



AAUW – Morgan Hill Board Meeting Minutes

May 6, 2010

Weston-Miles Architects, Granary Meeting Room

Present: Elizabeth Mandel, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Carol O'Hare, Yvonne Duckett, Peggy Thompson, Peggy Pinarbasi, Joanne Rife, Joan Ensign, Betsy Ding, Sandra Lim; incoming board members Peggy Martin, Patricia Kindred, Patty Crone; and guests Barbara Palmer and Lori Mains.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Elizabeth Mandel. There were insufficient members present to constitute a quorum.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 2010 board meeting were accepted.

REPORTS

Treasurer: Peggy Martin presented the current financial report for Ellen Freitas. Total assets are \$31,652.17. Approximately \$1000 in Wildflower Run expenses is still outstanding.

Programs: Betsy reported on the Spring Brunch and Installation of Officers to take place on Sunday, May 15, 11:00 am at the Morgan Hill House. Barbara has agreed to do the installation. Scholarship winners will be invited to attend. Deadline for RSVP is May 10. Marianne Knight will do decorations. Elizabeth will clarify who is in charge of the program.

Elizabeth has scheduled the board retreat for Sat, June 12 at the Granary, starting at 10 am. Each attendee will bring her own lunch, with dessert provided. Betsy will arrange for coffee and Peggy T will clean up.

Membership: Peggy P reported that membership is now 147. Renewal notices went out with the May newsletter. A raffle will be held at the brunch for those who have renewed by that date. Joan suggested that another raffle be held with the winner getting a \$350 teeth whitening, a donation leftover from the Run. This will be a fundraiser and tickets will cost \$10. Patricia will help Peggy with the raffles.

The Fall Membership Brunch will be held on Sunday, September 11, 11 am, at the home of Sandra Lim.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Wildflower Run: Yvonne announced that the deadline for the 2011 tee shirt contest is May 20. The tee shirt will be red and the design can use up to 4 colors. There are two openings on the run committee for next year: tee shirts and food. Barbara will be handling individual donors, while Joan continues with business sponsors.

Local Scholarships: Betsy attended the Gavilan College scholarship awards event this afternoon and presented certificates to winners Claudia Ortiz and Tamara Chukes. She read thank you letters from the women. There was discussion about high school scholarships awards. Peggy pointed out that if checks are written directly to the girls, rather than to their college, IRS form 1099 may need to be filed. There is also greater accountability if the money goes to the school. Peggy and Elizabeth will look into this. For now, checks will not be distributed to the high school winners.

Bylaws: Carol reported for Judy Kinker that the branch approved amended bylaws last month and that the new bylaws have been certified by the state bylaws committee.

NEW BUSINESS

Cherisse's Hair Salon fundraiser: Elizabeth presented this idea brought to her attention by Emily Shem-Tov. The salon would provide makeovers and a photographer would take portraits for those who want a professional photo for Facebook or LinkedIn websites. A percentage of the proceeds would go to a local non-profit, such as AAUW. The board declined this opportunity, concerned about setting a precedent and implying endorsement of a particular salon.

Local Scholarship Outcomes: Marianne Knight has brought up the issue of tracking outcomes of local scholarship winners. All agreed that doing follow-up is important but the process is yet to be decided. This will be discussed at the board retreat, along with what percentage of our Wildflower Run proceeds should go to local scholarships. Barbara stated that we should also consider giving more to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Convention Reports: About 320 attended the AAUW-CA convention in San Ramon, including 8 from MH. Barbara reported on the Tech Trek workshop and reunion. About 120 former campers attended the reunion. Another will be held in Southern California next year. She distributed handouts on Tech Trek by the state coordinators and on the new AAUW-CA website.

Susan talked about the workshop on board meetings: how to increase their effectiveness and make members feel that their contribution is important. Joanne heard a speaker on Title IX, who said that 42% of girls now participate in sports as a result. We should show our support for girls athletics by attending their sporting events. Claire Schuster was the LAF speaker at the gala dinner. She is a nurse who sued Berea College in KY for pay discrimination in a case that has now been settled. LAF provided \$63,000 toward her legal expenses. Joanne also attended a workshop on social networking. Security and privacy are major issues, but Facebook, twitter and blogs are how young people communicate. The branch does have a new Facebook page.

Elizabeth attended a workshop on membership that was not, she felt, particularly helpful since our branch has moved beyond the basics. She recommends that we, in an attempt to appeal to younger, Facebook savvy women, not forget our older members. She suggests that greater member opportunities may be found among parents of high school students. Due to various circumstances, there was no branch Wildflower Run display created for Convention Corner. Yvonne plans to put together one for the Taste of Morgan Hill.

Fry's Golf Tournament: Lori Mains, who is director of Morgan Hill Math and Math Mardi Gras, reported on a way that AAUW volunteers could earn funds to help support MH Math. There will be a golf tournament at Corde Valle October 11-17 that needs 1000 volunteers. For every volunteer who puts in the required number of hours, the American Institute of Mathematics will donate \$100 to MH Math. Each volunteer pays \$35, but gets a jacket, hat and 2 tickets to the tournament. Due to the lack of a quorum at this meeting, the board could not vote to support this endeavor, but a vote will be done via email.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

GEMS: Susan reported that 14-16 girls toured Anaerobe Systems and 9 went to Pacific Geotechnical, both companies owned by husbands of branch members. Joan suggested Tracy Halmos of Individualized Physical Therapy for a future event. The Tech Trek IBC ice cream social is June 6, and the meet and greet for local Tech Trek girls will be June 27 at Jamba Juice on Cochrane.

The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, Acting Secretary

