



## **AAUW – Morgan Hill Board Meeting Minutes**

April 1, 2010

Weston-Miles Granary Meeting Room

**Present:** Elizabeth Mandel, Susan Oldam-Fritts, Anne Rosenzweig, Carol O'Hare, Yvonne Duckett, Peggy Thompson, Peggy Pinarbasi, Janet McElroy, Patricia Kindred, Joanne Rife, Judy Kinker, Joan Ensign, Betsy Ding, Marianne Knight, Ellen Freitas, Peggy Martin, Mary Cox

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:07 by President Elizabeth Mandel. A quorum was present.

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

### **REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** Ellen Freitas presented the current financial report. Total assets are \$22,045.89. The report was accepted.

**Programs:** Marianne Knight reported the next program event is the May 16 Installation Brunch at Villa Mira Monte. Approximately 60 attended the March AAUW Speaker Series, including some of the Gilroy AAUW members and several community members. Dr. Kurt Beyer gave an interesting talk on his book on Grace Hopper and the Invention of the Information Age. Several books were ordered by members. Villa Mira Monte (Morgan Hill House) turned out to be a good venue for the Speaker Series. It is easy to set up/take down and accommodates low or high attendance without making a low attendance event look that way. AAUW provides weekend docents for the House, and helps with pruning the roses so it is available for use without charge.

**Membership:** Peggy Pinarbasi reported that membership added 2 new members, which brings us up to 145. Three prospective members were recruited at the booth at the Wildflower Run. It was decided to provide more descriptive information in the booth next year. Renewal time is coming up in May. Members will be reminded in the next newsletter. Several raffle prizes were left from the Wildflower Run which will be given out at the Brunch.

**Wildflower Run:** Wow! There were 919 participants. Yvonne Duckett reported the Wildflower Run was the most successful ever. Overall comments were that it was well organized, there were always friendly faces and the Jamba Juice booth was again a hit with the runners. All volunteer positions were filled. Income included approximately \$17,000 from registration and \$12,350 from sponsors. Expenses were the same as last year, about \$9,000. There will be a meeting next month to discuss distribution of the scholarship funds. Yvonne is collecting comments for continual improvement such as need for more powerful speaker system and starting the 5 K Walk at a slightly different time than the 5 K Run. Joan asked everyone to look at the list of sponsors and to thank them.

### **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Convention Display, Details:** Anne Rosenzweig reported on the AAUW Morgan Hill Branch display for the upcoming state convention April 30 – May 2. She is focusing on the Wildflower Run as that is our best feature. She has worked with Sara Dunlap obtaining past pictures. Suggestions were made to include graphs and charts with participation and statistics on

scholarships if there was enough time to gather the information. Judy Kinker has made arrangements for a branch table at the Saturday luncheon. So far 10 branch members have registered.

**Bylaws:** The May Bylaws meeting members will discuss board and non-board elected positions and which/how many need to attend meetings. Treasurer's responsibilities will be rewritten. It was suggested that all job descriptions include a statement that it is the responsibility of the person in the position to fully prepare branch web site information before giving it to the webmaster. Provide any other input regarding Bylaws to Judy Kinker for consideration at the next meeting.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**IBC:** Elizabeth attended the last IBC meeting and reported there was discussion from other branches that they were losing money from sponsorships and couldn't send as many girls to Tech Trek. West Valley College had applications on line; would be beneficial to see their web site. It would be good for the Gilroy branch and the Morgan Hill branches to promote each other's events.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**GEMS:** Susan Oldam-Fritts reported there were 21 girls and 1 boy helping at the Wildflower Run; 11 current GEMS, 6 new Tech Trek campers (now GEMS members), 1 little sister (GEMS in waiting!), 2 friends and 2 former GEMS who are Tech Trek alumni. It worked better this year for them to have more specific jobs. Many had friends in the run. Susan has told the girls how the Wildflower Run exemplifies what our organization is all about. The April event is set for a tour of Anaerobe Systems, and in May there will be a geology talk by Peter Anderson.

**Scholarships:** Elizabeth reported for Donna Dicker (Gavilan College). She was pleased to report there were 2 local Morgan Hill winners for the Gavilan Scholarships.

**Tech Trek:** Collections for items to go in the Tech Trek bags are being accepted.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 6, 2010.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mary Cox, Secretary