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

Message from Jolene

This is my last message. No pressure, but I'm going to try to make it a good one! If I was going to fill a time capsule with items from my time as president of Independence AAUW, here are a few of the things I would include:

A sash declaring "**VOTES FOR WOMEN**". We were all set to proudly march in parades celebrating that history. Then came March of 2020. Not only parades, but gatherings of all sorts, schools, work places, churches...all cancelled or closed due to the virus. COVID, however, did not stop us from honoring that legacy by voting in a national election. The **Suffragists** signs in our yards a tribute to women's determination to be counted then and now.

A couple of **used books** to remind me of Book Fairs. This will always be a part of our history and represents many, many hours of collecting, sorting, pricing, and selling books; all for the support of our mission and local scholarships. 2020 was the last Book Fair. Gone but not forgotten!

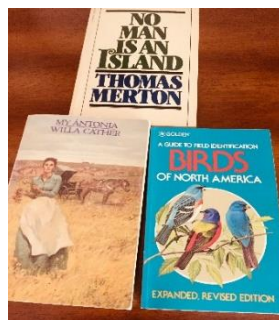
A **ZOOM meeting link**. There was never a better example of the wisdom in this old adage: "When a door is slammed shut, a window is open". How fortunate our branch was to have members who stepped up to the challenge of opening that window. Programs and meetings continued thanks to the technology and technicians that made that happen. Sue Shineman wears many hats including ZOOM Master. My heartfelt thanks.

The photo our branch submitted in the 2020 art contest of our **STEM** project. I hope we continue to encourage and support young girls to explore science, technology, engineering and math. The planet needs those bright minds!

A **flower**.... one for each of the members lost in the past two years....Myla Gentry, Carol Kelley, Sue Russell, Alyse Stoll, Margaret Carnahan, Sherry Lane, and Judith Gutekunst. Lives well lived.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served this organization. Thank you.

Jolene



AAUW Independence Woman of Achievement

AAUW ladies,

Thanks ladies for your nomination, support and many contributions to the 2020-2021 Woman of Achievement Award and presentation by Sue Shineman to Gloria Smith at our April zoom meeting. Gloria now joins the ranks of approximately 60 Independence women beginning in 1957 to be granted this distinctive honor by our Branch.

Joyce Gillespie
Chair, Woman of Achievement Committee

(The following will be placed in the Examiner.)



Independence AAUW Women of Achievement recipients Gloria Smith 2021 and Sue Shineman 2020

Text under picture: Sue Shineman, AAUW MO President and member of the Independence Branch presented Gloria Smith with a certificate acknowledging her as the 2021 Woman of Achievement.

Gloria is a lifelong resident of Independence. Her passion for family genealogy and hometown history has given her many opportunities to share special stories while giving historic tours of the area. Gloria is an active volunteer in many organizations, most recently as President of the Jackson County Historical Society. You can also find her giving tours of the 1859 Jail. She has been a member of Junior Service League since 1989 and has been an integral part of JSL celebrations such as the 50th and 60th anniversaries of the organization, restoration of the Truman Depot, and Bess Wallace Truman Award ceremonies. She serves as Historic Preservation Chairperson for Independence Pioneers Chapter of DAR.

AAUW welcomes Gloria as she joins other recipients of this award including: Lori Ross, Jill Esry, Nina Anders, Marcie Gragg, Judy Austin, Jan Keeler, Laura Vernon, Liz McClure, Dr. Bridget McCandless, Alversia Pettigrew, Sue Gentry, and Mayor Barbara Potts, to name just a few. The award dates back to 1957.



AAUW Book Club = Jane Campbell, Chairperson

Our Book Club meeting will be at Jane Campbell's (2815 B Chatelain Ct., Independence) on June 8 at 9:30 AM. Doris McCartney has arranged for the author of our book to attend our meeting, so you won't want to miss this. The book is **The Long Way Home** by Connie Roman. This will be our last meeting for the year.

It's not too late....



...to renew your membership for 2021-2022.

Dues are due by June 1.

Dues this year are \$88

(\$62 national, \$10 state, \$16 branch).

You may renew by

Check to Lois Domsch = 3349 S Scott Ave, 64052

or

Online with the **invoice** that was sent to you.

(Contact Lois if you need another invoice.)

Thanks to the 23 who have already renewed!

April 2021 AAUW Financial Report
Lois Domsch, Financial Officer

CHECKING ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 3/31/2021		\$2077.69
RECEIPTS		
4/9/2021	Deposit - Flower Power and 1/2 price books	218.5
4/19/2021	Voided check 4601 not cashed from 1//28/2020	40
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$258.50
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$0.00
BALANCE ON HAND 4/30/2021		\$2336.19

SAVINGS ACCOUNT

BALANCE ON HAND 3/31/2021		\$10337.85
RECEIPTS		
	Dividend April 30	0.21
TOTAL RECEIPTS		\$0.21
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		\$0.00
BALANCE ON HAND 4/30/2021		\$10338.06

TOTAL ASSETS 4/30/2021: Checking \$2336.19 + Savings \$10338.06 = \$ 12674.25



AAUW FUND HONORS AND AWARDS

Presented May 2021

Top Ten Branches in Total 2020 Giving

Total 2020 Missouri Giving: \$58,072.00

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|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Kansas City | 6. Independence |
| 2. Ballwin-Chesterfield | 7. St. Charles |
| 3. Kirkwood-Webster Groves | 8. St. Louis |
| 4. Ferguson-Florissant | 9. Kansas City Northland |
| 5. Columbia | 10. Nevada |

Top Ten Branches in Per Capita 2020 Giving

Missouri Per Capita 2020 Giving: \$108.95

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|----------------------------|-----------|
| 1. Kansas City | \$ 525.58 |
| 2. Kirkwood-Webster Groves | \$ 101.07 |
| 3. Ferguson-Florissant | \$ 90.52 |
| 4. St. Louis | \$ 81.79 |
| 5. Columbia | \$ 74.06 |
| 6. St. Charles | \$ 73.78 |
| 7. Nevada | \$ 73.33 |
| 8. Parkville | \$ 57.45 |
| 9. Ballwin-Chesterfield | \$ 51.46 |
| 10. Independence | \$ 41.82 |

AAUW 2020 MISSOURI CENTURY CLUB PLUS MEMBERS

AAUW deeply appreciates the following individuals for their contributions to AAUW. Century Club Plus members are qualified as individuals who gave at least \$250 in 2020.

Ballwin-Chesterfield

Carol Anthony
Susan Barley
Sandy Brody
Suzanne Couch
Karen Francis
Angela Janik
Eileen Krahnman
Liz Maher
Yvonne Morrison
Doris Nistler
Janet Sloey
Margaret Taber

Columbia

Kathryn Allen
Jane Biers
Marianne Fues
Diane Ludwig

Ferguson-Florissant

Shirley Breeze

Independence

Sue Shineman

Kansas City

Ardyce Pearson

Kirkwood-Webster Groves

Carol Davis McDonald
Julia Muller
Lynne Roney

Parkville

Debra McArthur

St. Charles

Teresa Brecht
Bonita Dillard

St. Louis

Susan Barley
Carol Davis McDonald

AAUW 2020 MISSOURI CENTURY CLUB MEMBERS

AAUW deeply appreciates the following individuals for their contributions to AAUW. Century Club members are qualified as individuals who gave between \$100 and \$249 in 2020.

Ballwin-Chesterfield

Lorna Anderson
Marian Bauer
Marcia Block
Bette Bude
Barbara Butchart
Carol Derington
Jean Elliott
Carole Hesley
Janet Horner
Mary Jermak
Sidney Jumper
Sandy Kalin
Jayne Kasten
Joyce Katz
Barbara McQuitty
Judith Schaefer-Piet
Patricia Shores
Agnes Sobel
Arlene Spector
Judith Stagoski
Julie Triplett
Leslie Wier
Mary Kay Wolfe

Canton

D'Ann Campbell

Columbia

Pat Carlson
Jane Crow
Linda Evans
Barbara Favazza
Carol McAllister
Pat Merrill
Kathleen Slane
Sue Tillema

Creve Coeur

(disbanded)
Jean Srenco

Ferguson-Florissant

Lillian Boly
Dorothy Stade

Independence

Patt Braley
Jane Campbell
Jolene Cerveney
Lois Domsch
Jan Keeler
Kathleen Keeton
Barbara Leabo
Melissa Morawitz
Sue Raymond
Sharon Royer
Judith Tyson
Elinor White

Joplin

Dorothy Iwan

Kansas City

Stefanie Hatfield
Stephanie Holthaus
Ellen Johnson
Patsy Kile
Joyce Whitehead

Kansas City

Sandra Reeves

Kirkwood-Webster Groves

Janie Foltz
Barbara Johnson
Marsha Koch
Deborah McWard
Mara Minarik-Perry
Eugenia Webdell

Maryville

Linda Girard

Nevada

Judy Campbell
Phyllis Sprenkle

Parkville

Sandra Fogt
Betty Dusing

St. Charles

Dorothy Hatch
Judy Johnson
Pam Kulp
Susan Moellering
Barbara Olive
Grace Poertner
Karen Schneider
Betty Takahashi
Rose Weeks

St. Louis

Nancy Collins
Linda Lindsey
Diane Sher
Margaret Weck

2020 AAUW MISSOURI CONTRIBUTIONS

<u>Branch</u>	<u>2020 Contributions</u>	<u>Official # Members</u>	<u>Per Capita Giving</u>	<u># of Donors</u>	<u>Century Club</u>	<u>Century Club Plus</u>
Ballwin-Chesterfield	\$9,778.00	190	\$51.46	66 + Branch	23	12
Boonville	\$159.00	17	\$9.35	3 + Branch	0	0
Canton	\$100.00	12	\$8.33	1	1	0
Cape Girardeau	\$40.00	4	\$10.00	1	0	0
Columbia	\$2,370.00	32	\$74.06	18	8	4
Ferguson-Florissant	\$2,444.00	27	\$90.52	10	2	1
Independence	\$2,049.00	49	\$41.82	22	11	1
Jefferson City	\$130.00	11	\$11.82	4	0	0
Joplin	\$285.00	23	\$12.39	6	1	0
Kansas City	\$26,279.00	50	\$525.58	19	5	1
Kansas City Northland	\$730.00	20	\$36.50	3 + Branch	1	0
Kirkwood-Webster						
Groves	\$2,830.00	28	\$101.07	17 + Branch	6	3
Maryville	\$150.00	4	\$37.50	2	1	0
Nevada	\$660.00	9	\$73.33	4 + Branch	2	0
Parkville	\$632.00	11	\$57.45	4	2	1
St. Charles	\$1,992.00	27	\$73.78	17	9	2
St. Louis	\$1,554.00	19	\$81.79	12	4	2
Missouri	\$5,600.00			1 + State	0	1
Disbanded Branches:						
Creve Coeur	\$200.00			1	1	0
Raytown	\$20.00			1	0	0
Warrensburg	\$70.00			1	0	0
2020 TOTAL	\$58,072.00	533	\$108.95	213 + Br Fds	77	28
2019	\$41,648.75					
2018	\$36,888.25					
2017	\$35,572.00					
2016	\$47,494.58					
2015	\$61,690.88					

2020 Funds Report – AAUW-Independence – May 8, 2021

Patt Braley, Chair

In spite of this past year's pandemic and the demise of our Book Sale, AAUW-Independence, under the leadership of Jolene Cerveny, has utilized some creative smaller fundraisers to help us support our scholarships and other projects. In addition, our individual members have responded by increasing their personal donations to both the AAUW national organization and our own Independence branch.

Today we are recognizing the 16 Diamond Club members who contributed a minimum of \$75.00 to AAUW in 2020. 12 of those members also qualified for AAUW-MO's Century Club by directing their \$100.00 donations to our National organization in Washington, DC. And in addition, we have 1 Century Club Plus recognition for a \$250.00 donation.

We should celebrate the generosity of these committed members.

The Fund report presented at last week's Missouri State Meeting lists branch donations in several categories.

You may notice that the 1st Place Kansas City branch had a huge number. This is due to a very generous contribution by one of their members, given in memory of Alyse Stoll.

Ballwin-Chesterfield branch, in 2nd place, has a membership of 190, plus they sponsor some very successful and ongoing fundraising events. They do good work!

Independence is further down on the list, BUT we have a smaller membership, and we also donate to our ISD scholarships and the IBC Re-Entry scholarships. So, our numbers on the report do not truly reflect the scope of our monetary support of education and equity.

I anticipate that, as we re-design our own Fund program for next year, we will continue to support our work through both branch fundraisers and through individual donations. We should look forward to another successful year!

2020 Individual Contributions to AAUW

Diamond Club - \$75.00 minimum

*Century Club - \$100.00 minimum to National

***Century Club Plus - \$250.00 minimum to National

*Patt Braley	Kathy Kelley
*Jane Campbell	*Barbara Leabo
*Jolene Cerveny	*Melissa Morawitz
Patty Chadwick	*Sue Raymond
*Lois Domsch	*Sharon Royer
Jan Horner	***Sue Shineman
*Jan Keeler	*Judy Tyson
*Kathy Keeton	*Jane White

Historian's Report

Independence Branch of AAUW 2020-21

Officers

Jolene Cerveny, President

Kathy Keeton, Vice President of Programs

Sue Raymond and Debbie White, Co-Vice Presidents of Membership

Lois Domsch, Financial Officer

Jeanne Schneider, Recording Secretary

Nancy Comtois, Corresponding Secretary

This has been a tumultuous, history-making year for our nation and for the world. We have experienced lows such as the deadly pandemic that has claimed the lives of over 590,000 Americans. We also mourned the death of Supreme Court Justice and feminist icon Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Demonstrations and protests across this country and the world erupted after the killing of George Floyd to demand an end to racial injustice. We also have celebrated high points such as the election of Kamala Harris, the first African American, first Asian American, and first female vice president in U.S. history. There is hope and light at the end of the COVID-19 darkness with the roll-out of highly effective vaccines. Life in the age of COVID-19 has presented many challenges, but it has also afforded the unique opportunity for creativity as exemplified by the Independence Branch of AAUW from meetings by Zoom to fundraising. A summary of our branch's 2020-21 year follows.

Meetings/Programs/Special Events

Kathy Keeton and her committee once again provided us with educational and timely programs.

Special thanks go to Sue Shineman with her expertise in keeping us connected during our meetings via Zoom.

Historian's Report (Continued)

September 22, 2020: ("Hybrid" meeting with both Zoom and in-person attendance) Rochelle Parker, Executive Director of CAPA (Child Abuse Prevention Association) was our speaker.

October 27, 2020: (Zoom meeting) The program was presented by Diane Egger and Christina Heinen from the City of Independence COVID-19 Task Force.

November 17, 2020: (Hybrid meeting with Zoom and in-person) Jason Windes, robotics coach for the Independence School District, and members of the Truman High School robotics team shared current projects and skills from their participation in the robotics program.

December 5, 2020: Members were invited to a Zoom Christmas Tea Party by our president, Jolene Cervený, in place of the previously scheduled luncheon at V's Restaurant.

January 26, 2021: (Zoom) Jane McClain presented a history of women's suffrage movement in Kansas and Missouri.

February 23, 2021: (Zoom) Panel discussion on student loan debt was presented by Mindy Hager, Dena Norris, and Sarah Morris.

March 23, 2021: (Zoom) Sue Shineman, Independence member and Missouri AAUW State President, presented the State of the State Address focusing on public policy and inclusion/equity.

April 27, 2021: (Zoom) High School Student Awards and Recognition of our Woman of Achievement

Membership

Sue Raymond and Debbie White worked hard to find ways to help us stay in touch and be supportive of each other. They encouraged members to write and share e-mails about what they had been doing to fill their time during these pandemic months/year.

We were deeply saddened by the deaths of Sue Russell (5-21-20), Margaret Carnahan (10-14-20), Sherry Lane (10-20-20), and Judith Gutekunst (1-22-21). They all will be greatly missed and remembered for their active participation in and contributions to AAUW.

Interest Groups

The AAUW Book Group was organized by Jane Campbell. The group met monthly via Zoom and also in-person at Jane's house/garage,

AAUW Fund

Century Club (\$100 or more to National): Patt Braley, Jane Campbell, Jolene Cervený, Lois Domsch, Jan Keeler, Kathy Keeton, Barbara Leabo, Melissa Morawitz, Sue Raymond, Sharon Royer, Judy Tyson, Elinor White

Century Plus Club (\$250 or more to National): Sue Shineman

\$75 or more to ISD or branch: Patty Chadwick, Jan Horner, and Kathy Kelley

All of the members named above are members of the Diamond Club.

As-Needed Funds-\$405

AAUW Fund-\$2049

Historian's Report (Continued)

Contributions/Fundraising

Memorials-\$2760

With the demise of our long-standing, yearly used book sale our president, Jolene Cerveney, spearheaded several creative and successful new fundraisers:

Members Market-\$556

Pizza Ranch-\$823.39

Flower Power Seed Sale-\$577

Half Price Books-\$187

Members Market was a monthly online fundraiser. Members donated items for other members to bid on. At the end of the allotted time, the items were sold to the highest bidders.

The Pizza Ranch fundraiser was held on October 19 and March 8. Members volunteered to work at Pizza Ranch on those evenings. Our Branch received a percentage of the proceeds for that evening plus tips.

Flower Power was a one-time seed sale to the membership.

Used books were collected and sold to Half Price Books.

Kudos to Jolene for organizing different approaches to fundraising to allow us to continue contributing to the education of women and girls.

College/University

On September 29 and October 19, 2020, Sue Shineman and Stacey Webb from LWV presented Voter Registration and Voter Information to the KCMCC campuses via Zoom.

Re-Entry/KC-IBC

An online celebration via Zoom was held on April 17, 2021, to recognize the scholarship recipients.

The KC Interbranch Council awarded six \$1000 scholarships:

Tomisha Woodruff, UMKC

Electra Arzola, Park University

Angela Bennett, Maple Woods-St. Joseph Campus, KCMCC

Adra Sanchez, Blue River Campus, KCMCC

Patricia Stover, KCKCC

Amanda Kuhn, KCKCC

The following students received the Toni Thornton scholarships of \$1000:

Emily Holmes, KCKCC

Argelia Fagre-Rivas, KCKCC

Thank you to Kathy Vest for leading the Re-Entry committee for our branch.

Historian's Report (Continued)

High School Student Awards

Our high school scholarship recipients of \$750 were:

Madelyn Stilwell, Chrisman

Katherine Ameku, Truman

Faith Scribner, Van Horn

Thank you to Kathy Vest and Gail Schartel for organizing this committee to read and evaluate the many applications.

Woman of Achievement

Our outstanding Woman of Achievement was awarded to Gloria Smith. Thanks to Joyce Gillespie for leading this effort to process the applications and making it possible to recognize Gloria.

Nominations

The Nominations committee was led by Karen Johnson. The following individuals were nominated and elected as officers for the 2021-22 year:

Renee Freers, President

Pat Bounds, Vice-President of Programs

Gail Schartel, Recording Secretary

Thank you to these members for their willingness to serve.

Public Policy

Renee Freers and Kelley Reetzke kept us informed on Public Policy such as pay equity issues, ballot issues and education bills in the Missouri legislature, and information from the Missouri Women's Network Legislative Retreat held on Zoom.

We appreciate all the effort by Lisa Cox (**Newsletter/Webmaster**), Judy Tyson (**Publicity**), and Patty Chadwick (**Yearbook**) to keep us connected via print and electronic means and keep us in the public eye.

Inclusion/Equity

Sue Raymond and Courtney Yount-McGinnis were our representatives on the Missouri Team of the AAUW National Committee on Inclusion and Equity. Their focus has been on gaining information and evaluating issues related to equality and inclusion. Their activities included discussion of the book Waking up White.

Finances and the Independence School District Foundation

At our April meeting we voted to change our ISDF fund from a "temporarily restricted" fund (which draws no interest) to an endowment fund. Money will be added to the fund to bring it to \$20,000. The endowment fund will draw interest (4-5%) which we can apply towards educational opportunities for ISD students. Our financial officer, Lois Domsch, and her committee did much research and study to bring this information before our membership

AAUW Missouri State Meeting

The AAUW Missouri State Meeting was held by conference call on May 1, 2021. Our Independence Branch received the 10-Star Award. Independence ranked among the top 10 branches in the state in total giving and in per capita giving for 2020. Sue Shineman received the 2021 Outstanding Missouri Member Award.

Kansas City Interbranch Council

Report on Reentry Scholarship Program 2021

Report by Debra McArthur, Reentry Chairperson, 2021-22

Representatives from six area colleges submitted eighteen applications for consideration for the Reentry Woman Awards.

The scoring committee gathered online on March 20, 2021 to submit and tally scores. At that time, six scholarship winners were selected.

The Interbranch Council awarded four \$1000 scholarships.

The Toni Thornton Program awarded two \$1000 scholarships.

We later received word from the Kansas City Branch that they had decided to donate funds from their Greater Kansas City Community Fund that had not been used for high school scholarships because of difficulties arising from the disruption in face-to-face schooling this year. With their generosity, we were able to award two more scholarships of \$1000 each.

Scholarship winners attend the following colleges:

Kansas City Kansas Community College

Metropolitan Community Colleges (KC)—Blue River campus

Metropolitan Community Colleges (KC)—Maple Woods campus

Park University

University of MO-Kansas City

Again this year, we were unable to hold an in-person event to recognize our scholarship recipients. Instead, we held an online celebration via Zoom. Debra McArthur served as emcee, and Linda Berube of the KC Branch hosted the meeting and handled the technical operation. Our keynote speaker was Joni Wickham of Wickham/James Strategies and Solutions, the author of the book *The Thin Line between Cupcake and Bitch: Taking Action, Driving Change, and Getting Results*. Mr. John Thornton spoke of Toni's dedication to education. Scholarship recipients were introduced and allowed to speak. Attendance for the online event was just over 40, which is comparable to attendance at our brunch event in previous years. The program lasted about 40 minutes.

April 27, 2021 Program and Business Meeting

Kathleen Vest introduced the three High School award students to receive our college scholarship awards to the members.

Faith Scribner, a senior at Van Horn High School, loves art and nursing. She has already received her CNA via Herndon Career Center ahead of time. She will major in BSN and minor in Art History at UMKC.

Katherine "Katie" Ameku is a senior at Truman High School. She is involved in National Honor Society, Spanish Club, captain of volleyball team, STEM Robotics team, and helps with community outreach events. Katie plans to attend Coe College in Cedar Rapids, majoring in physics and pre-engineering. Her goal is to earn a doctorate in the field of robotics or robotics engineering.

Madelyn Stilwell is a senior at William Chrisman High School. She is active in marching and pep band, French Club, and National Honor Society. Madelyn is a competitive ice skater. She is planning on majoring in Bio-Medical Engineering at Wichita State. She likes engineering for the science side more than the math side of engineering.

Kathy reported there were a number of exceptional applicants for the scholarships.

Congratulations to all three ladies!

Sue Shineman introduced the 2020-2021 Woman of Achievement, Gloria Smith. Sue has known Gloria for the last twenty years. Gloria has been an active member in the community...Jackson County Historical Society, serving as president; Junior Service League; The Sustainer Group; the Independence Daughter of the American Revolution; the City Beautification program; Friends of the Truman Depot; Restoring Lady Liberty; the Nelson-Atkins Museum; PTA, and Boy Scouts of America. She is a planner extraordinaire! Gloria's favorite thing is giving historical tours of Independence and sharing the history of Independence. Each year she makes time to adopt a family for Christmas. She likes to travel and has vacationed in almost all fifty states. She also like to garden and has a beautiful yard, with the help of her husband. When she was working, she was a paralegal in between having her children. Gloria shared with us that volunteering never felt like work and she always received more that she gave. We honor her as the 2021 Woman of Achievement from the Independence branch of AAUW.

Jolene thanked Kathy Vest and the members who reviewed high school scholarship applications as well as the Woman of Achievement chair, Joyce Gillespie, and Sue Raymond and Sue Shineman for a job well done.

President, Jolene Cerveny called the April meeting of AAUW to order.

Old Business: With no corrections or additions, the minutes of the March meeting printed in March newsletter stand approved as published.

Kathy Keeton- VP, Program our May 8th program will be installation of new officers at 9:30 via Zoom. Social time is at 9:00 a.m. Bring your favorite picture of your Mother and something about her to share with others, since it is Mother's Day weekend.

Sue Raymond-Membership, there are so many members here tonight at the meeting. She hoped we enjoyed reading summaries of what members were doing.

April 27, 2021 Program and Business Meeting (continued)

Lois Domsch-Financial Committee: Lois reminded members that dues could be paid via the AAUW invoice on-line or by mailing \$88 to her. She reported that fifteen had already paid their dues. She reported that Patt Braley, she and her husband had met with Amy Knipp to discuss financial arrangements and the organization. With that research, the committee presented the follow motion: The finance committee moves that AAUW Independence convert its “temporarily restricted” account with the ISDF to an endowment, supplementing our existing account of \$16,300 to bring it up to \$20,000. She noted that by having the endowment, AAUW would anticipate 5% or \$1,000 return each year to put towards scholarships or other projects as seen fit. The organization would then add to that amount to support scholarships giving the example that generally AAUW provides \$1,500 in scholarships each year. The organization could also add funds directly to the endowment. She reported that Independence uses a female-owned financial company to guild their investments. By October 1st each year, AAUW will report to the ISDF the plan for spending. Sue Shineman was able to generate a pop-up on Zoom for members to vote YES or NO during the meeting. An electronic vote yielded a unanimous approval of the motion, 21-0.

Nancy Comtois- Corresponding Secretary. She sent a “Thinking of You” card to Carolyn Weeks.

Sue Shineman-Bylaws/Parliamentarian. National vote ends on May 17th. Please vote if you have not yet. Cast your vote on elimination of the degree requirements for AAUW membership, and the change of verbiage in the Public Policy priorities to be Inclusion and Diversity.

AAUW BOOK GROUP: Jolene reported that the group would meet at Jane Campbell’s to discuss the book Caste by Isabel Wilkerson in May. The discussion will be led by Sue Raymond. In June, the book will be The Long Way Home: A Better Life. Author, Connie Roman, will be the guest of the book club.

Jolene Cerveny-Fund Raising. Members Market made \$80 from the results of that market. Our Flower Power flowers and herbs should be shipped within 3-5 business days. If you purchased plants, Jolene will let you know when to pick up at her house. Lois added that this year so far, we have made \$2,100 in fund raising alone.

Kathy Vest- Re-entry/KC-IBC. Kathy reported there were 18 applications this year. Eight scholarships were awarded. The report from Debra McArthur is included in this newsletter. Kathy noted she is stepping down from the Re-Entry role but will continue working with Student Awards (high school scholarships). Reviewing the re-entry program, it was noted that the speaker was Joni Wickham, author of The Thin Line Between Cupcake and Bitch: Taking Action, Driving Change, Getting Results. It was suggested that this book would be a good one for the Book Club to read, as well as the author would be a great speaker for a future meeting.

Meeting adjourned,

Jeanne Schneider

Recording Secretary