



AAUW – Morgan Hill Board Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2010

Weston-Miles Granary Meeting Room

Present: Elizabeth Mandel, Susan Oldam-Fritts, Carol O'Hare, Yvonne Duckett, Peggy Thompson, Peggy Pinarbasi, Janet McElroy, Judy Kinker, Joan Ensign, Betsy Ding, Judy Savastano, Marianne Knight, Ellen Freitas, and Peggy Martin,

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by President Elizabeth Mandel. A quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 4, 2010 board meeting were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

Programs: Carol O'Hare reported that the February 27 Silicon Valley Reads presentation by Novella Carpenter was a big success with about 100 people filling the library program room. She thanked members for providing healthy refreshments.

The speaker for Women's History Month is Dr. Kurt Beyer, the author of "Grace Hopper and the Invention of the Information Age". The program will be March 17 at the Morgan Hill House at Villa Mira Monte. Marianne Knight reported that 400 people attended Dr Beyer's talk at the Computer History Museum, so she is hopeful that there will be a large turnout for our event. An email will be sent out informing members that they may contact Marianne to get a signed copy of his book even if they cannot attend the event.

The board thanked Carol for the publicity that she has generated for AAUW programs and events.

Membership: Peggy Pinarbasi reported that membership continues at 143 with a couple of prospective members waiting until after March 15, when dues will also cover 2010-2011. The New Members Wine and Whine at Rosy's was attended by about 25 members, including 8 new members.

Wildflower Run: Joan Ensign reported that business sponsor donations now total \$10,000. Yvonne Duckett gave a Run update: Mary Hellman is organizing booths that will be arranged in a larger horseshoe so runners can gather inside, and winners will be given awards there. An email request for door prizes will go out to members in the near future. Member donations are down from last year, when fewer than 30% made a contribution. Yvonne has written a letter requesting donations from members that will be sent out soon, along with an email from Elizabeth. Yvonne will also be seeking more volunteers to work and encouraged everyone to ask friends, family and coworkers to sign-up to run. There are 100 registrations to date, which is about average for this time. Tee shirts will be printed next week. The major change this year is the start and finish of the 5K, so that the end will be back on school property and nearer the booths. Yvonne stated that the whole team is doing a great job.

Treasurer: Ellen Freitas presented the current financial report. Total assets are \$19,547, compared to about \$17,000 at this time last year. She has received state and national membership figures. For all 161 branches in California, membership dropped 3% over last year, however, Morgan Hill increased membership by 5.19%.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Bylaws: Judy Kinker reported that term limits of 3 years for elected officers has been given approval by our state bylaws representative. The membership will vote by email to approve new bylaws at the same time that they are asked to vote for the slate of 2010-11 officers. The email vote request will go out the beginning of April with members asked to respond to Peggy Thompson.

NEW BUSINESS

Women's History Month Display: Elizabeth reported that Gisela Steffe has created a California Woman Suffrage display that can be used for 2 years. It will be on display at South Valley National Bank March 8-19 and at Gavilan College (MH) March 19-31. Elizabeth will send out an email to members informing them about the display.

AAUW-CA Convention: Elizabeth distributed an overview of the convention to be held in San Ramon, April 30-May 2. Six board members are planning to attend. Joan asked the board to encourage other members to participate, as it is a great opportunity to learn about AAUW. Branches have been asked to make a display of branch activities for Connection Corner. Anne Rosenzweig is going to put together one on the Wildflower Run, but needs help. Elizabeth will follow-up on this. Those who plan to attend convention will get together later in the month to discuss workshops, meals and transportation.

OTHER REPORTS

GEMS: Susan Oldam-Fritts has been asked to talk about GEMS at the convention Tech Trek workshop. This month she is encouraging the girls to attend the Grace Hopper program. They will also help at the Wildflower Run. In April they will tour Anaerobe Systems. In May Peter Anderson will give a geology talk. In June they will meet with the new Tech Trek girls. GEMS is listed with the National Girls Collaborative Project, part of Susan's outreach efforts.

Scholarships: Elizabeth reported for Jean Pinard (high schools) and Donna Dicker (Gavilan College). Donna has gotten no feedback from Gavilan regarding scholarship candidates and is searching for a new contact person there. It is unlikely that winners will be selected in time to be presented at the Wildflower Run. There are 12 scholarship applications from Live Oak, but only one from Sobrato. It is unclear why there is such a discrepancy between the 2 high schools. Elizabeth stated that the scholarship applications need to be available on the branch website, so that a student does not have to get a hard copy from the counselor's office.

Tech Trek: Elizabeth reported for Mary Hellman. The selection process is underway with applications received but interviews have not started yet. The TT team refined the application this year to get more information about the importance of math and science to the applicant. The \$2500 donation from Walmart is to be used for something for Tech Trek. Joan will contact Barbara Palmer to see what is needed.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 1, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, Acting Secretary

