

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Thursday, February 3, 2011
Granary Program Room

Present: Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Pinarbasi, Judy Kinker, Margaret McCann, Joan Ensign, Yvonne Duckett, Peggy Martin, Elaine Reimer, Betsy Ding, Peggy Thompson, Donna Weisblatt, Janet, McElroy, Donna Dicker, Patricia Kindred, Carol O'Hare, Margo Hinnenkamp, Kathy Sullivan, Patty Crone. A quorum of Board members was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. by President Elizabeth Mandel. The January minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Peggy Martin presented her report. \$16,080.41 is currently in the Branch operating account, and \$1605.44 in the Wildflower Run account. The budget as presented itemizes expenses received thus far. Peggy commented that the turnaround time on requests would generally be at the end of the week in which the request was made. She asked that any requests deemed to be urgent, be marked as such.

The passing of Barbara Jensen-Bailey was noted. A memorial service will be held on February 26 at Barbara's home, and AAUW members may contribute refreshments. More details will follow.

- A \$25 donation in Barbara's honor will be made to AAUW Funds.

Program Co-Vice President Betsy Ding reported that 65 people attended the January "Autumn Gem" screening, and that the feedback was very positive.

Carol O'Hare reminded the group of the upcoming Silicon Valley Reads program with Michelle Richmond, author of *The Year of Fog*, which will be held at the Morgan Hill Library on February 10, 2011.

- Margo Hinnenkamp requested that a reminder notice be sent to members asking that they provide cookies for the evening (and that they take home any left over at the end of the program.)
- Membership flyers will be made available

Carol also displayed a flyer for the March Centennial of California Woman Suffrage celebration, which will be co-sponsored by Friends of the Library, and which will take place at the Library on March 19 at 2 p.m.

- AAUW will provide a celebratory cake from Costco for this event.
- Membership flyers will be made available.

Betsy also reported that the April program with Lily Wong Filmore at the Oakwood School will be held on April 20. Due to recent political/budgetary issues, the topic is now "Our Children and our State's Future: Can Our Schools Meet the Challenge?"

- Carol will arrange for announcement of the program in the Chamber newsletter. Betsy will also get approval from the School District office for distributions of the flyers at the schools.

Membership Co-Vice President Peggy Pinarbasi reported that membership remains at the same level, although there is a great deal of new interest lately. The Wine and Whine for new members will be on February 16, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. at Ragoos and that complimentary appetizers will be served. A flyer is available on the website.

- We still need door prizes for this event (gift cards, etc.)

- The March 2011-June 2012 membership deal will be promoted (16 months for the price of a one-year membership).

It was suggested that a free Branch membership (Including newsletter and invitations to events, including the new member Wine and Whine) be provided to Gavilan College scholarship recipients. The Board decided that, rather than defining this relationship with the students as a “membership,” will make it part of Donna’s new “Staying In Touch” program with the Gavilan students.

- Peggy Pinarbasi and Donna will work together to create a Staying In Touch form of membership application to add these students to our email list.

Wildflower Run Chair Yvonne Duckett gave an update on progress for this event. Greg Richards of South Valley Endurance is on board to handle timing, equipment, and an email list of about 40,000.

- Yvonne will check with Greg about listing the Run on his website.

All runners will receive medals. Runners will have the option of having their place and/or time engraved by SVE. It has been suggested that AAUW provide complimentary engraving for the top three male and female winners in each race (18 in all.) It was also observed that AAUW itself needs to have a more visible presence during the event. Former timing people will take on other jobs that provide greater visibility.

- Next week is the deadline for sponsor logos.

All committee leadership is in place. Peggy Pinarbasi received feedback on the style and color of the tank tops and sweatshirts.

- Peggy will check to see if we can order the ribbed tank instead of the unisex tank.

Joan Ensign reported on the **sponsors** as follows:

We have nearly 30% of the individual members donors as of today. 100% of the Board should donate.

\$5800 has been donated currently from business sponsors, with \$1500 promised.

Elizabeth introduced the recent correspondence between the Branch and National regarding whether the Branch could solicit **Walmart** for sponsorship, due to the current support of LAF for a case scheduled for the Supreme Court in March. The case will determine whether female employees of Walmart can proceed, as a class, in their suit against Walmart for past widespread systematic gender-based employment discrimination.

After a discussion of the pros and cons, Carol O’Hare proposed the following motion: “I move that this year we not accept any money from Walmart (should it be offered) in light of the position that AAUW-LAF has taken in support of the suit against Walmart.” The motion carried with 8 Board members voting for and 4 against the motion.

New Business

Donna Weisblatt reported on behalf of the **Nominating Committee** to say that the committee will meet shortly to put together a slate of officers. Peggy Martin (Treasurer) and Patty Crone (Secretary) offered to continue in their positions for another year. Margaret McCann and Kathy Sullivan offered to take on the Membership committee.

- Board members are asked to review the Directory to give suggestions for other positions to the committee.

Committee/Board Reports

Donna Dicker, of the **Gavilan Scholarships/Grants** reported that the follow-up program has a new name – “Staying in Touch”.

Donna Dicker and Carolyn Wilson will visit Sobrato High school to check on **Title IX Compliance**.

- **The Math Mardi Gras**, which will be held at Oakwood School on March 27, is in need of volunteers for two-hour shifts.

Margaret McCann reported that the **High School Scholarship** committee is currently collecting and reviewing application packets from Live Oak, Sobrato, and Central, and will be establishing an interview panel shortly. This year, instead of having students complete an AAUW-specific application, the committee will be selecting for interviews applicants from those who submitted the “Common Scholarship Application,” an application for most local scholarships that is submitted by students in December. This will ensure a good applicant pool for all local public schools.

- Margaret and Elizabeth will make sure that the links to the scholarship application forms are updated on the website to point to the Common Scholarship Application.

Elaine Reimer, of the **Tech Trek** Committee, announced that applicant essays are due this weekend and that interviews will be scheduled for March 2, 3, 4. The Branch plans to apply for a \$1000 grant to support Tech Trek, and suggestions as to how the money could be used are under discussion. Elaine observed that she is updating her procedures to allow applicants to submit their essays via email.

Other Business

The **Summer Barbecue** is scheduled for July 23, and Barbara Palmer is coordinating it.

The **Women’s History Month** display will be at the SV National Bank on February 28 and at Gavilan on March 11.

- Someone will be needed to take over the display from Gisela Steffe next year.

Members can **find, share recipes** online at

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/aauwmorganhill/>

A generic logon is aauwmorganhill@yahoo.com. Password is wildflower.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary