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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

THANK YOU, Jan Keeler & Kathy Kelley!



A HUGE THANK YOU to each member who helped support the Book Sale.

Proceeds this year have topped the past couple of years! It takes all of us to successfully pull off a fundraiser of this magnitude, including approximately 900 hours of labor. Our Book Fair Chairs, Jan Keeler and Kathy Kelley, have worked many uncounted hours. Their labor of love for our organization and scholarship fund have gone above and beyond the call of duty for many years. Words cannot express our heartfelt gratitude to these two dedicated ladies. Without Jan and Kathy, we would not have been able to continue the Book Sale the past several years.

Thank You Jan and Kathy!

**Sue Shineman,
President**

The following was taken from Washington Update article by Deborah J. Vagins, AAUW Senior Vice President of Public Policy & Research

February was [National African American History Month](#), an important time to commemorate the countless contributions African Americans have made to American life throughout our nation's history.

Meeting and Program

Tuesday, March 26, 2019 - 6:30 PM

**First United Methodist Church,
400 W. Maple, Independence, MO**

PROGRAM: *Outstanding Women in Missouri History*

Come see which Missouri women will be portrayed by Jolene and her fabulous cast.



AAUW participated in activities supporting the [Paycheck Fairness Act](#) and the [Raise the Wage Act](#), both of which, if passed, would have major impacts on the economic security of African American women. With African American women working full-time and year-round only making, on average, [61 cents](#) for every dollar a man makes, closing the wage gap would make a huge impact on their yearly incomes, financial security and retirement.

The Raise the Wage Act would increase the federal minimum wage to \$15 by 2024, giving more than 31 percent of all working women a raise, including 41 percent of black working women.

For every one of our issues, be it pay equity, harassment or student debt, we cannot fully advance gender equity unless we address all the intersecting forms of discrimination that women face. Celebrating National African American History Month means more than a commemoration — it means actively ensuring that, at every step, AAUW is working to achieve equity for all women, this month and every month.

BOOK FAIR

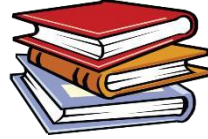


Thank you, thank you, thank you very much to everyone who made our Book Sale a success!!! We had 17 Worker Bees (they picked up books from the libraries, sorted and priced 3 Storage Units full), 16 people set up at the Independence Center in record time, and 35 people worked shifts selling books—what a great TEAM effort! Also, special thanks to the husbands and 1 grandson who came and helped us close up! If you were unable to help with this project, you still have 1 more chance... we would gladly accept your monetary donation—every little bit helps! Contributions can be sent to our treasurer, Lois Domsch. Working together we can do great things for women and girls!!! Thanks again to everyone for a job well done!!!!

Jan Keeler & Kathy Kelley
Book Fair Chairs

ADELANTE BOOK GROUP **CHANGE**

This group meets at 9:30 AM on the second Tuesday of each month at



Barnes and Noble on
39th Street.
Contact Jane
Campbell at

delandjane@comcast.net for further details or see the calendar of events on our website www.independence-mo.aauw.net. All members are welcome to attend.

THE BOOKS READ AND DISCUSSED
FOR MARCH AND APRIL ARE
REVERSED FROM WHAT WAS
PREVIOUSLY PRINTED

On March 12 Lois Domsch will lead a discussion of *Killers of the Flower Moon* by **David Gramm**..

The Home for Unwanted Girls by **Joanna Goodman** discussion will be led by Jane Campbell on March 12.

Jane Campbell
Adelante Book Group

SPECIAL MARCH OUTING

We will be touring the Ennovation Center at 291 N. Forest Avenue in Independence on March 22 at 10 AM with lunch at the Westside Café after the tour. The Ennovation Center is a business development incubator housing two businesses. Please contact Karol Palmer (816-769-1930 or palmer9141@sbcglobal.net) if you have any questions or plan to attend.

Karol Palmer
V-P Programs

REPORT FROM THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is proud and excited to announce Jolene Cerveny, Kathy Keeton, and Jeanne Schneider as our nominees for President, Vice-President Programs, and Recording Secretary, respectively. The slate was presented at the February meeting. The actual vote will be at the March regular meeting. We thank these members for agreeing to serve and look forward to their leadership.

**Patt Braley, Lois Domsch, &
Judy Austin
Nominating Committee**

PUBLIC POLICY

Title IX - Two bills of interest to AAUW are active. Both pertain to handling of gender discrimination, sexual assault and rape cases at institutions of higher learning in Missouri. Both are opposed by State AAUW Public Policy Committee.

SB259 (R-Gary Romine, Chrmn. Education Comm.) Senate Education Committee has heard the bill and voted "do pass." The bill implements a new "due process" procedure dealing with rights of victims and the accused. Rights advocate organizations oppose the bill, based on the standards of process which make it harder on victims and discourages them from filing complaints.

HB573 (R-Dean Dohrman) This bill has been sent to the House Judiciary Committee with a hearing on March 5. It

creates new provisions relating to rights of accused college students in Title IX proceedings.

Pay Equity - HB145 (D-Brandon Ellington of KC) The bill prohibits employer from inquiring about an employee or applicant's history information. It has been read for the 2nd time.

HB328 (R-Doug Beck) Description of bill is similar to HB145. Read 2nd time.

SB95 (D-Scott Sifton of St. Louis) The bill modifies provisions relating to employee past wages. Referred to Senate Small Business and Industry Committee.

Track these bills on fastdemocracy or Google it by number.

**Carolyn Weeks
Public Policy Co-chair with
Laura Vernon**

RE-ENTRY AWARDS BRUNCH

Mark your calendar to attend the Interbranch Council annual Re-entry Awards Brunch at Unity Village Dining Hall on Saturday, April 20, 2019. The registration form is attached to this newsletter.

**Kathy Vest,
Re-entry Chair**



FEBRUARY MINUTES

AAUW Independence Branch
Monthly Meeting at First United Methodist
February 26, 2019

President Sue Shineman called the meeting to order. Since the speaker was unable to be there, Sue presented information on the Work Smart program and Pay Gap Overview. Members were encouraged to complete the online workshop or attend a two-hour facilitator lead face to face workshop. Facts about the pay gap were shared and discussed.

Jane Campbell, Kathy Kelley and Carol Kelley were thanked for providing treats for the hospitality table. Membership Co-chairs, Jolene Cerveny and Sue Raymond, gave everyone a "first-aid" kit and had facts about medical products on the tables. Jolene introduced New Member Mary Morgan who shared three facts about herself. Jane Campbell "veteran" member also shared three facts about herself. Kathy Kelley won the door prize – a journal and pen.

Program Chairman, Karol Palmer, announced that our March meeting would be about Missouri Women, with members portraying the ladies. A sign-up sheet for the tour of Ennovation Center at Independence School District offices on March 22 was passed around.

The Financial Report was printed in the February newsletter and will be filed for audit. Minutes from the November meeting were printed in the December newsletter and were approved as printed. There were no minutes for the December Brunch or the January meeting, which was cancelled due to weather.

Corresponding Secretary, Nancy Comtois, reported that she had sent cards to Myla Gentry, Judith Guteknunst, and Kathy Vest.

Carolyn Weeks, Public Policy Co-chair, discussed various bills that are in the Missouri House. She suggested going to FastDemocracy.com. It will keep you updated and informed of all (national and state) legislative activities. April 16 is EQUITY ACTION DAY. Sue asked for ideas as to where our presence might be effective. Mid-Continent Libraries were suggested. We will need volunteers to hand out information. This would be a great time to promote Work Smart.

The Nominating Committee (Judy Austin, Patt Braley, and Lois Domsch) was thanked for their work in selecting members for the slate of officers for the coming year. Those nominated are Jolene Cerveny, President; Kathy Keeton, Program Vice President; and Jeanne Schneider, Recording Secretary. Election will be at the March meeting. Officers will be installed at the May 11th Annual Meeting at the Meadows of John Knox Village. It will begin at 9:30 AM and will cost \$16.

Book Fair Co-Chair, Kathy Kelley gave an update on Book Fair. She also thanked her "worker bees" with a little gift. Worker Bees are those who collected books and priced books.

Karen Johnson moved that we participate in the Independence Community Rummage Sale at the Truman Memorial Building on April 6, by selling some of our books. Jolene Cerveny seconded. Motion passed. Sue Raymond moved and Lisa Cox seconded that we also bring rummage to add to our sale. That also passed.

Jolene Cerveny shared that we had a successful night at the Pizza Ranch. She'll announce the amount next month.

Carol Kelley is working on Student Awards to be given at our April meeting. The Woman of Achievement Award will also be presented at the April meeting. It's not too late to submit a name to Laura Vernon.

Jane Campbell, Adelante Book Chair, reported Adelante Book Group will meet on March 12th at 9:30 AM at Barnes and Noble. March and April books are being switched. Lois Domsch will be leading the discussion on *Killers of the Flower Moon* in March. Jane Campbell will be doing *The Home for Unwanted Girls* in April.

The Re-Entry Brunch is Saturday, April 20th at Unity Village. The cost is \$25. On March 23rd Sue needs people to go with her to read applications at Park University. Barbara Leabo volunteered.

Sue Shineman encouraged members to go to the Missouri State meeting on May 3rd and 4th .There will be two speakers from National: CEO Kim Churches and Sr. VP Wendy Doyle. The cost to attend is approximately \$145. There

may be some funds available to help off-set expenses.

Sue and Jolene will be scheduling a Board Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Barbara Leabo
Recording Secretary

Book Fair 2019 Report

2/28/2019	Deposit #1	\$510.00
2/28/2019	Deposit #2	\$800.00
3/1/2019	Deposit #3	\$719.00
3/1/2019	Deposit #4	\$362.00
3/1/2019	Deposit #5	\$887.00
3/2/2019	Deposit #6	\$473.00
3/2/2019	Deposit #7	\$450.00
3/4/2019	Deposit #8	\$1153.50
3/4/2019	Deposit #9	\$ 176.73
	Total:	\$5531.23

Expenses

1/2/2019	U-Haul	254.85	
2/14/2019	Independence Center book fair rental	750.00	
3/4/2019	U-Haul Truck Rental	72.91	
3/5/2019	Boy Scouts donation	350.00	
3/5/2019	Supplies: 2 kinds of tape, book ends, dots	39.42	
Estimated Total	Expenses		\$1467.18

Profit Earned

Net Proceeds	2016	\$3569.05
	2017	\$3730.18
	2018	\$3457.36
	2019	\$4064.05

February 2019 AAUW Financial Report

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 1/31/2019

\$316.57

RECEIPTS

2/14/2019 Transfer from Savings 1200

2/14/2019 Deposit Pizza Ranch tips & donations 188.56

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1388.56

DISBURSEMENTS

4565 2/14/2019 WBCMT 2007-C33 Center LLC rent 750

4566 2/15/2019 AAUW KC Northland Branch ReEntry 450

4567 2/27/2019 City of Indep (Rummage Sale 2 booths) 40

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS

\$1240.00

BALANCE ON HAND 2/28/2019

\$465.13

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 1/31/2019

\$6914.71

RECEIPTS

2/28/2019 Deposit #1 Book Fair 510

2/28/2019 Deposit #2 Book Fair 800

2/28/2019 Dividend February 0.72

TOTAL RECEIPTS \$1310.72

DISBURSEMENTS

2/14/2019 Transfer to Checking 1200

2/26/2019 Withdrawal beginning cash Book Fair 195

TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS \$1395.00

BALANCE ON HAND 2/28/2019

\$6830.43

TOTAL ASSETS 2/28/2019: Checking \$465.13 + Savings \$6830.43 = \$7295.56

REENTRY AWARDS BRUNCH

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2019

9:30 A.M. –12:00

UNITY VILLAGE DINING HALL

1901 N.W. Blue Parkway, Unity Village, MO 64065

Access off 470 via Blue Parkway or access off of 350 Highway

HOSTED BY THE KANSAS CITY NORTHLAND BRANCH

PLEASE SUPPORT THIS IMPORTANT INTER-BRANCH EVENT

COST: \$25

Cost helps pay for scholarship winners' and their guests' meals

Please notify Cela Sullivan the number planning to attend by Tues, April 2

cel1777@sbcglobal.net

Please send payment by Tuesday, April 9th to Cela Sullivan

4341 Northwest Briarcliff Lane, Kansas City, MO 64116 (816-797-8685)

Check made out to: AAUW Kansas City Northland Branch

Name: _____

Branch: _____ **Phone:** _____

Email: _____

No. of meals: _____ **Total for meals (\$25 each)** _____

Extra donation toward a guest luncheon: _____

Extra donation toward Reentry Scholarships: _____

