called to order by Karen Francis, AAUW Missouri President, at 9:05 a.m.

Karen Francis welcomed the group and thanked Mary Jermak for another exceptional Missouri In Motion issue and congratulated Alice Kitchen for her upcoming induction into the Starr Women's Hall Of Fame.

Members shared one or two words that described their biggest challenge facing them as an AAUW leader.

Linda Berube declared a quorum present.

There was one addition to the agenda, a review of the upcoming National vote.

The minutes were accepted. Mary Jermak and Sue Shineman will be readers for the March notes. Finance officer, Lois Domsch, reviewed the financial report and the third quarter report which were filed for review.

Sue Shineman asked the group what the most successful inclusion/infusion activities were in their branches.

Luna Mukherjee asked members to email her their successful activities to use with the DEI state committee. lunam2021@gmail.com

NEW BUSINESS WAS COMPLETED.

Diane Ludwig shared the State Conference Proposed Agenda.

- The Zoom meeting will be Saturday, May 6, 2023.
- The group chose Jenny Gorman, Kansas City Library, for the topical presentation.

Susie Watson went over the Outstanding Member Award requirements.

- Susan Barley shared the history of the award. See the Directory, State Board Standing Committees/Chairs, page 47, # 9.
- The recipient will come from the AAUW Missouri Board.
- The committee will be Patt Brayley or Diane Ludwig, Pat Shores, and Susie Watson.
- No form will be needed.
- Sue Barley and Linda Berube will update the policy.

Sue Shineman said the deadline for the Woman of Distinction Award application is April 7, 2023.

- Sue will form a committee to make the selection.
- Karen will send Sue the previous applications which can be resubmitted by a branch.

Debra McArthur reported College and University successes.

- As of November 1, there are 11 College and Universities partners: Cottey College, Culver-Stockton, Lincoln University, Maryville University, Metropolitan Community College of Kansas City (MCCKC), Park University, St. Louis University, University of MO-Columbia, University of MO-Kansas City, Washington University, and Webster University.
- Several committee members are doing Equal Pay events on campus.

THE GROUP COMPLETED CARRYOVER BUSINESS.

Karen Francis reviewed the success of the February 11, 2023, Legislative Retreat. Fourteen organizations presented to fifty-eight attendees.

- The information is posted on the AAUW MO website.
- Susan Barley moved that AAUW Missouri continue the leadership of the annual Legislative Retreat. The motion was seconded by Lois Domsch and passed unanimously.

Karen Francis and Linda Berube talked about the Task Force created to review the nominating committee recommendations.

- The members of the Task Force are the executive committee, Sue Barley, Lynne Roney and Linda Berube.
- The group is looking at how we ensure that there is a plan to develop branch leaders into state leaders.
- There will be no bylaws changes needed this year for this issue.
- Karen asked that board members send their ideas about this task to Linda before February 24, 2023.
- Karen Francis and Sue Shineman will create criteria for the position of president elect.

Karen Francis, Sue Shineman, and Diane Ludwig presented plans for the Central State Regional Conference.

- The conference will be in St. Louis, at the Drury Plaza Hotel St. Louis at the Arch, from October 19 to October 21, 2023.
- Karen gave an overview of the plans. Twelve states have participated in three planning sessions.
- Sue shared the proposed schedule and program.
 - The theme is Celebrating AAUW: Reaching New Heights Together
 - The attendance expectation is 75 people from Missouri and 75 people from the other states.
 - Sue showed a chart of the expectations for attendance from each Missouri branch.
 - The program will include two or three plenaries, additional speakers, daily breakouts, daily networking, lots of breaks, and a town hall wrap up.
- Diane went over the proposed budget.
 - She reminded the group that attendance at an AAUW conference is an investment in yourself.
 - Diane reviewed the possible income and expenses for the conference.
 - One person's cost for the conference could be \$450.
 - Room and parking costs can be shared between one to four people per room. \$221 room plus \$25 parking costs per day.
 - Diane reminded us that there are angels in each branch who will finance a member's attendance. Just ask.

Karen led a discussion of the funds the Missouri board can spend on the conference.

- The Executive Board can recommend how to spend the \$1500 in the Contingency Fund. See Directory, Guidelines for AAUW Missouri Assets, page 49, #2 and #6.
- Pam Kulp said that Incentive Grant \$775 money can be allocated for:
 - Peg Witt Fund can be used for branch member development. See Directory Guidelines for AAUW Assets, page 49, #3.
 - Each branch got \$35 for the Missouri and Illinois conference.
- Susan Barley said the state only sent the president to previous National conventions.
- Susan Barley shared that the National Advancement Committee is interested in how Missouri is putting together a multi-state conference. Sue and three members of the Central States planning committee are on the Advancement Committee and are sharing the conference plans every month.
- Karen will put together a Task Force to look at the available Missouri state funds.
- Susan Barley moved that the policy be changed to add the words, “ and regional.” Diane Ludwig seconded and the motion passed unanimously.
- See Directory, Guidelines for AAUW Missouri Assets, page 49, #5.

Karen Francis shared the new Photo Release Form to be used with student pictures.

UPCOMING EVENTS WERE REVIEWED.

Karen Francis reminded the group that the National Vote will take place from April 6-May 16, 2023.

- Members are asked to vote online.
- You must request a paper ballot.

Karen Francis reminded members **not** to pay their 2024 dues before April 1.

- The Community Hub will not be set up until then with the new amounts.
- Susan Barley said that directions will be out mid-March.

The March 3, 2023, state board meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. A. Patricia Shores, Administrative Assistant