

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Thursday, November 4, 2010
Granary Program Room

Present: Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Martin, Peggy Thompson, Betsy Ding, Joan Ensign, Elaine Reimer, Judy Kinker, Donna Weisblatt, Donna Dicker, Linda Withrow, Joanne Rife, Yvonne Duckett, Peggy Pinarbasi, Carol O'Hare, Carol Holzgrafe, Anne Rosenzweig, and Susan Oldham-Fritts (advisory board member). A quorum of voting board members was present.

The meeting was called to order by President Elizabeth Mandel at 6:59 pm. The October board meeting minutes were approved as presented. Elizabeth announced that Carol Holzgrafe is the new Public Policy chair, taking over from Anne Rosenzweig.

Treasurer Peggy Martin presented the financial report. \$11,115 from the Wildflower Run checking account has been transferred to ISPF. Current bank balances (not including the ISPF account) total \$19,399.35. She asked for and received clarification of how some expenses should be classified.

* Peggy must file IRS form 990EZ because the branch's 2009 income (operating account and Wildflower Run checking account) was greater than \$25,000.

Program vps Peggy Thompson and Betsy Ding reported that the October 13 Candidate Forum was a great success with about 250 attending. They expressed thanks to Peter Mandel for handling all the lighting and sound equipment and to Elizabeth who designed the program that included candidate photos and space for notes. They presented Carol O'Hare with an orchid plant in thanks for her assistance with planning the forum.

About 43 members will be attending the Neighborhood Lunch on Saturday, November 6. Members will be seated by neighborhood groups as much as possible. The event has been jointly coordinated by program, hospitality and membership, but it is recommended that in the future one person oversee the event. (In the past, the Neighborhood Chair was responsible, but that position has been eliminated.)

The Holiday Party will take place December 5 at the Oakwood School Library. The time of 4-7 pm was chosen to allow those who do not drive at night to be able to attend, at least for part of the event. The party is a potluck of appetizers and desserts. Attendees will be encouraged to bring the recipe for their contribution and a volunteer is needed to put the recipes together for the branch website.

Membership vp Peggy Pinarbasi reported that we now have 137 members, including one who joined after the Taste of MH. Mini-directories will be distributed at the Neighborhood Lunch and then mailed to those not present.

Unfinished Business

Because the cost of Tech Trek is less than was expected, there is now \$1266 set aside for a reserve in the ISPF account. Donna Dicker reported that the **Allocation Committee** was asked to recommend how to

use these additional funds. The committee will report back at the December board meeting, taking into account how much Wildflower Run chip timing may cost.

Donna also reported that the Gavilan scholarship committee will be divided into two groups. One will continue to select winners, and the other will implement the pilot program approved last month to provide support for current scholarship winners.

* Donna will write an article for the newsletter inviting volunteers to participate in either group.

New Business

EOF Chair Donna Weisblatt presented a proposed **distribution of the \$7500 approved for AAUW Funds**. The money is to be allocated among Educational Opportunities, Leadership Programs, Legal Advocacy Fund, Public Policy and Eleanor Roosevelt Fund. (See attached) Since the branch's Blaine/Cate endowment has been completed and now totals \$128,980.24, a motion was approved (Carol O', Donna D) to accept Donna W's report as presented with the modification of moving \$500 from Blaine/Cate (leaving no allocation) and adding it to the incomplete San Jose endowment for a total of \$1500. In the future funds will go toward the Blaine/Cate endowment only when a donor so designates.

* Donna will request a check in the amount of \$7500 from ISPF and send to AAUW-CA.

Carol O'Hare suggested that the branch annual **holiday giving** once again support the Learning and Loving Education Center by providing gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Safeway, etc. for the women at the center, bringing them to the Holiday Party. The motion was approved (Carol, Joanne Rife).

* Peggy Thompson will write an article for the Dec newsletter.

Elizabeth presented the idea of adding **Community Action** to the branch organizational structure to make the various local activities that the branch participates in more visible. Community Action would include already existing programs, such as GEMS; programs that the branch actively supports, such as the Learning and Loving Center, Silicon Valley Puzzle Day and Math Mardi Gras; and potential new activities, such as mentoring. Community Action could include any activities or events related to the AAUW mission. The board agreed that we should proceed.

* Elizabeth will work with Emily Shem-Tov to put Community Action on the website.

Carol O'Hare expressed her concern that many members are not reading the **newsletter**. She proposed a survey to assess newsletter usage and to ascertain how to make the newsletter more accessible to members.

* Carol will work with Stacy Forgy to develop such a survey

* In the monthly newsletter email, Carol will provide a direct link to the online newsletter.

Elizabeth announced that it is time to form a **nominating committee** for 2011-2012 officers. By-laws state that the president appoints the four-member committee. Peggy Martin, Donna Weisblatt and Joanne Rife offered to serve.

* Board members should send suggestions to Elizabeth for a non-board member for the nominating committee.

Reports

Yvonne Duckett reported that the first meeting of the **Wildflower Run committee** will be held on November 16 at Margaret McCann's house. Yvonne has received a quote for electronic timing of the 2011 run from South Valley Endurance for \$2400, but has not yet met with them to discuss what this might cover. SV Endurance is putting on the Morgan Hill Marathon and Half next weekend, so this would be a good opportunity for members to see how the company operates. It was suggested that she get additional quotes to compare them, but since she felt that if we were going to use timing chips, we should go with this local company, she thought additional research would be a waste of time.

Joan Ensign reported that the business **sponsor committee** has met and has set a goal of \$15,000. Gilroy/Morgan Hill Honda is donating \$1000 to the 2011 Wildflower Run.

Elizabeth reported for Stacy Forgy that the **directories** are complete and ready for distribution. Photos of members are gradually being added to the online directory.

Susan Oldham-Fritts presented an update on the survey she did with **GEMS** girls, past and present, to assess if GEMS has been successful in encouraging them to take science and math classes. 70% of respondents are at or above grade level in math and science. All seemed to appreciate the opportunity to be with other girls like themselves. This year's activities are focused on attending programs at local colleges and universities.

Other

Elizabeth announced that no one has signed up for the California Budget Study at the San Jose Branch, but four members are attending the "Know the Score" Title IX information meeting in SJ on November 8. Carol Holzgrafe reported on the non-compliance issues in Chico schools and that complaints have been filed against the school board.

* Joanne Rife will write an article about "Know the Score" after the Nov. 8 meeting for the December newsletter.

Anne Rosenzweig has an **art exhibit** at Naomi's Café through January 7. This is her first solo show. On November 20 and December 18, Anne will be present 9-1 doing some sort of art demonstration.

* Donna Dicker will include this information in Friendship news in the Dec newsletter.

The next board meeting is December 2. Peggy Thompson, program vp, will chair the meeting in Elizabeth's absence.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, acting secretary

