

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Weston Miles Architects Meeting Room, 17500 Depot Street
April 5, 2012

Present: Members Janet McElroy, Peggy Martin, Karen Anderson, Elena Anderson, Faith Protsman, Kathy Hansell, Kathy Sullivan, Elizabeth Mandel, Betsy Ding, Carol Holzgrafe, Joanne Rife, Joan Ensign, Donna Dicker, Elaine Reimer, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Carol O'Hare, and guests Lisa Pampuch, Claudia Rossi
A quorum of voting members was present

The meeting was called to order at 7 pm by president-elect Janet McElroy. She offered congratulations to Elizabeth and Betsy for a very successful Wildflower Run.

Minutes of the March board meeting were approved as presented. Peggy Martin gave the **Treasurer's** report that showed no significant changes. She was thanked for the extra work that the Run entailed.

Programs: Carol O'Hare reported that the March 10 Silicon Valley Reads author program at the library was very successful with more than 100 in attendance. She thanked Karen MacDonald and AAUW for refreshments. Karen Anderson asked for more branch input in future SVR programs.

Membership: Faith Protsman reported that the branch now has 154 members, although there still is some discrepancy with national over the exact number. The May newsletter will include both a renewal form and instructions on how to renew on the national website. Those who renew by May 20 will be entered into a drawing for a free membership. Faith will follow-up with dual members to make sure records are correct.

When someone expresses interest in our branch, Faith sends a membership packet. Kathy Hansell or Kathy Sullivan will follow-up with a phone call. Faith requested that future Run feedback forms include a place for runners to indicate that they are interested in AAUW. She reported that California leads the nation in number of new members, 191 this year, and that MH contributes to that.

"Miss Representation" Lisa Pampuch (branch member) and Claudia Rossi (school board member) presented a proposal for showing the film "Miss Representation" at the Morgan Hill Playhouse on Thursday, May 3. They asked that AAUW sponsor the program and pay the costs. The Santa Clara County School Board Association has licensing rights to show the 90 minutes film, which depicts how the media portrays women and girls. Although the licensing agreement is for showing the film at schools, this would be difficult in MH due to the timing of the school calendar. The program would be free and promoted to high school students, as well as the general public. A panel discussion would follow, and AAUW would have input on the make-up of the panel.

It was moved and seconded (Faith, Joanne Rife) that AAUW support the showing of the film and pay up to \$375 (\$75 playhouse rental, \$100 projector rental, \$200 honoraria for

panel) plus \$500 for a refundable deposit. The motion was passed unanimously. Kathy Sullivan (who is also president of the SC Co School Board Assoc) will be the liaison to the group that is planning this event. The program will be promoted through Twitter, Facebook, AAUW email list, MH Times, flyers to schools and contacting Rotary interact clubs.

[Note: Because of licensing issues that subsequently surfaced, the film will not be shown on May 3 at the Playhouse.]

AAUW State Convention is April 13-15. 14 members have registered. Car pools are being arranged and attendees are encouraged to wear the 2012 Run tee shirt on Friday.

Wildflower Run signage. The board had previously approved by email spending up to \$1800 for new signs for the Run. It was moved and seconded (Carol O', Donna Dicker) that the cost be covered by the branch operating account surplus. This was approved unanimously.

A workshop to train members for the upcoming “**It’s My Vote -- I Will Be Heard**” campaign will take place on Thursday, April 12, 12 noon to 5 pm. Janet, Joanne and Kathy Sullivan will attend. Swanee Edwards, a new member, will also be invited to participate.

The all-day **Board Retreat** will be held Saturday, June 23, at Peggy Martin’s.

Wildflower Run: Betsy Ding summarized the 97 evaluations that were received at the Run. 60 people reported that this was their first time. Most heard about it from family or friends, although postcards and posters were also important. 75 plan to do the run again. Parents liked having medals for all 2K runners. Many evaluations commented on the beautiful scenery and wonderful volunteers. The only negative was the WIND!

Elizabeth Mandel noted that runners liked Jamba Juice and the good organization. This year the timing worked well. Publicity was extensive, including the use of SVE’s email list of 45,000. She would like to take advantage of more of Active.com’s capabilities, such as automated registration confirmation, as well as to contact previous runners, provide updates, etc. WFR postcards should be taken to other runs that occur before ours. She also recommends raising the rate by \$5 next year.

Details: 872 runners registered. Sponsors contributions totaled more than \$11,000, although one check still has not been received. An additional \$12,000 was given as in-kind donations. Members gave about \$4000. Tentative date for 2013 is April 14.

Community College Scholarships: Donna Dicker reported that 6 applications were received, 3 from Gavilan students and 3 from DeAnza. A maximum of 4-\$1000 scholarships were available, but the committee elected to award only 3, all to Gavilan women.

Staying in Touch: Donna also reported that 2 women, previous Gavilan scholarship winners, will be awarded SIT grants to help them as they continue pursuing their educational goals. \$500 for each had been budgeted, but the committee requests that the unused 4th community college scholarship be divided between these women. It was moved and seconded (Donna, Kathy Hansell) that the board approve increasing 2 SIT grants to \$1000 each, using funds available from community college awards. The motion passed with no dissent. Donna and Peggy will work out how the funds are to be distributed.

Election of 2012-2013 officers: Carol O' reported for Judy Kinker that 47 members voted online and the proposed slate was elected unanimously. Peggy reminded us that she needs the election results officially recorded as minutes to give to the bank. Carol will notify secretary Patty Crone.

Judy also sent word that several bylaw changes are being required by national. Because these changes are mandatory, a vote is not needed at the branch level. The bylaws committee will work on these at its next meeting.

Tech Trek: Elaine Reimer passed out a list of items needed for goodie bags that are given to Tech Trekkers to take to camp. The list will appear in the May newsletter.

GEMS: Susan Oldham-Fritts reported 17 girls helped at Math Mardi Gras and that there were 25 youth volunteers at the Run, including 15 GEMS. The next event is a star party at Joseph Grant State Park on May 19.

Miscellaneous: Elena Anderson commented again on the need to digitize branch photos, which she is willing to do once the number of photos has been reduced. Carol O' reminded members of the April 10 deadline for the May newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, Acting Secretary

Upcoming Events

“Miss Representation” film showing May 3

Installation Brunch May 20

Board Retreat June 23

Summer Barbecue TBD

