

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting Agenda  
Weston Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Suite 120, Upstairs Meeting Room  
December 1, 2011 7:00 PM

**Present: Margaret McCann, Peggy Martin, Karen Anderson, Betsy Ding, Donna Weisblatt, Joan Ensign, Patty Crone, Kathy Hansell, Faith Protsman, Janet McElroy, Judy Kinker, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Jean Marie Rickard, Joanne Rife. A quorum of voting members was present.**

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret McCann at 7:00 p.m.

The minutes of the November 3, 2011 meeting were approved as amended. Judy Kinker pointed out that the \$25 donation on behalf of Bill Keig is provided for in the Branch Policies and Procedures, rather than the By-Laws.

**Treasurer's Report** (Peggy Martin) Peggy reported that there is currently \$16,871.93 in the operating account. Thus far \$1,160 is accounted in the system for the Holiday Party. Once the party expenses are paid, the amount will decrease to approximately \$15,000. Peggy also clarified with members as to where some recent bills should be posted. Expenses for the program on Health Care Reform should be posted to Community Awareness instead of Programs.

The directory is currently \$45 over budget, as is the insurance billing for AAUW-CA. We currently have \$631 in surplus expenditures, which are being tracked separately. It was noted that the brochure will be a recurring expenditure, unlike the others in that category.

With regard to the surplus in the operating account, it was announced that a committee of 4-5 would be formed to make recommendations as to how to best use that surplus. Margaret McCann and Peggy Martin will be on the committee, with up to three of the other members being non-Board members. The recommendations would be presented to the Board in February.

**Programs** (Karen Anderson) Karen announced that the amount of money required for the Holiday Party will probably increase. Janet McElroy reported that the current RSVP list included 51 members and 19 non-members/guests. Karen noted that the low number of guests is probably due to the higher price for them.

- Karen will send another email to ask that anyone who has rsvped but will not be attending, please let her know so that seating can be arranged.

There will be a custom cake celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Branch.

Also discussed was what policy should be in place for anyone who shows up at the door without having a reservation. Due to the real cost, those individuals would need to pay \$60, and a sign will be made for the check-in table noting that policy. An extra table will be available if needed.

The January 25<sup>th</sup> program will be on Finances for Women and will be held at the Morgan Hill House at 7 p.m.

The February program currently under discussion could be a joint program with the Gilroy Branch. It has been proposed that a group that portrays women in history be brought in for a performance. The cost of the group is \$250, which would be shared by the two Branches. The proposed date is February 11 and would likely be a potluck luncheon. The location is still under discussion.

**Membership** (Faith Protsman). Faith announced that we are currently up to 150 members, with two new individuals having joined recently.

### **Unfinished Business**

Judy Kinker reported on the meeting on SB810 (Universal Health Care for California) held at the Library on November 15. This proposal has passed the State Legislature twice but was vetoed both times by former Governor Schwarzenegger. Judy moved and Faith seconded that we join with AAUW-CA in endorsing this initiative. The motion carried.

Judy also presented a final version of Addendum 4 re: Board Voting by Email Between Meetings. Karen moved and Peggy seconded that we adopt this proposal. (The text of the proposal was distributed and is also attached to the minutes.) The motion carried.

Karen reminded the Board of a recent email from National re: proposed restrictions in access to birth control. National has asked that every member contact her legislator requesting that this proposal not be approved.

- Karen will forward this email to the Board for a discussion of further action.

### **New Business**

Margaret McCann discussed the formation of the Nominating Committee for Board positions for the coming year. The committee can be composed of four people, who do not have to be Board members. The President is not a member of this committee. Peggy Martin volunteered to serve on the committee. Other suggestions for committee membership should be emailed to Margaret.

Karen Anderson introduced the idea of reactivating the position of Neighborhood Chair. A discussion followed, which included the need for neighborhood system designation for the neighborhood luncheon, as well as other ways to make new members feel welcomed. The question was raised as to whether Kathy Sullivan had yet moved forward with her suggestion of providing mentors to new members.

Janet McElroy moved and Donna Weisblatt seconded that we develop a committee to revisit the neighborhood concept, with the possibility of updating the concept and the job description of that position, if it is re-created. Stacy Forgy, former Neighborhood Chair, should be a part of this conversation. The motion carried.

## **Committees**

**GEMS** Susan Oldham-Fritts reported on recent GEMS activities. Sixteen girls went to AT&T Park for the Bay Area Science Event and 22 girls visited the NASA Exploration Center. She also clarified the position of the Branch, now that GEMS is officially open to seventh graders, as follows: "It was noted that there would be no conflict permitted between GEMS and candidates for Tech Trek. It was agreed between Elaine Reimer (Tech Trek Chair) and Susan Oldham-Fritts (GEMS) that no one who interacts with seventh grade girls via GEMS can review Tech Trek selection materials, i.e. names of candidates would be obscured in essays and other candidate submissions."

**Wildflower Run** (Betsy Ding) Betsy presented a report and list of committees for the April 1, 2012 Wildflower Run activities thus far. (Notes attached to minutes) Currently all committees have chairs, including new committees for Signage, Race Day Area Coordinators, Goodie Bags, and Business sponsors.

Changes from the past year were also discussed, including Medals, Water Stops, Course, Registration Fee, Print Materials, and Age Groups.

The Schedule for promotion includes the following:

- Save the Date Postcards mailed approx. January 13
- Registration opens approx. January 15
- Posters up around town TBD approx. mid-February
- Late registration and increased fee March 23
- Race Day April 1

Open issues include South Valley Endurance and the need for a better PA system.

A discussion as to whether to approach WalMart for a donation was tabled until January.

**Honoree Committee** (Betsy Ding) Any nominations for the Honorees should be sent to Peggy Thompson by December 31. Qualifications for nominees, as well as a list of those recently honored, is in the current Newsletter.

## **Other Business**

State Convention is April 13-15.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Patty Crone  
Secretary