

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting

Weston Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Suite 120, Upstairs Meeting Room

March 1, 2012

**Present: Margaret McCann, Elizabeth Mandel, Judy Kinker, Betsy Ding, Elena Anderson, Karen Anderson, Donna Weisblatt, Kathy Hansell, Carol O'Hare, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Peggy Martin, Faith Protsman, Joan Ensign, Patty Crone. A quorum of voting members was present.**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by President Margaret McCann. The minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report** (Peggy Martin) Peggy distributed copies of the current financial statement and noted that there is \$14,704.49 in the checking account.

- Peggy will send receipts from Program events to Karen Anderson for review.

**Programs** (Karen Anderson) The February program (Portraits of the Past) was very successful, with approximately 66 members and guests of the combined Gilroy and Morgan Hill branches in attendance.

Carol O'Hare reported on the upcoming March 10, 1 p.m. program, Silicon Valley Reads, which is jointly sponsored by the Morgan Hill AAUW and the Friends of the Library. Sumbul Ali-Karamali will speak about her book *The Muslim Next Door* in conversation with journalist Marty Cheek.

- Elizabeth Mandel will send out an email to branch members re: our providing refreshments for this event.
- Faith Protsman will make sure that membership brochures and Wildflower Run postcards are on display.
- Carol will check to see who is to handle the introductions.

**Membership** (Faith Protsman and Kathy Hansell) Faith reported that we currently have 152 members. Peggy is holding a few recent members until March 15 so

that they can receive the benefit of membership from March 2012 to June 2013. The recent New Member Wine and Whine was very successful.

The renewal campaign for current members will begin shortly, with a target date of May 30.

- The Membership committee will send out an email blast to current members.
- They will also compose an article for the April newsletter.
- And they will make follow-up phone calls to current members as needed.

Faith asked whether they would need to provide raffle prizes for the May Installation Brunch, with members who had already renewed being eligible for the drawing. It was noted that one big prize, such as a free membership for the following year, would probably be sufficient. It was also noted that National will provide a free membership to branches that had increased their membership by a certain percent.

Joan Ensign suggested that we take photos of members for the directory—possibly at the Installation Brunch, as these are very helpful.

- Elizabeth offered to take the photos, unless someone else volunteered.

**Wildflower Run** (Betsy Ding and Elizabeth Mandel) Betsy reported that as of this date, 37% of members have donated to the Run. Sponsors are currently at 39% of our total for last year. The recruitment of volunteers is in progress.

- Barbara Palmer will send out another email to encourage members to donate.

The luncheon following the Run is organized and ready to go.

Elizabeth commented that the solicitation of sponsorships needs to begin earlier in the future (possibly October), and the committee needs to be larger. She also noted that there has been positive feedback on the new website for the Run. T-shirts will be ready on Monday, March 5. The medals are on order. Registrations are in line with last year's numbers.

Elizabeth and members of her committee did a walk-through of the Run at the last meeting, which was very useful. Future experience notebooks should include such information.

Greg Richards of South Valley Endurance was in attendance at the Run meeting and was very responsive. His Staff will be focused on the Run on April 1. The timing arch start is still being negotiated.

The new sound system, along with a wagon, has been purchased at a price of \$977.96.

Kathy Sullivan has taken over the signage for the Run, and her recommendations will be reviewed on Saturday.

Carol Holzgrafe still needs stories about the Run for the archives, website, etc.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**April Convention** (Margaret McCann) Margaret noted that as of this date, fourteen branch members had signed up to attend and will receive the \$100 subsidy following the Convention. That leaves six slots open for the subsidy.

**Scholarships** (Margaret McCann) Margaret reported that the Committee has selected 12 High School (Live Oak and Sobrato) scholarship applicants for interviews. A discussion followed as to the importance of the long-term plans of the applicants and their importance in the students' eligibility. It was recommended that an Associates degree (AA) or Bachelor's degree program would be preferable to a certificate program that could not ultimately lead to a four-year degree. This is in line with the AAUW membership guidelines.

- The Committee will check their records to see if there is any reference to this in past practices and will recommend that the Branch consider a change, if needed.

Susan Oldham-Fritts moved that we open the Live Oak and Sobrato scholarships to applicants who are pursuing an AA or Bachelor's degree. Judy Kinker seconded the motion. The motion carried.

It was also noted that scholarship recipients from Central could receive a \$500 per semester distribution.

A question came up regarding who was responsible for the Installation Brunch on May 20. Barbara Palmer will handle the installation, and Hospitality will handle the décor. Karen Anderson has reserved the Morgan Hill House facilities. Margaret McCann is responsible for coordinating the program and agenda.

**Bill Keig's Memorial Fund** (Carol O'Hare) Carol suggested that the \$2500 in the Fund be designated for one scholarship to someone in the field of education (Bill's area) with plans to teach in a public school. It could be a woman in the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> year of the education program and who has a Morgan Hill connection. She could also be a re-entry student.

- Carol will contact the San Jose State school of education, the Morgan Hill Times, and the Morgan Hill Federation of Teachers to determine if candidates fitting these specifications might be found.

**Paying for the New Speaker System** (Peggy Martin/Elizabeth Mandel) Peggy noted that the recommendations for the surplus have been submitted to and discussed by the Board. She also emphasized that the \$5000 reserve is necessary. Carol moved that the funds come from the surplus to pay for the new speaker system and Faith seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**Job Description for Scholarship Chair** (Judy Kinker) Judy distributed copies of the proposed job description, which combined Article 4 and Article 9. Elizabeth suggested that there be added the duty "Ensures that website content for local scholarships is kept current" and that this be a duty for each Chair of a Committee. Judy moved that the job description be approved as amended. The motion carried.

### **Follow Up to Addendum 4 (Voting by Email Between Meetings)** (Judy Kinker)

Judy reported that the bylaws committee decided that the current version was sufficient to cover the concerns raised at the last meeting. This addendum had been based upon a similar, but less detailed, procedure from the State's website.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

**Get Out the Vote Campaign** (Margaret McCann) Margaret reported that she had attended the League of Women Voters meeting regarding this campaign, which is designed to encourage people to register to vote and then make informed choices when voting. She discussed the possibility of bringing Gloria Leonard (LWV secretary and AAUW-SJ Public Policy Chair) into town to discuss the League's efforts with the Board of both the Morgan Hill and Gilroy branches in preparation for the Candidate Forum in October.

### **COMMITTEE/BOARD REPORTS**

**GEMS** (Susan Oldham-Fritts) Susan reported that six GEMS members attended the recent trip to the VA facilities, which was very successful. GEMS members are also assisting with the Math Mardi Gras and the Wildflower Run. Kathy Sullivan of the Historical Society will offer a program in June "From Home Ec to High Tech."

**Staying in Touch/Scholarships** (Margaret McCann) Margaret reported that the deadline at Gavilan is now March 23. Other community college deadlines are a week earlier. She added that there are three strong candidates for the SIT program.

**TechTrek** (Susan Oldham-Fritts) Susan announced that the TechTrek funds would be needed shortly and that interviews were in progress at that moment.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Website Update** (Carol O'Hare) Carol reported that she and Margaret would be meeting on March 19 to review the website for needed changes and also to

determine who would be responsible for the updates required on an ongoing basis.

**Women's History Month Chair** (Margaret McCann) Margaret noted that there would be no display this month. She also announced that we need someone to create the display for future use.

- Margaret will contact Mary Hellman to see if she is interested.

**Fourth of July Parade** Kathy announced that this year's theme for the parade will be "Happy Birthday America!"

**Crossing the Line** Susan Oldham-Fritts reminded members of the program on March 11 in San Jose and noted that she and Patty Crone would be attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary