

AAUW – Morgan Hill Board Meeting Minutes
March 5, 2009 CRC Meeting Room 2

Present: Margo Hinnenkamp, Ellen Freitas, Carol O'Hare, Joan Ensign, Yvonne Duckett, Barbara Palmer, Judy Kinker, Cathy Razumich, Beth Wyman, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Elizabeth Mandel, Mary Hellman, Jean Pinard, Margaret McCann and Sharyn Frentner.

Call to Order: 7:07 pm by Margo. A quorum of members was present.

Approval of Minutes: February minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ellen presented the latest financial statement. Tech Trek monies are not included in the branch operating funds report but are held in the ISPF account.

Membership: Elizabeth announced that two new members have joined, with now an official total of 136. The New Member Wine and Whine will be March 18. She will discuss appropriate appetizers with Rosy.

Programs: Carol reported that the **February** program with the Silicon Valley Reads author Brian Copeland was a big success, with a standing-room-only crowd of about 215. The March Women's History Month program is **March 14** at the library with Matilda Butler and Kendra Bonnett, authors of *Rosie's Daughters*. Carol has sent out publicity and Joan is distributing flyers at chamber events. Set-up will start at 1 pm (Carol, Betsy Ding and Sharyn). There is still nothing definite about an additional **April** program with Congressman Jerry McNerney. Beth will follow-up with Anne. For the **May** brunch, Margo will check the calendar at the MH House and follow-up with Jennifer Tate.

Wildflower Run: Yvonne gave kudos to the hard working run committee and said that the sponsor committee has been "awesome." She, along with other committee members, modeled the new 2009 run tee shirt, an eye-catching lime green with logos of major sponsors on the back. Even Carol had to admit that the logos didn't look too bad! Run registration forms and posters are the same color as the shirts.

Susan Brazelton will be the official photographer and will sell runner photos on her own website and give 10% to the branch. An added attraction this year is a balloon arch that will be located near the end of the races. Everything seems to be on track.

Joan reported that sponsors have donated \$7350 with a total of \$9450 promised. The committee is very optimistic that it will reach its goal of \$10,000. Major sponsors (\$1000) include repeats Anaerobe Systems and Pinnacle Bank, and new this year Fry's, American Institute of Mathematics and Sprint. Jamba Juice and the Morgan Hill Times are major in-kind sponsors. Margo will help Joan hang banners and signs before the run.

Mary said that there will be between 7 and 12 booths related to health, fitness and nutrition. These will be located on the grassy area near the end of the run close to Jamba Juice.

Since someone is needed to coordinate the Tech Trek girls and scholarship winners at the run, it was decided to have them to check in where volunteer tee shirts are distributed outside of the snack shack. Susan volunteered to take over responsibility for the tee shirts and for greeting the girls and directing them to the appropriate place. What they are to do at the run is still being worked out, such as help at 2K, face painting, hand out ribbons to finishers.

Local Scholarships: Jean reported that applications for high school scholarships are due March 9 and interviews will take place mid-March. She asked for clarification about scholarships for girls in private schools. AAUW promotes public education, but any specific policy regarding this was not known, so it was decided to make a branch policy. Carol moved (Susan seconded) that the Morgan Hill Branch limit its local high school and middle school scholarships to girls in the Morgan Hill Unified public schools if this policy does not conflict with national or state AAUW policy. This motion was passed unanimously.

Tech Trek: Mary has received 30-35 applications from 3 middle schools for 6-7 girls to attend camp at Stanford July 12-18. Although she has sufficient help for the selection process, she needs volunteers for several other jobs: Help with pizza party and IBC orientation; prepare goodie bags for campers; attend camp as dorm mom, health aid or visitor; prepare publicity article and photo; search out former campers for Tech Trek reunion.

Before deciding to share the **Cochrane Storage** Unit with the Friends of the Library, Elizabeth will send an email asking members if they have space for materials that have been stored at Peter Anderson's company. Carol will ask the Friends how much they would want to charge.

Nominating Committee: Ellen announced the final slate of officers for 2009-2010, which was met with great approval by the board: President, Elizabeth Mandel; President Elect, Donna Weisblatt; Treasurer, Ellen Freitas; Secretary, Mary Cox; Program co-vps, Peggy Thompson and Marianne Knight; Membership co-vps, Peggy Pinarbasi and Sandra Lim.

Interbranch Council training takes place March 28 at San Jose Branch headquarters. Topics to be covered are Membership, Newsletter and Web Manager. Margo will contact new officers to see if they can attend.

President Elect Job Description: In order to facilitate the election of the 2009-2010 President Elect, a change in job description was needed. Cathy moved (second by Susan) that the job description read: "To qualify for this position, the President Elect must have served as a board member at some time or have had comparable leadership experience."

Relay for Life: Although we support the cause, it was decided that participating in this event conflicts with our own Wildflower Run fundraising activities.

Granary Meeting Room: Beth has learned that the upstairs room at the Granary is available for non-profit groups to use free of charge. Margo or Bobbi will follow-up with Lesley Miles to see about using the space for board meetings next year.

GEMS: Susan reported that nearly a dozen girls attended Lesley Miles' "green" talk last month. On March 29 the girls will be volunteers at Math Mardi Gras; Donna Dicker is coordinating.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, Secretary