

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

Present: Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Pinarbasi, Judy Kinker, Joan Ensign, Peggy Martin, Elaine Reimer, Betsy Ding, Peggy Thompson, Donna Weisblatt, Janet McElroy, Patricia Kindred, Carol O'Hare, Kathy Sullivan, and 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 February minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Peggy Martin presented her report. She noted that there were currently no Wildflower Run registrations in the ISPF. (Joan Ensign later reported that she had received some registrations but had not yet passed them along to Wendy Bell.)

- Peggy will check with Wendy to remind her that the money from WFR registrations should go into ISPF.
- A process is needed to get checks from Wendy to Peggy.

Peggy also noted that the membership report from National is off by 17, but that this should be rectified by the March 18 deadline.

Peggy also reported that the F990 tax return was filed on time.

There is \$15,836.98 in the operating account and \$1,559.87 in Wildflower Run checking, for a total of \$17,396.85.

It was decided that the three new members will be declared after March 15, to allow for the special membership fee of \$81 that is good for 2011-12.

For **Programs**, Carol O'Hare reported that the February Silicon Valley Reads program was very successful.

On Saturday, March 19, at 2 p.m., we will commemorate the California Woman Suffrage Centennial and Women's History Month with Bob Cooney, author of *Winning the Vote*. Peggy Thompson has ordered the cake.

- Flyers may be printed off the website for posting.

Programs Co-Vice President Betsy Ding also reported on the April 20 event with Lily Wong Fillmore at Oakwood School. The topic will be "Our children and Our State's Future: Can Schools Meet the Challenge?"

- Flyers will be posted on the website for printing and posting.
- Betsy is working to get approval from the school districts so that flyers may be distributed there.
- Linda Withrow will deliver an article to the Morgan Hill Times for publishing.

Membership Co-Vice Presidents Peggy Pinarbasi and Patricia Kindred report that the recent Wine and Whine event for new members was quite successful, with three new members and ten potential members joining the Branch for the evening. All but one of the possible new members have been contacted. Approximately 38 people attended.

Wildflower Run: Carol O'Hare reported for Yvonne Duckett. Of the 1500 postcards printed, 1005 have been mailed to former participants. Other postcards and 100 flyers are being distributed. The date for the event is April 10.

Elizabeth Mandel is working on a design for two 12' x 40" banners for AAUW to use at the 5K and 10K finish lines, along with those from South Valley Endurance. The cost of four such banners will be approximately \$500 (we do not have a price quote for that size yet), and they are reusable. Sponsors could also request 6' x 40" banners. This will be discussed at the next WFR committee meeting.

Joan Ensign reported that the total to date for 27 Sponsors is \$9,075. The total for member donors has not changed since last month.

- Elizabeth will have Barbara Palmer send another email to members.
- Joan is picking up WFR registration checks and will get them to Wendy until a third key for the post office box arrives.

Unfinished Business

Donna Weisblatt and Janet McElroy reported on behalf of the **Nominating Committee** the following proposed slate of officers for next term:

President	Margaret McCann
President-Elect	-----
Programs	Karen Anderson Elena Anderson
Membership	Kathy Sullivan (Focus on Marketing) Sarah Abel (Focus on Data Management) ----- (Focus on New Member Support, Member Retention, and Selected Programs)
Secretary	Patty Crone
Treasurer	Peggy Martin

New Business

Judy Kinker reported for the **Bylaws Committee** on the six additions or changes to the Policies and Procedures and Standing Rules. (See draft.) These were approved unanimously by the board; the general membership will also need to vote on the changes to the Standing Rules.

- Judy will send these to Emily for posting on the website when appropriate.
- Judy will include the proposed changes to the Standing Rules in the email that will request membership vote on the proposed slate, in April.

Committee/Board Reports

Betsy Ding reported for Donna Dicker re: the **Staying in Touch** Program, the Gavilan College follow-up program. After personal interviews with three of the former Gavilan scholarship winners, the Committee will award \$500 each to Claudia Ortiz, Veronica Barraza and Tamara Chukes. Checks have been requested from ISPF. The committee will make a complete report to the Board at the April meeting.

It was noted that Gavilan supplies AAUW with the names of scholarship applicants who meet our criteria. Also, high school scholarships will use the Common Scholarship Application submitted to schools in December.

- Kathy Sullivan suggested a human interest story for the Morgan Hill Times about the continuing support of the three Gavilan students. She volunteered to write it.

Janet McElroy reported on **Interest Groups**, saying that the new Moms in the Kitchen group was very successful, with 8 people participating and a waiting list. She will look into the possibility of a second group for the additional people.

The Movie Group was limited by those who favored only local options to avoid driving into San Jose at night. A DVD group was suggested, as well as finding those who would be willing to drive carpools out of the area. Betsy Ding will chair this group starting in the fall.

Food, Fun and Friends group is now defunct.

- Janet will write an article for the April newsletter.

Elizabeth is now handling the layout for the **Newsletter** and suggested that we consider having an online version that has more information, while still printing the usual newsletter for mailing. We could indicate in the email that notifies members of the availability of the newsletter that more information is available online.

Carol O'Hare reminded us that the deadline for the April Newsletter is March 10.

Joan Ensign reported that she has given the last check for Advertising to Peggy, and that she will not be doing advertising next year.

- An announcement about the need for a replacement for Joan should go into the newsletter.

Other Business/Information

A video from the Memorial Service for Barbara Jensen-Bailey will be put on the members' area of the website and will be there for 3-6 months.

- An email will be sent to members once this is posted.

Elizabeth introduced the topic of the Branch's 30th Anniversary in December. It was suggested that we host an event and invite Charter members. It was also strongly suggested that the event be catered. More discussion will follow.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Crone