

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Thursday, December 2, 2010
Granary Program Room

Present: Peggy Thompson, Patricia Kindred, Donna Weisblatt, Elaine Reimer, Judy Kinker, Peggy Martin, Betsy Ding, Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Peggy Pinarbasi, Patty Crone, Joan Ensign, and Stacy Forgy. A quorum of voting board members was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by Peggy Thompson, on behalf of President Elizabeth Mandel, who was absent. The November minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Peggy Martin announced that she will pay the dues to National now. She referenced a \$29 surplus from the Neighborhood Luncheon, which is reflected in the Treasurer's Report as "Other Income." The Treasurer's Report was approved.

- Peggy will pay the dues to National.

Program Co-Vice President Betsy Ding reported that the Neighborhood Luncheon at Mangia la Pizza was a success. Thus far, she and Co-VP Peggy Thompson have received 41 rsvps for the Holiday Party on December 5 at Oakwood School.

On January 19, the film *Autumn Gem* will be screened at the Villa Mira Monte, with the filmmakers present to discuss the background of the movie with the audience. *Autumn Gem* was the first woman feminist in China.

- Carol O'Hare will send a copy of the press release for the movie to the Gilroy AAUW.

Membership Co-vice President Peggy Pinarbasi reported that the branch currently has 136 members. The February Wine and Whine will welcome new members. It was suggested that a location be chosen that would be conducive to mingling.

Wildflower Run Chair Yvonne Duckett asked that Carol O'Hare report on the November 16 meeting. The electronic timing proposal (South Valley Endurance) was approved by an email vote of the board prior to this meeting. AAUW volunteers can then be utilized on the day of the event in a variety of other capacities instead. Other considerations include giving each runner a medal instead of a ribbon. The registration prices will be increased as follows:

- Adults \$30 (until March 31)
- Kids 12 and under \$15 (until March 31)
- Rates go to \$35 (adults) and \$20 (kids) after March 31 and on Race Day
- Groups of 10 or more should contact Wendy Bell for discount (likely cost is \$25, depending upon the size of the group.)
- Family rate will be discontinued.

Peggy Pinarbasi will be researching quotes for the t-shirts and will coordinate with Bob re: getting the old t-shirts from him. Susan Oldham-Fritts would like to give the GEMS participants t-shirts to wear and keep.

Any expenses over \$100 will need to be requested from ISPF funds, rather than the WFR account. Reimbursements may take a little longer. The Team decided to print fewer registration forms and more posters for advertising.

Lunch following the Run will again be at Margaret's park. A variety of sandwiches will be provided, so no pre-orders will be needed.

Barbara Palmer will handle donations from AAUW members, and all members (especially board members) are encouraged to give at whatever level they can afford. This is the branch's major fund raiser to support women and girls.

- We still need someone to coordinate food for the day—arrange for bagels, oranges, water, coffee, etc.

Joan Ensign, of the **Sponsor** Committee, announced that at the Chamber Mixer a gift pack of a WFR t-shirt, a WFR application, and a \$5 gift card for Jamba Juice would be provided. A short discussion followed of the Jamba Juice appreciation activities of the past week, which were less well attended on this occasion.

Unfinished Business

Donna Dicker presented the following revision on behalf of the **Allocations** Committee:

As requested, the Allocations Committee has reviewed the \$1766 of unallocated funds, which represents \$900 originally set aside in the reserve account; \$350, which is the reduction in Tech Trek fees; and the \$500 left over in the ISPF account for timing equipment.

It is the Committee's recommendation that \$800 of this amount be used to send another girl to Tech Trek camp; that an additional amount of \$500 be given to AAUW Funds; and that \$466 be retained for possible unexpected expenses connected with the Wildflower Run.

The recommendation was approved.

Donna Weisblatt moved and Carol O'Hare seconded that the \$500 from the Allocations Committee be sent to AAUW Funds, with the understanding that the specific fund not be designated and therefore which could be used as National sees fit. The motion was approved.

New Business

Peggy Thompson introduced a discussion of the **Neighborhood Luncheon**, and whether the venue or the day of the week/date should be changed. Discussion followed.

It was suggested that, once the new board is seated, a committee made up of representation from Membership, Hospitality, and Programs might be formed to address these considerations.

It was also suggested for further discussion at a later date that a "Welcome Wagon" committee might be formed of current members who would make personal contact with new members to encourage them to attend and participate in the options offered by the branch.

Carol O'Hare spoke about guidelines for articles for the newsletter, with the following requests:

- Keep articles to 200 words
- Use bullet points to save space, make the articles more easily read
- Send everything to Carol for editing before submitting a final copy for the newsletter
- Send no later than (but preferably before) the 10th of the month

An electronic survey regarding the newsletter will also be sent out around the time of the Holiday Party. Hard copies will also be made available at the Party.

In the absence of Karen Anderson, it was decided that the discussion of term limits for non-board positions would be tabled until January.

Committee/Board Reports

Stacy Forgy reported on behalf of **Technology**. Emily Shem-Tov is still working on the website, adding photographs, etc. Also in progress is the provision of a query feature that could be used by committee and interest group chairs so that they could determine who has expressed an interest in participating.

Peggy Thompson reported on a new **Interest Group** for Cooking that would allow a small group of people to meet at Peggy's house to cook and dine monthly. So far seven people have expressed an interest. The group would meet from approximately 10 a.m. through the luncheon and is for women only.

Donna Dicker reported for Susan Oldham-Fritts that 22 people will attend the **GEMS** trip to the Body Works exhibit at the Tech Museum.

Donna Dicker also announced that the Gavilan Scholarship Committee is seeking additional committee members.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary