

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Weston Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Suite 120, Upstairs Meeting Room
February 2, 2012

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

The meeting was called to order by President Margaret McCann at 7:00 p.m. Kathy Hansell pointed out that there will be no raffle at the New Members Wine and Whine, after which the minutes of the January meeting were approved as amended. The online WalMart vote was recorded separately.

Treasurer's Report (Peggy Martin) Peggy reported that there is \$14,758.62 in the operating account, just under the \$15,000 predicted. All outstanding bills have been paid.

Programs (Karen Anderson and Elena Anderson) Karen expressed thanks to Peggy Martin and Marissa Otto for their recent financial workshop for women. Thirty-six people were in attendance, and there has since been some interest in a low-key investment group or class or possibly an Interest Group.

The February 12 program is co-sponsored by Morgan Hill and Gilroy AAUW branches and will be held at the Morgan Hill Grange. A sound system will be borrowed from the Rotary Club. With regard to refreshments, Gilroy will provide coffee, tea, cider; and Morgan Hill will provide desserts.

- Margo Hinnenkamp will send out a note to membership requesting desserts for the event.

Carol O'Hare reported on the Silicon Valley Reads program on March 10 at 1 p.m., which AAUW is co-sponsoring with the Friends of the Library. She announced that we now have the full room. Flyers are available.

- Margo and Karen Anderson will communicate with members so that we can provide refreshments.

Membership (Faith Protsman, Kathy Hansell, and Kathy Sullivan) Faith reported that we have one new member, bringing us to a total of 151 members. We were reminded that new members who join on March 16 or later will receive the remainder of this membership year, as well as the following year (through June 2013.)

Linda Withrow requested brochures for the Chamber of Commerce. Kathy Sullivan also provided brochures for members to use in recruitment of new members.

Kathy Hansell announced the New Member Wine and Whine, which will be held on Wednesday, February 15, at Rosy's at the Beach. Appetizers will be provided. Kathy plans to call all new members to issue a personal invitation. There will not be a raffle.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Checking Account Surplus (Peggy Martin) A copy of the committee's recommendations was distributed. Peggy provided a brief overview of the reasons for the recommendations (Safety Net, Convention Support for Members, Battered Women's Shelter, and additional fund for Women Re-Entering College), and a discussion followed. Carol O'Hare moved that we immediately address the \$5000 safety net and the \$2000 toward members attending convention, with the first 20 who register and attend receiving \$100 each to help defray the cost. Judy Kinker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Susan Oldham-Fritts asked for confirmation that the \$3000 (corrected amount) allotment for Tech Trek is discretionary, and received that confirmation.

April State Convention Volunteers (Margaret McCann) Margaret reiterated that our branch, along with Gilroy, is assigned to the Connection Corner at the event. Once the online volunteer sign-up area is available, we can sign up to work at Connection Corner only for the first three days. Following that, individuals may sign up for any area remaining. Margaret will notify us when the sign-up area is available.

- Margaret will send an email to the entire branch about registration and volunteer sign-up procedures, emphasizing that the first 20 attendees from the branch will receive \$100 each.

Carol O'Hare asked whether the branch wants to apply for the Branch Recognition program, as the deadline is March 4.

- Carol will send the form to Karen Anderson.

Elizabeth Mandel is working on the display for Connection Corner at the Convention. It will consist of—

- The display board, with updates on the Wildflower Run and scholarship programs
- Brochures
- A running photographic display of the Wildflower Run
- A Wildflower Run document created by Carol and Jim Holzgrafe including the history, photos, etc.

Planned Parenthood/Susan Komen Foundation Response

Margaret McCann suggested that we write a letter to the editor of the Morgan Hill Times regarding the decision of the Komen Foundation to cease funding Planned Parenthood breast health care programs for low-income women due to the fact that Planned Parenthood also provides abortion services.

(Subsequent to the meeting, the Komen Foundation succumbed to public pressure and now says that Planned Parenthood may continue to apply for grants.) Elizabeth moved that the branch take a public position against the Komen Foundation's decision and Donna seconded it. The motion was approved.

- Margaret will write the letter and send it to the Morgan Hill Times.

E-voting Procedures Evaluation (Judy Kinker and Carol O'Hare) The consensus of the board members present is that the process was very effective and allowed more depth of thought, ability to hear out varying points of view. It was also noted that the process needs to be handled carefully to allow all

participants to state their views comfortably. Overall, it was agreed that this is a good technique to use when the board is in disagreement over controversial issues. Karen Anderson suggested that a transcript of the email discussion be kept. The board felt that this was not necessary since details of discussions are not normally reflected in the board minutes. Susan Oldham-Fritts asked whether minutes are posted in the Members area of the website. The board agreed that this should be the case.

- Margaret will pass the minutes along to Emily Shem-Tov with a request to create a Minutes section of the Members area, where minutes could routinely be posted.

Update of Website (Carol O'Hare and Elizabeth Mandel) Carol indicated that a division of responsibility is currently in process and will continue.

NEW BUSINESS

Changes in Board Member Responsibilities (Judy Kinker) Judy outlined the modifications, including the change in the Membership Vice Presidents descriptions, the deletion of Neighborhood Coordinator, firming up the EOF/LAF job descriptions and creating a job description for Stacy Forgy. Faith Protsman moved that these modifications be accepted, and Susan Oldham-Fritts seconded the motion. The action was approved.

COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS

Wildflower Run (Elizabeth Mandel) Elizabeth noted that there had been a mass mailing of postcards and that posters were being finalized. Emily Shem-Tov, on behalf of the branch, has licensed the url "wildflowerrun.org". This will take us initially to the Wildflower Run page of the AAUW-MH website, but will be built out over the next few weeks to create a separate website, highlighting the Run. This will allow greater visibility of sponsors as well as better search access to our Run. She also suggested that all Wildflower Run records include timelines for future reference.

- Members should talk up the Run with non-members and distribute postcards, which were passed out at the meeting.

GEMS (Susan Oldham-Fritts) Susan announced that the program continues to increase in popularity, with the last trip to a surgery center needing to turn away nearly 10 girls. The next trip on February 11 to the VA Hospital Lab will allow a visit to the morgue.

Staying in Touch (Donna Dicker) Donna requested that this report be tabled until the next meeting.

Tech Trek (Elaine Reimer) Elaine reported that she still needs a meet-and-greet coordinator for the program.

- Members should pass along suggestions for this position to Elaine.

Nominating Committee (Peggy Martin) Peggy reported that the committee has established the following slate of officers:

- Co-Presidents Margaret McCann and Janet McElroy
- Treasurer Peggy Martin

- Secretary Patty Crone
- Membership Faith Protsman, Kathy Hansell, Kathy Sullivan, Kim Molyneux
- Programs and President-Elect are still vacant.

The committee will meet again on Saturday morning. The subject of term limits was raised, with three years being the current limit. The possibility of a different term limit for the treasurer was suggested.

OTHER BUSINESS

The Scholarship Committee is in place.

Jean Pinard has agreed to store historical materials beginning in March. There is still no branch historian, and there is concern that photos will be difficult to identify if someone does not begin work on this soon. Susan Oldham-Fritts suggested that the current collection be digitized at Staples or Costco. Elena Anderson agreed to take on this project, if approved, once the collection is purged. At this time, we are not certain of the financial outlay required.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary