

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Thursday, April 7, 2011
Granary Program Room

Present: Carol O'Hare, Judy Kinker, Donna Dicker, Elaine Reimer, Betsy Ding, Peggy Thompson, Peggy Martin, Donna Weisblatt, Yvonne Duckett, Margaret McCann, Patricia Kindred, Linda Withrow, Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Pinarbasi, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Patty Crone. A quorum of Board members was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Elizabeth Mandel. The March minutes were approved as presented.

Treasurer Peggy Martin reported that all bills on hand have been paid. There is \$15,972.47 in the Branch operating account, and \$1456.19 in the Wildflower Run checking account.

Peggy has spoken with Zee Del Fiugo, the treasurer of ISPF in San Jose. It was suggested that we send her an acknowledgement and thank-you gift for her work on our behalf. Carol O'Hare, Margaret McCann, and Elizabeth Mandel will present Zee with flowers (not to exceed \$50) at the April 25 ISPF meeting.

- Peggy believes the branch should have policies and procedures for banking (handling of cash, etc.) -She will create a draft and forward it to Elizabeth for consideration. This should be a subject for the incoming board to address at their summer retreat.
- Peggy asked that anyone with receipts turn them in prior to the end of the fiscal year on June 30.

Programs Co-Vice President Peggy Thompson reported on the upcoming April 20 meeting with speaker Lily Wong Fillmore at 7 p.m. in the Oakwood School gymnasium. At this time, Gilroy Unified School District will not allow posters to be distributed. Alternate methods of reaching out to parents and teachers were discussed.

- Betsy Ding and Peggy Thompson will write an article for the Gilroy Dispatch.
- Linda Withrow will speak to the District Office and the School Board.
- Linda asked that members let her know if posters are missing from any obvious spots.
- Lily Wong Fillmore has requested that any money normally put towards an honorarium be allotted to the Scholarship Fund. The program VPs are considering a \$75 allotment.

The SPRING Installation Brunch will be held on May 22, 11 a.m. at the Villa Mira Monte.

- Will need people to set up at 10 a.m.

Retreat for new officers and the Board will be in June.

- Margaret McCann will set a date, with the time being approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Membership Co-Vice President Peggy Pinarbasi reported that membership is currently at 152.

There will be a raffle at the May Installation Brunch for anyone who has renewed by that time. Comprehensive membership is \$81, with \$46 being tax deductible.

- Elizabeth will make the renewal form on the website interactive.

A discussion of online membership renewal via National followed. Elizabeth and Peggy Martin remarked that there would be fewer chances of error using this method. The Branch treasurer will receive the funds from National within a week. It was decided to set this up and to indicate that it would be optional, i.e. members may renew on the Morgan Hill website or through the National website.

We would then do a “donation” at another time for dues assistance, rather than include this on the Membership Form.

- Peggy Martin, Peggy Pinarbasi, Elizabeth Mandel, and Emily Shem-Tov will arrange for dues to be payable directly to National prior to the May newsletter.
- Peggy Pinarbasi will rewrite the article for the newsletter to reflect this option.

Yvonne Duckett reported on the **Wildflower Run**, which will take place on April 10. Registration, which is currently at 522, is roughly the same as last year’s event. Forty-seven per cent of members had made individual donations at the time of the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Donna Weisblatt reported on behalf of the **Nominating Committee** that we currently have an opening for Data Management for Membership. Subsequent to the meeting, Faith Protsman was confirmed for this position by an electronic vote of the Board.

New Business

Donna Dicker reported that she, Carolyn Wilson, Joanne Rife and Nancy Altman had observed at Sobrato and Live Oak High Schools as part of the **AAUW Know the Score** program, which seeks to promote equality in women’s sports (as part of Title IX). She distributed the report from Joanne Rife, which shows Sobrato to be in compliance. However, Live Oak shows a disparity in the number of males and females engaged in athletics, possibly due to the emphasis on cheerleading. This report has been submitted to San Jose.

The schools have no knowledge of the existence of a Title IX Compliance Officer.

- Joanne will submit an article for the newsletter.

Elaine Reimer reported that Carol Holzgrafe, the camp director for the Stanford **Tech Trek** has requested a change in how the \$2500 donation from WalMart be used. Elaine moved, and Judy Kinker seconded that the funds originally planned for a robotics kits be reallocated to core classes. The motion was approved.

Elizabeth recommended that money set aside in the budget for **Convention** attendance on April 10 (the day of the Wildflower Run) be given to Carol Holzgrafe, who will attend.

- Peggy Martin will send a check to Carol.

A discussion followed on the Branch’s participation in the **Fourth of July Parade** this year. Our spot in the parade has been reserved.

- A questionnaire will be sent to Branch members to determine interest and how they would choose to participate.

The discussion was deferred until the May meeting, when we will have more information.

The newly formed non-profit Alliance member of the Morgan Hill Community Foundation, Friends of the Morgan Hill Senior Center, has requested that we distribute via email information about their upcoming

e-waste collection fundraiser. Peggy Thompson moved and Donna Weisblatt seconded that the Branch provide ongoing support, via emails or requests for volunteers, to this new organization, without requiring further board approval. The motion was approved.

- Judy Kinker will update the branch policies and procedures addendum regarding email communications, adding the Friends of the Morgan Hill Senior Center to the list of local non-profit organizations that we support via communications to our membership.

Committee/Board Reports

Elaine Reimer listed the recently selected **Tech Trek campers**. (List attached.)

Donna Dicker reported on the three **Gavilan Scholarship** winners (list attached.) She added that the Committee has added Donna Weisblatt and that a mentor had been assigned to each woman through the Staying in Touch component.

Margaret McCann announced the **High School Scholarship** winners (list attached.) She added that her committee used the common scholarship application for the public high schools. Recipients will receive their money following their college registration, unless the amount is under \$600.

GEMS will host a booth at the Wildflower Run, per Susan Oldham-Fritts. Activities will include face painting, puzzles and coloring activities for the children. GEMS, Tech Trek, and Scholarship recipients will have special t-shirts.

- Please send any photos to Susan.

Other Business/Information

The Branch received several thank you notes from the family of Barbara Jensen Bailey.

The May 5 Board meeting will be run by incoming Branch President Margaret McCann.

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

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary