

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

Dear Members,

I'm going to make this message short and sweet...just like February!

Our next meeting will feature members portraying women important in the suffrage movement. March is usually the month we feature this type of program but plans change. We are nothing if not flexible! Hope everyone voted in the AAUW Art Contest.

You can vote until February 10<sup>th</sup>. It would be outstanding to see the picture of those girls from Procter Elementary on a notecard.

My thanks again to Mary Morgan and Lisa Cox who collaborated on the submission of this entry. The book sale is fast approaching.

New ideas have been incorporated into sorting of the donations, pricing structure of the books, set up and the way the sale will be conducted. Please spread the word and let's sell them all!

I think I've kept it short, so now for the sweet.....how about this in honor of Valentine's Day and one of my favorite bears, Winnie the Pooh.

"How do you spell love?" --piglet "You don't spell it, you feel it" --pooh

Jolene



**Book Club Information = Jane Campbell** [delandjane@comcast.net](mailto:delandjane@comcast.net)

Book Club — Our February meeting will be held at Jane Campbell's home, 2815 B Chatelain Ct. You are welcome to come any time after 9:00, but the actual book discussion starts at 9:30. The book this month is Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens. Pat Bounds will lead our discussion.

## Upcoming Events:

- **February 10** = Deadline for voting in the AAUW Art Contest. Here is the link: <https://www.aauw.org/contests/>
- **February 11** = Book Club at Jane Campbell's House, 9:30 am. Book: Where the Crawdad's Sing by Delia Owens, led by Pat Bounds.
- **February 25, 2020** = February Meeting = Program: "Missouri Suffrage Movement" = presented by Karen Johnson, Sue Shineman, Patty Chadwick, and Lisa Cox
- **March 4** = Setup for Book Sale at 7:30 pm, Independence Center.
- **March 5-7** = Book Sale at Independence Center.

## February Program

The Women's Suffrage Movement of over 100 years ago will be highlighted at our February AAUW meeting by a reenactment of that movement by Missouri women fighting for the right to vote. Karen Johnson, Lisa Cox, and Sue Shineman will portray the Missouri connection to the Women's Suffrage Movement. Patty Chadwick will tell a true story involving a personal family member's experiences at this momentous time in history.



Kathy Keeton, Program Chair

## **BOOK SALE Information = Kathy Kelley**



WOW...the Book Sale is quickly approaching!  
Thanks to the 15 members and 2 husbands who  
have been sorting books each Saturday.

Jan Horner will be scheduling shifts at the Independence Center.  
Please contact her to sign up. We will also need people on  
Wednesday, March 4, 7:30 to set-up. Finally, we need your help in  
publicizing our event...March 5, 6 and 7 from 8am-9pm at the  
Independence Center, outside Macy's. I have posters available if you  
have a place to display them. Thanks for ALL your help!  
Kathy Kelley

**\*\*\*The Book Sale Poster is on the last page of the  
newsletter, in case you would like to make copies to display.**

## **The Book Fair Sign-up Sheets are ready to be filled!**

**Please email or call JAN HORNER with the times you can work at the sale or  
help with set-up.**

Set up will be March 4 from 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

Shifts for the sale are Thursday, March 5th – Saturday, March 7th 8:00 a.m. - 9:00  
p.m.

Let her know if you want morning, afternoon or evening.

Look at your calendar and volunteer now! Don't wait for her to call you. **We are  
asking for all that are able to cover three shifts.** We have quite a few members  
who are physically not able to work even one shift, some are still working full time,  
some are out of town and we have to plan for those who can't help due to illness. If  
Jan doesn't answer please leave a message with the dates and times you would  
like to work. If you are unable to volunteer, please consider sending a monetary  
donation to our Finance Officer.

**Jan Horner 314-422-4881 or [janethorner@yahoo.com](mailto:janethorner@yahoo.com)**

## **CELEBRATION OF 19<sup>TH</sup> AMENDMENT – Local Parades**

AAUW Members – **YOUR PARTICIPATION IS REQUESTED**

You are invited to join in making an impact on our communities by drawing attention to AAUW and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passing of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

The following AAUW Branches: Independence, Kansas City, Kansas City Northland and Parkville will be marching in parades in conjunction with LWV and possibly DAR.

Each group will be allowed to carry posters indicating who they are representing. WHO will volunteer to make posters for us?

Here is where we are at the present.

- Application submitted to Brookside St. Patrick's Day Warm Up Parade  
March 14 - 2:00 p.m. Waiting to hear if we are one of the 100 participants.
- Sugar Creek 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade – is confirmed.
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Between all of our groups, I'm planning to have at least 25 in each event.

We will be wearing the Votes for Women Sashes celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Our white attire will be similar to that of those women who marched in that first 1920 event in Seneca Falls NY.

The sashes are available for purchase. The solid gold is \$5.00, the two color is washable and is \$12.00. I am happy to order sashes for those who want one. Please let me know as soon as possible if you will be available to march on March 14 in the Brookside Parade.

Sue Shineman Independence Branch AAUW  
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### **January 2020 AAUW Financial Report ~ Lois Domsch [lois.domsch@gmail.com](mailto:lois.domsch@gmail.com)**

#### **CHECKING ACCOUNT**

**BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/2019** **\$109.32**

#### **RECEIPTS**

1/2/2020	Transfer from savings	500
14-Jan	Deposit MO Grant	225
1/14/2020	Deposit MO Incentive Public Policy Grant	100

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** **\$825**

#### **DISBURSEMENTS**

4600	1/2/2020	U-Haul rent 2 units Book Fair	219.9
4601	1/28/2020	Natalie Holick January speaker	40
4602	1/28/2020	Jolene Cerveney books, business cards, JCHS banquet	223.47

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** **\$483.37**

**BALANCE ON HAND 1/31/2020** **\$450.95**

#### **SAVINGS ACCOUNT**

**BALANCE ON HAND 12/31/2020** **\$9584.85**

## **STEM Bins Information ~ Mary Morgan** [morgan64052@gmail.com](mailto:morgan64052@gmail.com)

1) The librarian is just now needing to replenish the bins and appreciates the backup materials. She did state that most of the materials are reusable and hold up pretty well! She has also started using the STEM Bins with full classes and not only the smaller groups. She did report that her first and second grade group especially love the play-dough and toothpick bin.

2) The librarian is going to mention the STEM bins to her department head, Becky Herl, at their professional development day in March to see what her feelings on next steps might be. The librarian stated when you put multiple teachers together, the idea can expand and grow with additional collaboration.

## **Nominating Committee News ~ Judy Austin** [judyaustin64055@comcast.net](mailto:judyaustin64055@comcast.net)

The nominating committee is very pleased to announce that Lois Domsch, Nancy Comtois and Sue Raymond have agreed to be nominated to continue in their respective positions as financial officer, corresponding secretary and membership vice-president. Debbie White will join the slate and Sue as membership vice-president.

The slate will be presented at the February meeting. The actual vote will be at the March regular meeting. We thank these members for agreeing to serve.

## **January 28<sup>th</sup> Meeting Minutes**

Our guest speaker was Natalie Holick, Director of Equal Opportunity, KU Medical Center and Title IX Officer. Her Topic: Title IX effect on students in Higher Education.

In 2011, Obama issued Title IX guidance from U.S. Department of Education to ensure that transgender students are protected from sex-based discrimination under Title IX. It instructed public schools to treat transgender students consistent with their gender identity in academic life.

Betsy DeVoss released in September 2017, a rewrite of Title IX guidance. It allows schools to raise the bar on what evidence is needed to prove sexual assault and harassment.

Title IX Protection covers pregnancy discrimination based on sexual orientation or gender identity.

What can we do at KU to prevent?

Part 1 – Address unconscious bias – is someone who has their own experience and forms their own judgement of people and are influenced with how you think of a person.

They offer training on awareness. Also have training on “real world” scenarios to combat those influences.

Part 2 – Introducing bystander intervention. To change the dynamics of conversation. To become aware of wrongful behavior around you.

## **Minutes (continued)**

**Sue Shineman** shared video of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. She has sashes available for purchase. Solid gold sashes are \$5, and the two-color sashes are \$12.

**Jolene Cervený** asked and heard no corrections to the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as published.

**Patt Braley** reported 16 AAUW members are in Diamond Club, 11 of these members qualify for Century Club.

**Kathy Kelly** – A big “Thank You” to everyone that has helped with Book sorting at the U-Haul storage. Meet each Saturday from 9 to 11:00. She also has flyers for you to take to post up at various locations about the dates & times for the Book Fair. We are in need of marbles for the book fair to help stand up signs for the books. The “Sack Sale” will be held on Saturday March 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at noon. Charitable groups can collect books at 5 p.m. and the recycled books will be taken at 9 p.m. Saturday night.

**Barbara Leabo** – Tables will be set-up at MCC-Blue River Community College Feb. 10<sup>th</sup> to registrar voters. March 31<sup>st</sup> is Equity Day – Tuesday from 11-1 p.m. April 9<sup>th</sup> is Denim Day -Wednesday from 11-1 p.m.

**Kathy Vest** – Asking for members who participated in last year’s scholarship selection to meet with her at the conclusion of this meeting. She also passed out the Re-Entry Brunch registration forms.

**Mary Morgan** – The school wants to expand the STEM bins. We will be looking at the funds we have available for special projects.

**Jolene Cervený** for the Centennial of Women’s Vote, we have received a grant in the amount \$225 from the State AAUW to be used for resources to be donated to area high school libraries.

**Sue Shineman** reported on Celebration of 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. We will march in parades in conjunction with League of Women Voters and 3 other KC Metro AAUW branches.

She has submitted application to Brookside for the St. Patrick’s Day Warm Up Parade on March 14<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

Sugar Creek July 4<sup>th</sup> parade is confirmed. AAUW will be fourth in line directly behind the political candidates.

Other possibilities:

Liberty Fall Festival – September 2020

Gladstone Gladfest – October 2020

Independence Halloween Parade – October 31, 10:00 – 11:30.

We will be wearing the Votes for Women Sashes celebrating the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. Our attire will be like that of those women who marched in the first event in 1920 at Seneca Falls, NY

Our next fundraiser in the spring, will be at Pizza Ranch on April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Meeting adjourned.

Jeanne Schneider, Recording Secretary

**Used Book Sale**  
**March 5, 6, and 7**  
**8:00am-9:00 pm**  
**Independence Center**  
**Upper level, outside Macy's**

**Proceeds fund scholarships for  
Independence High School girls**

**(Book donation barrels are available at  
Mid-Continent libraries)**

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