

AAUW Missouri State Board Meeting Minutes Friday, April 30, 2010

Attendance: Marsha Koch, Sue Barley, Holly Burgess, Yvonne Morrison, Carol Davis McDonald, Diane Ludwig, Debbie McWard, Betty Takahashi, Toni Thornton, Shirley Breeze, Grace Butler, Alyse Stoll, Julie Triplett, Jane Biers, Christine Stricker, Mary Ann Clark, Nancy Gerber, Pat Shores, Patt Braley, Doris Nistler, Carolyn Kerkstroter, Harriett Hirschfeld, Ellen Johnson. AAUW Board of Directors attendee: Linda Tozier

Welcome

Marsha handed out notepads and pens as gifts to attendees.

Meeting was called to order at 7:14 p.m.

Approval of Minutes

Alyse moved to approve the minutes. **Motion passed.**

National Updates

Shirley Breeze

- Lobby Day was pretty well attended; legislators impressed by handouts
- Calendar of dates for the year updated and distributed; please share with branch
- Encouraged people to attend 5 State Conference June 11-13; some tours so come early to take advantage of tours (Clinton Library, Arts Center, Heifer International Center); 10 break out sessions (half dealing with AAUW issues and half dealing with general women's issues); new Curves exercise event instead of walk
- Shared the State Fact Sheet about women in legislature
- Shared Tips for Successful Branch Leadership
- Please attend the Equity Day Lunch, speaker tba
- Candidate Screening Questionnaire is now mailed out to candidates for legislature

Jane Biers, College/University Relations Committee

- Said eight young women from MU-Columbia are going to NCCWSL

Diane Ludwig, National Fundraising Committee

- Fun Facts Newsletter will be quarterly
- Committee endorsed having a person dedicated to working on "planned giving"
- Calendars now replace note cards as fundraiser; cover unveiled tomorrow and distributed late May/early June; will be mailed to everyone and hope that people will make a contribution in return

Sue Barley, Breaking Through Barriers Major Donor Campaign Steering Committee

- Breaking through Barriers campaign ends at the next AAUW Convention; tomorrow will be honoring people who have joined the campaign tomorrow

Julie Triplett, National Leadership Corps

- Wendy Matheny is coordinating
- There is a form on line to request assistance from the Leadership Corps

Julie Triplett, Community Action Grants Panel

- This is Julie's last term on this panel
- Julie is trying to get more branches applying for Community Action Grants, so see Julie if you want to apply
- \$7,000 for one year grant, \$10,000 for two year grant
- Tend to give priority for those that deal with STEM

State Officer Reports

Marsha Koch

- Only presidents and financial officers can access the membership database; Linda Tozier will look into that.

- Some links on new website don't work
- Apply to be on a national committee, there are lots of openings
- Future state meetings—center of the state is good, April/May is good, bad for students

Linda Berube, VP Program

- Pick up your packet tonight, it's going to be a busy day tomorrow

Sue Barley, Treasurer

- Conference check requests should be filled out and given to Linda, then she will give it to Marsha to approve
- Before the delegate assembly, we will have a sign in for delegates for the last time! Board members vote as board members unless they are the only members of the branch attending.
- \$.27/mile for 2+board members, \$.20/mile for 1 board member reimbursement for driving
- All expenses should be turned in by the end of June
- Reserve shares are rising (Black Rock)
- Budget is going to be cut significantly; membership going down, dividends going down, so perhaps dues increases next year
- MALs will be called National Members
- Cutting budget ideas—Missouri in Motion may need to go to 3 issues
 - Go to black and white, reduce page numbers, table discussion
 - We could cut the directory. Discussion: Putting the directory online is privacy-invasive; people use them too much. Could we charge \$5 a copy? Perhaps reduce the number of pages? Take out the history?
 - Budget items not included, LAF/EF pins, Peg Witt History Project
 - Could we cut a board meeting? Technology is there, but people are hesitant
- Budget committee presented the motion to recommend approval of the budget to the membership; voted on and approved

Deb McWard

- MAL list is going to be passed around

Board Reports

IBC – Nancy Gerber, Linda Berube

- STL-May 4 @ St. Timothy Episcopal Church; new officers will be elected (Marsha will be chair and Carol will be Treasurer
- KC-Reentry scholarship brunch in April; 4 scholarships awarded

Bylaws Committee – Lorraine Whittington

- Need bylaws from some branches; board agreed that model bylaws should be sent to those branches

EF – Toni Thornton

- Our branches contribute \$18,000+ to local scholarships & organizations

LAF – Mary Ann Clark

- Key to Equity was up for some branches
One error: 39 Key to Equity recipients

History Day– Betty Takahashi

- Great History Day; Winner was Chelsea Henry from Neosho Middle School
- Brought 20 Adelante books tonight and proceeds will go to Peg Witt History Project

Missouri in Motion – Christine Roney Stricker – concerns about budget discussed, possibly moving to 4 pages an issue, dropping spot color

Public Policy -- Holly Burgess

- Would like \$start \$mart program to bloom in Missouri

Peg Witt -- Alyse Stoll

- Northland Branch is doing a wonderful job to stimulate growth, reports to be given tomorrow

Nominating Committee – Lynne Roney

- Membership VP: Ellen Johnson
- Treasurer: Carol Davis McDonald

Old Business

- Ad in *Missouri Life* discussion
 - Shirley made the point that the publishers are conservative
 - Joyce made the point that the cost is \$60 above budget
 - Lorraine suggested branches place advertisements in local papers, at events, etc.
- Public Policy Grant
 - We still have money left from National grant
 - National want us to apply for PP grant and use it on the senate race
 - New deadline is May 10
 - Shirley suggested we do a voter guide with the grant money
 - Holly would like to do more wage gap work in the future
- Branch Histories Project
 - Can we do an assessment on branches to pay for the histories?
 - Diane suggests we send out feelers to the branches to find interest
 - Sue reminded Diane we cannot use Peg Witt funds to fund this project
 - Marsha suggested we wait until after the July meeting
 - Marsha suggests that Diane come back with a revised agenda about how to proceed with the printed copies and how to provide copies at the July board meeting
- Key to Equity/Century Club/LAF pins
 - Going to give certificates instead of pins because National gives pins. There may be pins for those who give to all groups.

New Business

- Three Galaxy awards, Seven Star awards to be given at delegate meeting tomorrow
- Pin discussion tabled until July meeting
- October board meeting changed to Oct 9.

Meeting adjourned at 10:34 p.m.