

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting  
Weston Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Program Room  
November 3, 2011

**Present:** Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy, Donna Dicker, Judy Kinker, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Linda Withrow, Carol O'Hare, Patty Crone, Donna Weisblatt, Kathy Hansell, Elaine Reimer, Karen Anderson, Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Martin, Joan Ensign, Kathy Sullivan. A Quorum of voting members was present.

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret McCann at 7:10 a.m.

The minutes of the September 1, 2011 were approved without correction.

**Treasurer's Report** (Peggy Martin) Peggy reported that the Wildflower Run checking account has been closed and a check for the balance has been sent to Zee. A balance of \$17,479.28 is in the operating account. (See attached Financial Report.)

Peggy reported that we went over (by \$31.20) the budgeted amount for insurance. According to Branch and National figures, 17 members have not yet renewed.

- Peggy will follow up with Mary Cox re: set-up costs for the Membership Brunch.
- Peggy will follow up with Faith to reconcile renewal numbers

**Programs** (Karen Anderson) Karen reported that the October 4 speaker event was a success, with 70-80 people in attendance.

The Neighborhood Lunch will be held on November 12 at 1 p.m. at the Westmont Assisted Living. At this time, only six members have responded to the requests for rsvps.

A discussion followed about the entertainment for the Holiday Party on December 4 at Cinnabar. Carol O'Hare moved and Margaret McCann Seconded that we engage Pat and Patty Curtis (guitar and vocalist) for \$250 for one hour, with the money coming from the Program budget. This motion was not approved. After further discussion, the conclusion was that piped-in seasonal music would be preferred and would not interfere with the conversation.

- Karen will follow-up with other members to consider other options (such as a sign-along and piano)

Judy Kinker reported on SB810 (California Universal Health Care) which has been endorsed by the State and San Jose organizations. On November 15 at 7 p.m., an informational meeting sponsored by the Branch and the Library will be held at the Morgan Hill Library. An article in the newsletter and flyer on the website have additional information.

**Membership** (Janet McElroy) Janet reported on new interest groups:

- Happy Cookers – will meet for the first time in January. There is already a waiting list of three people.
- Scrabble group has been proposed. Elaine Reimer expressed an interest in seeing this happen, and Janet indicated that she would help to get the word out, after which Elaine would be in charge.

Kathy Sullivan reported that the Taste of Morgan Hill booth was successful with two new members resulting from that.

### **Unfinished Business**

Margaret McCann suggested that the discussion of the surplus in the Checking Account be tabled until the December meeting.

### **New Business**

Bill Keig's (a long-time Branch member) memorial has been scheduled for November 23 at St. John Divine at 11 a.m. Morgan Hill Branch members will assist with getting the left-over food to Loaves and Fishes, as suggested by Peggy Martin. This will involve getting disposable containers.

- Donna Dicker will check with St. Mary's to see if donations there are an option. Otherwise,
- Peggy will follow up with Loaves and Fishes to arrange this.
- Donations in Bill's honor will be sent to ISPF
- Donna Dicker will write thank-you notes for the donations.
- An email will be sent out regarding the details of the memorial service.

Karen Anderson asked whether ads in the newsletter could be larger to allow for information that cannot be contained in a business-card-sized space. After some discussion, it was decided that the newsletter could offer advertisers an electronic link to other information as part of their usual advertisement.

Patty Crone asked that information be disseminated to Branch members regarding the United Way's Earn It! Save It! Keep It! Program (EITC), which trains volunteers to provide free service to qualified low-income families to assist them in completing their tax returns.

- Patty will write an article on this volunteer opportunity for the December newsletter.

Patty also reported that United Way will provide a South County volunteer opportunity for Martin Luther King Day in January, at Rebekah's Children's Services in Gilroy. Jobs that might be attractive to AAUW members include working in the rose garden or assisting with the clearing out and organization of the donation room.

- Patty will write an article for the December newsletter.
- Patty will forward information to South Valley Fleurs, c/o Betsy Ding.

Judy Kinker presented a draft proposal (attached) for voting by email. This is modeled on the AAUW California policy, as well as that of the AAUW online branch. It was acknowledged that quorum is nine

voting members, and that specifics need to be added re: co-chairs. The By-Laws Committee proposed that this be a standing procedure, with additional clarification to follow.

Elizabeth Mandel moved and Donna Dicker seconded that the Board give temporary approval to this as a working document.

### **Committee/Board Reports**

**Newsletter** - Carol O'Hare asked that articles be turned in before November 10, as she and Elizabeth Mandel will be travelling and need to finish the December newsletter as soon as possible.

- Joanne Rife and Jean Pinard will be asked to write the article about Bill Keig, with a photo from Margaret McCann.

**Allocation of Wildflower Run funds** – Donna Weisblatt provided a handout (attached) and requested approval for the recommendations. Donna moved and Susan Oldham-Fritts seconded that the proposal be approved. The motion carried.

**GEMS** – Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that the group is now officially opened to seventh graders. It was noted that there would be no conflict permitted between GEMS and Tech Trek candidates. Elaine Reimer underscored that no one who interacts with 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls via GEMS can have any involvement in Tech Trek selections.

**Tech Trek** – Elaine Reimer reported that Laura Durica applied for and received a \$1000 grant from IBM. Elaine moved and Susan Oldham-Fritts seconded that IBM be listed as a sponsor for the Wildflower Run as a result of this grant. The motion carried.

- Elaine will ask Laura to verify IBM's policy re the use of their name as a sponsor

**IBC** – Margaret McCann reported on the AAUW California Focus on Elections Program to promote voter registration for women of all ages. She also reminded us that the State Convention is in Santa Clara this year and that volunteers from the Branch would be expected.

**California Initiative** – Margaret also reported the recommendations of this study:

- They need to be written more clearly
- They need to be clear as to how they are funded
- They need to change how signatures are collected
- They need to clarify who is financing the initiative

### **Other Business**

Joan asked about an article in the MH Times from Gavilan College re: the Spirit Awards that seemed to imply that the AAUW was receiving some funding from this. Recology was being honored as a business who donates to local non-profits and Wildflower Run was referenced in the article as an example. (However, Recology has never donated to the Run.)

- Joan will put Recology on the list of potential sponsors for this year.

Donna Dicker reported that Amy Santos, a scholarship winner, had written a note saying that “AAUW made a difference for me.”

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patty Crone, Secretary