

ST. LOUIS IBC MINUTES

May 4, 2010

Nancy Gerber, IBC Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:03 pm on May 4, 2010, at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church in Creve Coeur. There were 17 people in attendance: Bette Bude, Suzanne Couch, Pat Shores, Julie Triplett (also representing Missouri state), Leslie Wier, Ballwin-Chesterfield Branch; Mary Gaffey, Creve Coeur Branch; Nancy Gerber, Shirley Breeze, Ferguson-Florissant Branch; Barbara Johnson, Marsha Koch (also representing Missouri state), Jean Shull, Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch; Teri Brecht, Betty Knapp, Jo Ann Schnur, St. Charles Branch; Carol Davis McDonald (also representing Kirkwood-Webster Groves Branch), Diane Ludwig, Jan Scott, St. Louis Branch.

Introductions of attendees were made.

Jan Scott moved and Bette Bude seconded that the minutes of the February 16, 2010, meeting be approved as distributed with one correction: change the spelling of Bette Bude's name. Motion passed.

Carol Davis McDonald, treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. There is a balance of \$1,136.29 in the account. The Spring Fling profit was \$41.88.

There were no communications received.

There was no membership report.

Leslie Wier reported on the evaluations from the Spring Fling. Overall the responses were positive. There were some suggestions to change the venue; also, there were scattered comments about the quality of the food. Ferguson-Florissant is in charge of the site for 2011 and asked for suggestions. Barbara Johnson thought that the site should be near the branch charged with site acquisition.

There was discussion about the fee paid the speaker. Diane Ludwig moved and Jan Scott seconded that the speaker fee be limited to \$150. Motion passed.

Leslie Wier reported for the Barbara Lackritz Award Committee. Leslie indicated that it is important that ample time be given to branches to prepare their award submissions. She recommended that the process start at the August meeting. There was some confusion this year over exact requirements. Barbara suggested that the supporting letters were important and very revealing about the candidate's background and abilities. It was agreed that these letters should be from AAUW members, although not necessarily from the St. Louis area. The requirements need to be clearly stated. The other major discussion item consisted of whether there should be two awards: one as is given now and another that recognizes length of service to AAUW. No decision was made on this. Leslie and Pat Shores, the co-chair, will work on the guidelines and submit electronically to the branches prior to the August IBC meeting, at which time the final document will be available. It was suggested that a display be prepared on Barbara Lackritz, because there are individuals who did not know her. Barbara suggested certificates be given to all the nominees. Diane suggested that the form indicate whether the nominee had been previously nominated. She also indicated that perhaps the awardee should be announced in advance of the meeting so that friends and relatives could be invited to the presentation and perhaps there could be a donation system established to name a gift in the name of the winner. The award is currently kept secret until the announcement. Leslie said it was important that the event be documented and that a designated photographer be present.

Julie Triplett reported on the state conference, held May 1 in Jefferson City. Marsha Koch and Linda Berube were commended on the quality of the event. The Woman of Distinction Award

was presented to Dr. Jane Biers. Other awards were given including the AAUW Funds certificates. Next year the conference will be two days, possibly at Lake of the Ozarks. Julie has most of her board positions filled, with the exception of webmaster. The board will meet in St. Louis in July.

Julie brought with her the photo album from the Wellston STEM project, to which IBC made a financial contribution.

Jean Shull reported on the history project. She first gave some history of AAUW's involvement with the project since it began in St. Louis at the History Museum; it then moved to the University of Missouri at St. Louis. IBC became a sponsor at this point. Several members have been judges over the years of AAUW's commitment. The winner this year at the senior level was from Kirkwood High School and the junior winner was from Ballwin. At the state level, the senior winner was from Hannibal and the junior winner, from Neosho.

Mary Gaffey moved and Diane Ludwig seconded that IBC contribute \$100 in prize money for the 2011 event. Motion passed.

Branch histories are still being requested. The state AAUW history project will center around the 90th Anniversary of AAUW MO, which is 2011. The suggestion was made that a history of St. Louis IBC should be written. Barbara Johnson and Carol Davis McDonald agreed to work on this.

Shirley Breeze discussed the Five-State AAUW Conference scheduled for Little Rock AR on June 11-12, 2010.

A discussion was held on the new AAUW website. It was suggested that any comments concerning the site be forwarded to Joyce Katz, the Missouri State Communications contact.

Diane Ludwig reported on the national Development Committee. Each member will be receiving a sixteen-month AAUW art calendar in the next few weeks. A donation is requested but no specific amount has been designated. The size is 8 x 11. The Development Committee will distribute an e-newsletter in the next few weeks. She announced that eventually all the AAUW Funds will have pins. Most are available currently, including the new AAUW Public Policy pin. She solicited comments about any of the national fundraising activities.

Terri Brecht asked if the suggested branch giving amounts with respect to the Missouri Star Award were still \$5 for LAF and \$25 for AAUW Funds. Diane replied that no stated amount has been requested.

The nominees for IBC officers for next year are Marsha Koch, Chair, and Carol Davis McDonald, Treasurer. The secretary is chosen by the chair. Barbara Johnson moved and Jan Scott seconded that the slate be approved by acclamation. Motion passed.

Nancy Gerber conducted the installation of officers.

Branches should submit their new officers to Marsha electronically as soon as possible. Julie reminded everyone that national needs branch officer lists, also.

Discussion was held on changing the meeting place and/or dates. It was decided to keep the current published dates for August and November and continue at Thornhill. Mary Gaffey was asked to find out about St. Timothy's for the fourth Tuesday of February, May, August and November 2011.

The group recognized Nancy Gerber, Shirley Breeze and Carol Davis McDonald for their IBC service with gifts of teal jewelry made by Barbara Johnson.

The next IBC meeting will be August 24 at Thornhill Library at 7 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:39 pm.

Submitted by Shirley Breeze, Secretary