

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting Agenda
Weston Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Suite 120, Upstairs Meeting Room
January 5, 2012

Present: Margaret McCann, Joan Ensign, Elaine Reimer, Peggy Martin, Judy Kinker, Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel, Joanne Rife, Donna Weisblatt, Betsy Ding, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Janet McElroy, Karen Anderson, Kathy Hansell, and Patty Crone, plus visitors Patricia Kindred and Tessie Albin. A quorum of voting members was present.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by President Margaret McCann.

The minutes of the December 1 meeting were approved as amended.

Programs (Karen Anderson) Karen reported that the December party was a success. The Branch subsidized the members' costs by paying all but \$30 of the \$45 real cost.

The January program is "Financial Independence, Legacy, and Community" offered by Branch members Peggy Martin and Marisa Otto on January 25, 7 p.m. at the Morgan Hill House. It was decided that we would advertise only to our members and encourage them to bring guests.

On February 12, at 2 p.m. at the Morgan Hill Grange, the Morgan Hill and Gilroy branches will jointly present "Portraits of the Past". The cost of \$350 will be split between the two branches. The hour-long program will be followed by a dessert buffet, which will be provided by members.

- Karen will provide more specific details about the program to Carol O'Hare for the newsletter.
- Karen will identify requirements for room set-up and recruit member help.
- Information will be provided to local high schools and Gavilan College to encourage student attendance in this election year.

Carol O'Hare reported that on March 10, AAUW of Morgan Hill will co-sponsor with Friends of the Library a speaker, Sumbul Ali-Karamali, the author of *The Muslim Next Door*, in conjunction with the Silicon Valley Reads program. BookSmart will sell copies of the book at the event. No refreshments will be provided, based upon space limitations.

Treasurer's Report (Peggy Martin) Peggy reported that she has \$2380 in receipts for the December party, with \$1,318.80 spent thus far.

The Checking Account is currently just under \$15,000.

The meeting to discuss the surplus will be held on January 16 at Margaret McCann's home.

\$1850 is currently in the Bill Keig memorial fund, with an additional \$600 having been collected recently. It was suggested that the Branch do a special scholarship this year in Bill's name.

Membership (Janet McElroy and Kathy Hansell) Janet reported that the four Membership Vice Presidents met with Margaret McCann to discuss Membership team responsibilities and to ensure that the Neighborhood responsibilities are met, due to the needs having changed. Stacy Forgy continues to handle the assignment of new members to a Neighborhood, as part of her directory duties. Janet distributed job descriptions for each of the four areas currently managed by the membership vice presidents: Technology (Faith Protsman), Communication (Kathy Hansell), Interest Group Chair (Janet McElroy), and Membership Participation (Kathy Sullivan). The events for which the team will be responsible include New Member Brunch (September), Taste of Morgan Hill (September), Neighborhood Lunch (November—with Program Committee), and the New Member Wine and Whine (February). In addition, at least one membership vp will attend each Wine and Whine.

Elizabeth Mandel suggested that it would be helpful to have a “Membership Memo” in each issue of the newsletter, and Carol O’Hare pointed out that National provides useful information for this purpose.

It was clarified that for the Neighborhood Luncheon, the Program Committee is responsible for the program and location, while the Membership Team handles the table assignments, membership responsibilities, etc.

Joan Ensign brought up the need of the nominating committee to have some guidelines as they recruit new Board members for membership. The following statement was suggested: “ Membership may have up to four Vice Presidents with the function areas covered by those assigned as Membership Vice Presidents.”

- Janet will provide her report to Judy Kinker (Bylaws Committee) so that this additional detail can be included with the Membership VP job description.

Kathy Hansell reported that the February Wine and Whine will be held on February 15 at Rosy’s at the Beach in the back room. It was also agreed that we would provide some food, with the cost in the neighborhood of \$50. The Membership team will make reminder calls to the new members and will seek prizes for the raffles that will take place at this event.

She also announced that we have 11 new members since the summer.

Unfinished Business

State Convention (Margaret McCann) Margaret announced that she will accompany the State Convention coordinator, Virginia Beck, to Santa Clara on Saturday, January 7 from 1-3 p.m. to get a better understanding of the role that our Branch can play. She will return with the areas in which Morgan Hill can volunteer.

She also noted that while the cost is \$199, those who volunteer for five hours during the four days will be able to register for only \$135.

- Margaret will write an article for the February newsletter.

Patty Crone volunteered to serve as the Branch's point person for Convention matters after Margaret leaves for vacation on April 3.

Elizabeth Mandel is doing the layout for the AAUW-CA Perspectives publication, which should be sent to members later on this month. Convention information and registration materials will be included in this issue.

Nominating Committee (Margaret McCann) Margaret announced that the nominating committee consists of Joan Ensign, Jean Rickard, Peggy Martin, and Patricia Kindred.

New Business

WalMart as a Wildflower Run Sponsor (Margaret McCann) In 2011 the Branch voted not to accept the donation from WalMart due to the pending decision regarding whether the class action suit on behalf of WalMart's female employees (supported by AAUW LAF) would be allowed to go forward. Since then, the option of a class action suit has been denied. However, Carol O'Hare announced that WalMart employees are dividing into smaller groups for suits that are not class action, and once again the LAF is providing their efforts with financial support. The first such suit is being filed in Northern California.

Joan Ensign noted that WalMart has been overtly addressing women's initiatives, and that this speaks positively for their organization. She also acknowledged that the Branch is not bound by National's efforts, if we can explain our reasoning for wishing to approach WalMart this year. Judy Kinker proposed that we hold WalMart accountable by expecting them to support women's issues.

Margaret will email Linda Hallman, Executive Director of AAUW National, and will use Elizabeth's Mandel's points from last year's email to outline the pros and cons. Once we have National's perspective, we will be in a better position to make a decision as to how to proceed.

Changes in Voting for State Officers (Judy Kinker) Judy reminded the Board that AAUW now uses a one member-one-vote approach to elections at both the National and State level. Members should receive an email and/or postcard in late May.

Committee/Board Reports

GEMS (Susan Oldham-Fritts) Susan reported that 16 girls attended the trip to the NASA Exploration Center, where they heard from a mission member and a teacher in training.

Upcoming activities include a trip to Intuitive Surgical (January 16), volunteering at the Silicon Valley Puzzle Fest (January 28-29), Veteran's Administration Medical Center Laboratory and Women in Laboratory Medicine talk (February 11), volunteering at the Math Mardi Gras (March 25), Volunteering for the Wildflower Run (April 1), Star Party (May 19) and an NVIDIA tour and Women in Electrical Engineering Talk (June).

Wildflower Run (Betsy Ding and Elizabeth Mandel) Betsy announced that she would host a WFR Committee meeting at her home on January 12, at which time updates would be available. Yvonne Duckett, who is in charge of the Business Sponsors group, plans to do a blitz with packets, once all the packets have been revised to reflect some changes. The packet is available on the website for downloading.

- Barbara Palmer will be sending a request to members for donations

Elizabeth passed around the new Save-the-Date postcard. We have ordered 2500 for this year. Returning major (\$1000+) sponsors, who have already recommitted, have logos on the postcard. These will be sent out prior to the 20th, before postage increases on the 22nd. (There will be a postage party.)

Registration forms will be available concurrently on the Branch website and active.com.

Other open items:

- Rerouting the 5K to finish in the same place as the 10K
 - New sound system that has wireless capabilities
 - Use Live Oak's sound system
- It was also suggested that the Wildflower Run be moved to earlier in the agenda for upcoming Board meetings.

Honoree Committee (Betsy Ding) Betsy announced that the three honorees have been selected and will be honored at the Installation banquet in May.

Tech Trek (Elaine Reimer) Elaine reported that Tech Trek activities are proceeding according to the timeline. Nomination packets are currently being delivered to teachers, with a firm deadline of January 19 for the packets to be due. These will be reviewed on January 21. Students chosen from this initial group will receive essay options, which are due February 11. These will be reviewed on February 11, and the candidates chosen from this round will be interviewed on March 1 and 2 at the CRC.

Website Updates (Carol O'Hare) Carol suggested that board members each review areas of the website for which they are responsible for outdated/inaccurate information and send their corrections and updates to Emily Shem-Tov.

- A process for this needs to be established.

Great Decisions Group (Joanne Rife) Joanne announced that the Great Decisions group will regroup in the spring. The schedule will include two meetings per month (March, April, May, and June) on Wednesdays in the Library. The group is open to the public, and the booklets at \$23.

- Since the booklets need to be purchased soon, more information will be sent via email to the membership.

Elena Moreno's Birthday (Elizabeth Mandel) Elizabeth suggested (per Donna Dicker) that the Branch send flowers to Elena for her 90th birthday. It was agreed to spend up to \$60.

- Margaret will pass the okay along to Donna.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Crone

Secretary