

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Weston Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Program Room
September 1, 2011

Present: Margaret McCann, Peggy Martin, Karen Anderson, Faith Protsman, Kathy Hansell, Janet McElroy, Elizabeth Mandel, Donna Dicker, Donna Weisblatt, Betsy Ding, Judy Kinker, Joanne Rife, Joan Ensign, Elaine Reimer, Carol O'Hare and Margo Hinnenkamp. A quorum of voting members was present.

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret McCann at 7:08 pm. After introductions, Margaret reminded members that they are encouraged to invite non-board members to a meeting so that they may learn more about the branch. A sign-up list was circulated.

The minutes of the June retreat were approved with a correction to the date, which was June 4, 2011.

Treasurer's report was given by Peggy Martin. She presented a balanced budget of \$5120 for 2011-2012, based on 145 members. Several suggestions were made to change income (such as Dues Assistance and Tech Trek) and expenses (such as Dues Assistance, Programs), which she will incorporate and send out a revised budget by email for approval before submitting for publication in the Oct newsletter. It was suggested that Dues Assistance could be funded by adding \$5 to the cost of the Neighborhood Luncheon.

The operating account currently has a balance of about \$18,000. After setting aside funds needed for this year's activities, she recommended establishing a reserve account of \$5000. That would still leave a budget surplus of about \$5000 that could be used for events or activities that fall outside the budget. She will create a webinar so that anyone interested in discussing uses for these funds may participate from home, via their computer. Ideas and recommendations will be presented at a future board meeting.

Peggy explained that from now on all membership dues are to be sent to national. They then will reimburse the branch for its share.

Karen Anderson presented the **Programs** report:

- October: Barbara Babcock is the tentative speaker to celebrate the California Woman Suffrage Centennial. She is the author of a book on Clara Foltz, the first woman admitted to the California Bar.
- November: Neighborhood Luncheon will take place at Westmont senior residence. There will be information and a tour of the facility. Susan Fent, director of the MH Senior Center, will be invited to speak on other senior issues.
- Various options for the December Holiday Party and 30th anniversary of the Branch celebration were discussed. Karen recommended lunch rather than dinner because of cost. After reviewing Coyote Creek, Eagle Ridge and Cinnabar options, it was moved (Janet, Faith) to have lunch at Cinnabar on Sat, Dec. 4, 12 noon. Spouses and significant others will be included. Some of the branch surplus may be used to lower the cost to members.

Membership

- Faith reported that we now have 160 members, including, however, 25 who have not yet renewed. Faith will follow-up. Two recent new members joined from the website.
- Janet reported that so far, 42 members will attend the Membership Brunch on September 11. She expects several guests. It has been decided to pay the Cox workers to set-up the tables and chairs borrowed from the Coxes for the event. Members will be asked to help take them down. Margaret encouraged board members to sit at different tables.

The theme for the brunch is celebrating the CA woman suffrage centennial. Gisela Steffe's display will be set up. Margaret offered to make signs for each table stating what women could not do before getting the vote. Interest group leaders will be introduced, and the Tech Trek girls will show an activity that they did at camp.

- Taste of Morgan Hill: Kathy Sullivan was not present, but she will have a sign-up sheet at the brunch for those who can volunteer in the branch booth.

Donna Dicker passed out the report of the **Allocation Committee** that recommended how Wildflower Run funds should be distributed. (Attached). Available assets totaled \$28,941: \$9800 to Tech Trek (8 girls @850 each + \$3000 donation), \$9000 for local scholarships (4 high school and 4 community college@ \$1000 each, \$1000 for Staying in Touch mentoring), \$10,000 to AAUW Funds.

She also handed out a report on the 2010-2011 Staying in Touch pilot program that offered mentoring and financial support (attached) to past Gavilan scholarship women. Only 5 out of 12 responded and just 3 needed funding. Each received \$500. Donna requested that the program continue, but because of the lack of response, that only \$1000 be budgeted for it. This was approved.

Donna moved that the Allocation Committee recommendations be accepted. Joanne seconded. The motion was approved.

Other Reports:

- Joan Ensign gave an update on the Leadership MH class project. The branch has purchased a brick for a planter box to be located at the community center. All proceeds of the sale of bricks will be donated to local youth programs.
- AAUW California Initiative Study will be coordinated by San Jose Branch. There will be two sessions: Oct 18 and 27. The first will study the background of the initiative process, the second will make recommendations to pass along to the state of California. Although no members volunteered for the planning committee, Margaret and possibly Joanne will attend. More information will be in the Oct newsletter.
- SB810 The California Universal Health Care Act. Judy reported that this bill has been endorsed by AAUW-CA, so our branch could also endorse it if it wished. Since the

board would like to learn more about the bill, it was decided to sponsor an informational meeting for members and the public, possibly holding it at the library.

- GEMS: Elizabeth asked for an agenda item at a future meeting regarding adding 7th graders to the girls club and how this might affect selection of Tech Trek girls.
- Philanthropy Day, Nov 10, 2010. Katie and Brian Howard of Jamba Juice have been selected because of their support of the Wildflower Run, supplying free Jamba Juice smoothies for all runners. Anyone who wishes to attend the lunch should send a check for \$40 to Donna Dicker by Oct 1. Margaret will send out an email to branch members about this. Since the Community Foundation pays for only one lunch for honorees, it was agreed that the branch should pay for the other.
- Elizabeth is creating a new branch brochure that will be printed in color and has asked for feedback on layout and content. Faith offered to pick them up from Hillview. Brochures will be ready in time for the brunch,
- Carol reported on the August 25 Interbranch Council (IBC) meeting that Margaret was unable to attend. AAUW-CA has received a grant from AAUW for a Voters' Education project to develop campaigns that encourage women to vote. More details will follow. The state convention will be April 13-15 in Santa Clara. Each IBC branch is asked to provide 1-2 members for the Local Arrangements Committee. A chair is especially needed. All convention volunteers are eligible for reduced registration fee. Los Gatos-Saratoga Branch does not have a president this year, but has developed a Chairwoman of the Month planning guide.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, Acting Secretary for Patty Crone

Membership Brunch September 11
Taste of Morgan Hill September 24 - 25
Open House at San Jose Branch Headquarters October 9
AAUW LAF Funds Luncheon November 5 in Burlingame