



AAUW – Morgan Hill Board Meeting Minutes  
Weston-Miles Granary Meeting Room  
January 7, 2010

**Present:** Elizabeth Mandel, Ellen Freitas, Carol O'Hare, Yvonne Duckett, Sandra Lim, Anne Rosenzweig, Peggy Thompson, Peggy Martin, Peggy Pinarbasi, Judy Kinker, Joanne Rife, Janet McElroy, Joan Ensign, Judy Savastano, Betsy Ding, Mary Cox

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by President, Elizabeth Mandel. Board members present constituted a quorum.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the December 4, 2009 meeting were approved with corrections.

## REPORTS

**Treasurer:** Ellen Freitas introduced Peggy Martin who will be helping Ellen with treasury duties for the remainder of the year. A motion was made, seconded and passed to add Peggy Martin as the Assistant Treasurer and as a signatory on the branch operating funds account. Ellen gave the Treasurer's report covering July 1, 2009 thru January 4, 2010. All expense categories are well within balance. The report was accepted.

**Programs:** Elizabeth Mandel reported that the Holiday Party at the DeVine Wine Bar was a great success and raised \$720 in donations for the Learning and Loving Center.

The January Speaker Series Program is set with Dr. Ellen Jo Baron, Director of Microbiology, Stanford University as the speaker. Elizabeth reminded everyone not to park in the church parking lot next door, carpooling recommended.

The AAUW February 27 Program will be at the Morgan Hill Library in conjunction with the Silicon Valley Reads theme of sustainable food. Novella Carpenter who wrote "Farm City: The Education of an Urban Farmer" will be the presenter for Silicon Valley Reads in Morgan Hill. AAUW will help by providing some refreshments (such as cookies); it is estimated there will be 100 attendees. Michael Pollan will speak in Campbell on his book, "In Defense of Food", selected for this year's Silicon Valley Reads program on January 27.

**Membership:** Peggy Pinarbasi reported that membership is now at 142 paid members, with three new members since our last meeting.

## OLD BUSINESS

**Calendar Status:** Cathy Razumich is updating the branch calendar on the web site. She is looking at what we can enhance with 'Google calendar'.

**Technology Survey, Additional Feedback:** Elizabeth Mandel reported that a technology survey form was mailed to members who did not attend the Neighborhood Dinner where it was originally handed out. From the results, there were some members who want their newsletter mailed. Elizabeth provided the names to Yvonne Duckett; Peggy Pinarbasi will provide mailing labels and mail the newsletters. Board members were also reminded to let Emily Shem Tov

know if there were any changes required to the web site (in their area of responsibility) or if a link was not working.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**IBC Meeting:** On February 6, the Santa Clara County Interbranch Council (IBC) is sponsoring a presentation by Charlotte Newhart, a Sacramento lobbyist who advocates for AAUW. Her topic "Public Input - Better Output: Legislation You Can Support for CA Women and Families" will cover what it takes to get a bill thru the system and what the average person can do to support bills. She is known as an excellent speaker who injects humor into her talks. It was recommended that members, who wanted to attend, carpool and have lunch together afterward. Peggy Pinarbasi will take some of our brochures to display for other branches.

**Bylaws:** Judy Kinker reported on imminent mandated and optional bylaws changes. Sandy Kirkpatrick, our representative on the State Bylaws Committee, has been very helpful with the branch's changes to our bylaws. The Morgan Hill AAUW Bylaws Committee met January 6, reviewed Sandy's input, and made Sandy's suggested changes. These bylaws amendments will trigger some changes in our Policies and Procedures. The optional changes specific to our branch will require approval by the membership. This approval will happen via an email vote at our "annual meeting", which email will also include a vote on our slate of officers for 2010-2011. The Bylaws Committee has posted the proposed bylaws on our website, as well as a description of the changes being proposed. Members will be directed to review the proposed bylaws on our website, and an article in the March Wildflower will describe the changes and refer "hard copy" newsletter recipients to phone Judy Kinker with questions.

**Puzzle Day:** Carol O'Hare reminded everyone about the upcoming Morgan Hill Puzzle Day, put on by the Morgan Hill Library Foundation (formerly presented by Friends of the Library). Any members who could help with the event would be appreciated. A motion was presented, seconded, discussed and passed to provide ongoing support for the Silicon Valley Puzzle Day that is put on by the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, including email and newsletter notifications to branch members informing them of the event and requesting volunteers to help.

## **COMMITTEES**

**Wildflower Run:** Yvonne Duckett gave an update of the Wildflower Run activities. All members are encouraged to donate to the Wildflower Run, as it is our primary fundraiser (give checks to Yvonne). Their next meeting is Tuesday, January 12, 7:00 pm at Margaret McCann's home.

### **GEMS:**

Susan Oldam-Fritts reported via email that the next scheduled trip for GEMS is the visit to AAUW-MH member, Dr. Lauren Jenkins' genetics laboratory for a tour and hands-on testing Saturday, January 23.

### **Tech Trek:**

Mary Hellman reported via email that they had a committee meeting and roles are being developed for members. Also, schools/teachers will be notified this month with detailed information on how to nominate a girl for a scholarship to Tech Trek camp. The committee will follow up in February to begin the application, essay, and interview process.

## **OTHER BUSINESS:**

**California LAF:** Joanne Rife reminded board members of the California AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Luncheon to be held in Danville on January 30. Cost is \$30, RSVP by

January 18<sup>th</sup>, car pools can be arranged. The speaker is a current LAF plaintiff who will talk about her experiences.

**Great Decisions:** Joanne Rife reported on the Great Decisions discussion group that begins in February and meets at 6:30 pm in the Morgan Hill Library. The group meets monthly (except no meetings in July or August). It is open to the public and provides timely and interesting topics for discussion or debate. The format is provided by reading a brief article covering the topic before the meeting and then watching a video at the meeting followed by group discussion. Past topics have included several foreign policy issues, energy, population and many other interesting issues. The cost is \$22 per person for the cost of the booklet.

**Interest Groups:** Janet McElroy updated the board on a few of the Interest Groups. The Biking Group meets every Monday at the Coyote Creek Bike Path. The Movie Group is in need of a new coordinator; Janet McElroy volunteered to organize the outings. Food, Friends and Fun is also in need of a new coordinator; a couple different formats have been suggested. The Golf Group currently has five members, but it has been difficult to get out due to bad weather.

**State Convention:** Judy Kinker reminded board members to look at the schedule for the State Board Convention in April in San Ramon. Room rates have been set at \$100 per night.

**Chamber Luncheon:** Joan Ensign and Mary Hellman will attend the next Chamber Luncheon to give out AAUW Wildflower Run t-shirts to help with publicity of the event. Others are welcome to attend. The speaker is Pat Rogus, "Creating a Passionate Life". RSVP by Friday, cost is \$25.

**Wine & Whine:** Board members are asked to attend the February 17<sup>th</sup> Wine and Whine as it is the New Members event. Wear your name badge.

**Commendation:** Joan Ensign was commended by the United States Tennis Association (USTA) as the Los Gatos league Captain of the Year. The award will be presented January 30 during a formal affair at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco.

The meeting concluded at 8:30. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2010.

**Email Distribution prior to Meeting:**

1. January Agenda & December Minutes
2. Budget, Account balances ending 1-04-10

**Meeting Handouts:**

None

**Motions Passed:**

1. Peggy Martin appointed as Assistant Treasurer and as a signatory on the branch operating funds account.
2. The AAUW Morgan Hill branch will provide on-going support for Silicon Valley Puzzle Day put on by the Morgan Hill Library Foundation, including email and newsletter notifications to branch members informing them of the event and requesting volunteers to help.

Follow-up:	Action:	By:	Due Date:
None for Feb.			