

Present: Bobbi Graham, Margo Hinnenkamp, Ellen Freitas, Carol O'Hare, Betsy Ding, Maria Schalk, Joan Ensign, Yvonne Duckett, Stacy Forgy, Barbara Palmer, Cathy Razumich, Beth Wyman, Anne Rosenzweig, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Elizabeth Mandel and Sharyn Frenter.

Call to Order: 7:04 pm by Margo and Bobbi. A quorum of members was present.

Approval of Minutes: January minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ellen presented the latest financial statement. Peggy Martin has agreed to review the branch financial records for the past two years.

Membership: Elizabeth has set the New Member Wine and Whine for March 18.

Programs: February 12 is the Silicon Valley Reads author, Brian Copeland, at the Playhouse, co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Carol is in charge. There will be a table to display branch materials. The March Women's History Month program is March 14 with Matilda Butler and Kendra Bonnett, authors of *Rosie's Daughters*. They will sell their book for \$20 and give \$5 to EF. It will take place at the library. Carol will submit the application to the library and help with publicity. Anne reported that she is still in touch with Jerry McNerney's office for a possible April meeting. Lesley Miles has offered to do a "green" program during April and will be contacted if McNerney is not available..

Wildflower Run: Yvonne reported that sponsors have donated \$2350. Only 16 (out of 137) members have donated, a total of \$2060. She is expecting 100% of the board to make a contribution, and two members immediately responded with checks. So far, 4 people have registered on Active.com. The printing of posters and flyers is waiting for final commitment of major sponsors. The Run will be listed in various event calendars. An article, written by Peggy Thompson, appeared in the Feb-Mar issue of Country News. Ellen is looking for someone to take over responsibility for volunteer tee shirts, as she will be working registration with Cathy.

Barbara is expecting a \$1000 check from Anaerobe Systems. She has applied for an AT&T grant for \$1600 to cover the cost of two Tech Trek campers. Member Pat Toombs is the contact with AT&T. A grant application has also been submitted to the Pauchon Research Foundation for \$800. (Marilyn Librers is executive director.)

Joan reported that Sports Basement will again provide goodie bags and \$250 in gift certificates and merchandise. Cliff Bar will donate 900 Luna mini bars for the goodie bags. IDI may have a booth. AIM has agreed to make a donation, as has Gilroy Honda, Pinnacle Bank and HC Properties

Nominating Committee report was given by Ellen for the committee, composed of Ellen, Cathy, Gisela Steffe and Sandy Clark. They had been unable to find a candidate for president,

so Elizabeth offered to take the position (to a big round of applause!), instead of continuing as Membership VP. Other positions for 2008-2009 are: Secretary, Mary Cox; Treasurer, Ellen Freitas (who will mentor Jan Conrey to take over the following year); Program, Marianne Knight and Peggy Thompson. Donna Weisblatt is interested in the position of President-Elect but has not yet confirmed. Membership is still to be filled. Job descriptions will be given to potential new board members.

Interbranch Council will have workshops for branch members on March 28, at San Jose Branch headquarters. Topics to be covered are Membership, Newsletter and Web Manager.

Website: Members are encouraged to check out the newly re-designed website created by Emily Shem-Tov.

Interest Groups

- Marianne Knight is starting a group that will visit art museums. The first meeting will tour the Los Gatos museum
- Maria is looking for someone to help coordinate the movie group and to take over when she is out of town. It was suggested that a different member be responsible each month.

Reports and Announcements:

- Summer Barbecue is August 1 at the home of Mary and Mike Cox.
- City of Morgan Hill will begin charging \$15 for use of rooms at the CRC July 1.
- Math Mardi Gras is March 29
- Spring Installation Brunch possible dates are May 16-17 or 30-31 at the Morgan Hill House.
- AAUW members and spouses helped the Historical Society with rose pruning at Villa Mira Monte. Articles about AAUW activities appeared in the MHHS January newsletter.
- Chamber Mini-Trade show is February 12 at Coyote Creek. Elizabeth and Mary are in charge of decorating and setting up tables for AAUW.
- Diane Ritchie, speaker at the January program, has her investiture as a judge Feb. 19 in San Jose.
- Anne encouraged members to read AAUW Mission and Action, especially the article
 about Lucy Ledbetter and the Pay Equity Bill. She will write an article about pay
 equity for April newsletter. She also reported on the International Federation of
 University Women and their online discussion group. She will inform the branch
 about this organization in the March newsletter.
- **GEMS** report by Susan: Feb 11 program, Green Architecture with Lesley Miles; April, maybe chemistry of chocolate; May, Computer History Museum.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, Secretary