



AAUW – Morgan Hill Board Meeting Minutes
Weston-Miles Granary Meeting Room
September 3, 2009

Present: Elizabeth Mandel, Donna Weisblatt, Peggy Thompson, Judy Savastano, Anne Rosenzweig, Beth Wyman, Karen Anderson, Joan Ensign, Gretchen Merrick, Peggy Pinarbasi, Janet McElroy, Carol O'Hare, Sandra Lim, Marianne Knight, Betsy Ding, Judy Kinker, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Ellen Freitas, Stacy Forgy, Yvonne Duckett, Mary Cox.

Call to Order: 7:10 by President, Elizabeth Mandel. Board members present constituted a quorum. Elizabeth welcomed all board members. She announced that the branch had received thank you letters from Sobrato and Central High School and Gavillan Community College scholarship recipients. Letters were shared with the members.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 13, 2009 Board Retreat were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Ellen Frietas gave the Treasurer's report covering the past two months ending 8-31-09. The proposed vs. actual budget items were reviewed with notations that the budget is based on 140 members, 100 who have paid dues. Marketing has utilized half of their budget to date, but that is typical and includes events such as the July 4 parade and Taste of Morgan Hill. Officer signatures on our branch checking accounts (operating and Wildflower) have been updated. In the process, Chase is requiring us to close the old Wamu operating account and open a new Chase operating account. Our Savings account was closed in July, with its balance used to open the new operating account. The old Wamu account will be closed when all checks drawn on it have cleared. "A question was raised whether the branch must have a savings account. Policies and Procedures indicate branch checking and savings accounts" but it was suggested it may be better to place savings funds in a CD when interest rates go up. Jan Conrey will not be able to work with Ellen this year or move into the treasurer position next year due to relocating to Princeton for several months with her husband. Peggy Martin will review our budget records this year. A motion was made and seconded for board approval of the budget. The 2009-2010 budget will be presented for approval at the September Membership Brunch.

Programs: Marianne Knight presented a great schedule of programs for the year including a handout listing each event, date/time and location. Events included the Fall Membership Brunch, Silicon Valley Reads (speaker to be announced), Wildflower Run, Spring Brunch/New Officer Installation and Summer BBQ. The AAUW Speaker series will be held at Villa Mira Monte with very interesting speakers and topics and will include a coffee and dessert reception after each. The theme of the speaker series is "Writing Women Back into History". A November Neighborhood Luncheon (instead of dinner) will be held at the Maurizio's new pizzeria in the Granary with AAUW member and Granary co-owner Leslie Miles speaking on the topic of sustainable architecture. This should be of great interest since Leslie will be able to point out examples right there in the restaurant and the Granary! Stacy Forgey is coordinating the details of the luncheon; the cost will be \$28.00 per person. The holiday party has been set for a Sunday

evening at the new D'Vine Jazz and Wine establishment and will include pairing chocolates and desserts with wine, coffee and teas. New this year will be a special wildflower walk (limited to 30 members) with naturalist Lucy Henderson on the private ranch of AAUW member Peggy Thompson. Marianne has established communications with speakers and event planning on AAUW stationary in order to present branch professionalism.

Membership: Peggy Pinarbasi reported there were 109 members who have paid. Some yet have to be renewed. July 31 is the deadline for membership renewal, but this usually extended to October. Sandra Lim updated the board on the September 13 Fall Membership Brunch. To date there have only been 10 RSVPs. This appears to be typical and requires reminders to be sent to the membership; Karen Anderson will send out reminders. Flyers have been posted in various public places in Morgan Hill advertising new or interested members are welcome. The presentation of Interest Groups will be handled differently this year. Each Interest Group Chair will be seated at a table, and members can rotate to each table for information or to sign up.

By-laws: Judy Kinker deferred her report until a more thorough review of changes could be done.

OLD BUSINESS

E-Newsletter and Directory: Elizabeth Mandel sent an email to the membership describing how to access the monthly newsletter on the AAUW branch web site. Some members responded that they could not open it or read the newsletter which turned out to be due to the version of Adobe Acrobat reader on their computer. Additional directions and help will be provided. A condensed on line membership phone directory will also be provided so members can print as needed.

Advertising: Joan Ensign reported they were going to meet budget projections for advertising in the newsletter and directory. She has already received \$800 and \$375 was coming in. There is a new feature this year for newsletter and directory advertisers where readers can click on the ad and be linked to the advertiser's web site.

Gavillan Computer Project: Elizabeth Mandel reported for Donna Dicker regarding the possibility of providing used computers to Gavillan Community College students. Donna researched the need and scope. It was determined to be too large of a project at this time.

NEW BUSINESS

Taste of Morgan Hill: The annual Taste of Morgan Hill is set for September 26 and 27. Gretchen Merrick passed around a sign-up sheet for all board members to cover a two hour time slot in the AAUW information and membership recruitment booth. Barbara Palmer will provide AAUW t-shirts for all who staff the booth and Peggy Pinarbasi will provide brochures and membership information to give out. The AAUW Wildflower Run quilt will be displayed.

Public Policy: Anne Rosenzweig reported that Don Gage's County Supervisor seat will be vacant this year. There are four known candidates running. She will let the board know as soon as the candidate's forum is set.

Entertainment Books: Karen Anderson announced that four Entertainment books had been sold (\$30 each) with 11 more to sell. The branch makes \$5.00 from each book and puts the money aside to help members who may need temporary assistance to

maintain their membership dues. There was discussion describing various situations of membership assistance and it was decided that it needed to be decided on a case by case basis. The Membership chairperson does make inquiries of those who do not renew and would be able to discretely assist with determining need.

Wal Mart Grant: Joan Ensign reported she was contacted by the Chamber of Commerce regarding applying for a grant being awarded by the new Wal Mart to those who are recognized for community involvement and helping others. Grants range from \$1,000 to \$5,000 and will be presented at the grand opening of the new Wal Mart store on Cochran Road on September 16. Joan and Elizabeth will attend the opening.

Community Volunteer Recognition: Elizabeth Mandel described the Morgan Hill awards for volunteer community support and philanthropy. This year's awards luncheon is November 10. She reminded everyone to submit nominations. In past years our AAUW branch has honored Bob Blaine, Barbara Palmer and Joan Ensign.

Volunteer Day Email: Elizabeth Mandel presented a request to approve distribution of two emails to the membership informing members about "Volunteer Day" and a request from Elena Anderson (AAUW member) to publicize collecting crutches for those in need in South America. The requests met branch criteria for email distribution and were approved by the board.

COMMITTEES:

Leadership: Joan Ensign covered getting new members involved early and for board members to network with new members to keep them interested.

Interest Groups: Peggy Thompson reported that the new Golf groups were getting together and that the Food, Friends and Fun group was in need of a new chairperson. She reminded everyone again that the deadline for interest group information updates in the newsletter was the 10th of the month preceding publication.

Wildflower Run: Yvonne Duckett said the committee was soon getting underway to plan the 2010 Wildflower Run. The date will be March 28, 2010. There are three committed job openings: Informational flyer distribution (on a date prior to run), table and water movers (on day of run), and the food table (formerly Sandy Clark's position). Please let her know if you or you know of anyone interested in taking on these jobs; they are not difficult.

Tech Trek: Susan Oldham-Fritts reported on the summer Tech Trek camp and that the past camp DVD was shown to the girls. There is an you tube link on the website; the girls helped with the presentations. Mary Hellman has contacted the local schools to provide information on the application process.

GEMS: There was a meeting of the new Tech Trek girls and GEMS alumni at Jamba Juice. The Jamba Juice event introduced the concept of big sister-little sister. We are not at the point of matching the girls up. We're working on getting the older ones interacting with the younger ones, which was successful. The first activity on this year's agenda is the Redwood City Canada Community College program which encourages women to strive for higher education. The rocket launch they are all interested in has been moved; date to be determined. October is National Chemistry month and a visit to the Tech Museum of Innovation is scheduled for November. Future speakers include a representative from NASA and Peter Anderson, local geologist. The group has found monthly meetings are better than quarterly.

Email Distribution prior to Meeting:

June 2009 Board Retreat Minutes
September 3 Agenda
2009- 2010 Budget

Meeting Handouts:

2009-2010 Programs Schedule

Motions Passed:

Budget approved.
Volunteer Day email distribution to membership

Follow-up	Action	By	Date
Programs	Women's history month speaker	Marianne Knight	Prior to March
Bylaws	Review new bylaws changed	Judy Kinker	October board mtg