



AAUW – Morgan Hill Board Meeting Minutes
Weston-Miles Granary Meeting Room
February 4, 2010

Present: Elizabeth Mandel, Jean Pinnard, Karen Anderson, Beth Wyman, Marianne Knight, Susan Oldam-Fritts, Ellen Freitas, Carol O'Hare, Yvonne Duckett, Anne Rosenzweig, Peggy Thompson, Peggy Martin, Peggy Pinarbasi, Judy Kinker, Joan Ensign, Betsy Ding, Mary Cox

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President, Elizabeth Mandel. Board members present constituted a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the January 7, 2010 meeting were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Ellen Freitas presented the current financial report July 1, 2009 thru January 31, 2010. The report was accepted. Karen A asked about continuing the sale of Entertainment Books to fund member dues assistance. In 2009 26 books were sold with a net profit of \$138. One member has received assistance this year. After discussion, it was moved and seconded to discontinue sales of Entertainment Books and add a line to the membership renewal form so that members could make a donation to the dues assistance fund. Motion passed.

Programs: Marianne Knight reported that the January program with Dr. Ellen Jo Baron was very successful with about 50 members and guests attending. She gave the speaker a gift card to Barnes and Noble as a thank you.

The program for March, Women's History Month, is Dr. Kurt Beyer, the author of "Grace Hopper and the Invention of the Information Age". It will be March 17 at the Morgan Hill House at Villa Mira Monte. Dr. Beyer will forgo an honorarium but will be selling and signing copies of his book. Marianne is hoping for attendance of 75-100, so extensive publicity is needed to get the word out about the program. She will develop a flyer for posting and distribution. Elizabeth will get it approved for distribution to public schools.

Carol O'Hare spoke about the AAUW February 27 Program which will be at the Morgan Hill Library. 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 provide some refreshments; vegetable plates were recommended to go along with the theme. It is estimated there will be 100 attendees. Carol is preparing publicity, including the Granada Theater marquee.

Membership: Peggy Pinarbasi reported that membership is now at 143 paid members (one additional from last month). For members joining after March 15, national dues will be reduced in half. February 17 is set for the "New Members Welcome" at Rosy's. Board members were encouraged to attend. Door prizes such as gift cards and Wildflower Run t-shirts will be given out.

Wildflower Run: Yvonne Duckett gave update. She again encouraged all board members to donate. Registration for the run/walk is available at www.active.com, including a link on the AAUW branch web site. Joan Ensign reported there were 18 paid sponsors, several that are new and some resulting in 'in-kind' or matching funds. Donations are higher this year than at

the same time last year. Information has been sent to other AAUW branches to include in their newsletters.

GEMS: Susan Oldam-Fritts reported on the visit to Dr. Lauren Jenkins' Cytogenetic laboratory. Thirteen girls and six adults attended. It was a very interesting trip; the girls were engaged in the activity and had questions on how to enter the field. Three GEMS were able to help on Puzzle Day. The February activity (DeAnza Planetarium) was canceled, and will be rescheduled for a later date. In March the girls will help with the Wildflower Run. In April they will tour Anaerobe Systems. In May, Dr. Peter Anderson will present a geological talk. In June, they will meet with the new GEMS/Tech Trek girls.

OLD BUSINESS

Nominating Committee: Peggy Thompson reported that the nominating committee (Peggy Thompson, Elizabeth Mandel, Donna Dicker, and Patricia Kindred) met on January 24. The 2010-2011 proposed slate of offers is:

President: Elizabeth Mandel

President Elect: vacant

Co-Vice Presidents-Program: Betsy Ding and Peggy Thompson

Co-Vice Presidents-Membership: Peggy Pinarbasi, Patricia Kindred

Treasurer: Peggy Martin

Secretary: Patty Crone

An on-line vote will take place in April. A board motion was made and seconded to approve the 2010-2011 slate of officers and to present it to the membership for a vote. The motion passed.

Bylaws Update: Judy Kinker discussed and provided a handout on the proposed optional amendments to the AAUW-MH branch bylaws. After adoption of mandatory national bylaws changes, the state and local branches received a list of optional changes. Our AAUW-MH Bylaws committee reviewed the optional changes and thought they looked good. The limit of a 2 year term limit for board members was discussed with a recommendation that the committee assess whether to make changes to allow a maximum of a 3 year term, especially for the treasurer. Judy has submitted the handout for web site posting and will include it for a membership vote along with new officers.

NEW BUSINESS

EF Honorees: Judy Kinker reported for Jane Blisset. Since the Education Fund (EF) name changed to AAUW Funds, the branch has unofficially changed the name of the EF Honoree to the AAUW Honoree. Criteria for nominating an honoree have been based on outstanding educational aspect. With the name change, does that open up the nominations to criteria other than education? The assessment was that as a member of AAUW, each member was inherently performing service for education.

LAF Luncheon Report: Judy Kinker reported for Joanne Rife who attended the recent Legal Action Fund meeting in Danville. The luncheon speaker described her ordeal of discrimination after reporting inappropriate actions of a colleague. Michelle J. Henley (MJH) was a member of the faculty of Feather River Community College (FRCC) and director of the Upward Bound/Talent Search (UB) program there, reporting to the vice-president of student services. The Upward Bound program was a six week summer program for low income, under achieving, sometimes abused, vulnerable high school students. During the program, a member of the FRCC faculty and teacher in the UB program arrived at the student dorm drunk. MJH received a phone call at 2:30 am from the dorm resident assistants (RAs) regarding inappropriate transgressions (supplying alcohol, fondling) and that the man left with two girls. She immediately called her boss and the two of them followed thru by finding the girls and reporting the incident to the college. As a result, the girls were dismissed from the program, the RAs were fired, but nothing was done about the drunken FRCC faculty member. It turned out that he

was the son of an emeritus professor who was on the Board of Trustees, and she was told not to discuss or report the incident further. MJH and her boss did report the incident. Subsequently her boss was banned from campus and she became very isolated by colleagues. She and her family were harassed by others in the small town, her marriage broke up, and she received death threats. She went thru many months of investigation and finally filed a law suit. Initially she, her boss and another fired coach won the case and was awarded re-instatement and back pay. But the California State Personnel Board rejected the decision and a trial is set. She has been emotionally and financially devastated by the actions. She said that AAUW supporting her with funds and with post cards of encouragement kept her going. Judy said that to hear the full story in person is unbelievably compelling (there is much more than what Judy could describe in the meeting). Judy will see if a link to the U-Tube video could be put on our web site.

IBC: Anne Rosenzweig discussed the upcoming IBC meeting in Camden on Saturday. Charlotte Newhart, Sacramento lobbyist who advocates for AAUW, will be the speaker. Carpools and lunch after the meeting are being arranged. The meeting will include coffee and socializing, branches are invited to bring and share information, branch reports are given and bylaws changes are discussed. The movie "Autumn Wind" will be shown at the next meeting on March 13.

Downtown Association: Carol O'Hare discussed the advantages for the branch to become a member of the Morgan Hill Downtown Association of Businesses and Interested Groups. Membership cost is \$35 per year and includes ability to advertise events on the Granada Theater Marquee, a quarterly newsletter, participation in the Downtown Wine Walk and other publicity options. A motion was made and seconded that AAUW-MH branch join the MH Downtown Association for 1 year and to assess the benefits in the fall. The motion passed.

County Supervisor forum: Carol O'Hare said that AAUW was asked to support for the upcoming County Supervisor's Forum. Discussion included that AAUW has always supported a Candidates Forum. The Supervisor's Forum will be held May 4 at the Community Playhouse and is being led by Marty Cheek and the local Toastmaster's Group. A motion was made and seconded to support the Toastmaster's County Supervisor's Forum on May 4 and to publicize it in the AAUW-MH newsletter. The motion passed.

Scholarships: Jean Pinard discussed the role of the high school scholarship recipients' role at Wildflower Run. In the past they have been asked to come to the run where they are introduced relative to how the Wildflower Run funds are used. There has not been any defined activity or anything exciting for them to do prior to being introduced. After discussion, it was decided to invite them to the run, arriving before the runner awards are handed out. Someone will be assigned to greet them and take them over to Barbara Palmer where they will be introduced as the Scholarship Award Winners.

Request for Email Distribution: A request was received from a member to publicize the Morgan Hill opening of the new Urgent Care Center. After discussion, it was decided that although the opening was individually supported by many, it was a for-profit organization and was already being well publicized.

COMMITTEES: Discussed under Reports.

OTHER BUSINESS: none

The meeting concluded at 9:10. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 4, 2010.

Email Distribution prior to Meeting:

1. February Agenda, January Minutes
2. Budget, Account balances ending 1-31-10

Meeting Handouts:

- AAUW-MH Nominating Committee Minutes (1-24-10)
- Proposed Optional Amendments to Branch Bylaws (02-2010)

Motions Passed:

1. In lieu of selling of Entertainment Books (discontinue), add a line to membership renewal form for optional donation of \$1.00 for branch membership assistance
2. Approve the slate of 2010-2011 AAUW-MH officers and present to membership for a vote
3. AAUW-MH to join the MH-Downtown Association for one year (\$35) and assess the advantages to continue membership (in Fall)
4. Support the Toastmaster's County Supervisor's Forum on May 4 and to publicize it in the AAUW-MH newsletter

Follow-up:	Action:	By:	Due Date:
MH-Downtown Association	Assess membership advantages, continue membership?	Publicity Chair	November Board Meeting
Board position term limits	Assess 3 year term limits instead of 2 years, especially for treasurer	Bylaws Committee	Before membership vote on Bylaws change