

**AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting**  
**Weston Miles Architects Meeting Room, 17500 Depot Street**  
**May 3, 2012**

Present: Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy, Kathy Hansell, Joanne Rife, Peggy Martin, Faith Protsman, Karen Anderson, Betsy Ding, Donna Dicker, Donna Weisblatt, Elaine Reimer, Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel, Judy Kinker, Patty Crone. A quorum of voting members was present.

The meeting was called to order at 6:59p.m. by president Margaret McCann. The minutes were approved, with the clarification that they should read "Joseph Grant County Park" instead of State Park.

**Treasurer's Report**

Peggy Martin distributed the financial statement. She noted that the \$149.60 reimbursement to Susan Oldham-Fritts should perhaps be split between two categories of the budget.

- Peggy will follow up with Susan to determine.

She also noted that one Tech Trek check (from an attendee family) had been returned because the account has been closed.

- Elaine Reimer will follow up with the family.

**Programs**

Margaret McCann announced that she and Margo Hinnenkamp are responsible for the Spring Installation Brunch on May 20. She will handle the agenda, Margo will take reservations, and Barbara Palmer will do the installation. Programs has secured the location, Villa Mira Monte.

- Elizabeth will provide Karen Anderson with a flyer to send out as a reminder for RSVPs.

Money is available from both the President's Fund and Membership for flowers or any other expenses.

**Membership**

Faith Protsman announced that membership is the same as last month's report. Renewal, both online and by mail, continue. For those who have renewed by the May 20 brunch, there will be a raffle of a free membership. Other raffle items (left over from the Wildflower Run) are available.

- Elizabeth will take photos of members at the Brunch, for the online directory.

**Unfinished Business**

Carol O'Hare announced that ISPF needs to hire someone to handle the tax preparation. Individual branches will be assessed ½ to 1%--about \$250-\$500 for Morgan Hill. The agreement was that this was a reasonable cost for the service.

Joanne Rife opened a discussion about the National program "It's My Vote. I Will Be Heard." Joanne and Janet McElroy attended this workshop at the recent State Convention. The goal is to register 18-30 year-old women to vote via their colleges. This would assume that Morgan Hill and Gilroy would work with Gavilan College. Suggestions from National include targeting retail outlets, postcards, door-to-door canvassing, and follow-up phone calls, which is labor intensive. As an alternative, the Candidates Forum was suggested, with the event occurring earlier (September?) due to earlier mail-in ballots. It was decided that this would be discussed further at the Board Retreat on June 23.

- Janet McElroy will put together a committee to present a proposal at the Retreat. Joanne commented that Gloria Leonard (AAUW San Jose Public Policy) would work with us. Carol Holzgrafe is the branch's Public Policy Chair, and Programs should also be included in the discussion.
- She will also contact Geri Allen, president of the Gilroy branch.

### **New Business**

Carol O'Hare announced that the Branch won a \$40 gift certificate for Shop AAUW at Convention by submitting a mission-based program application (Clara Foltz and celebration of CA Woman Suffrage Centennial). Elizabeth suggested that the Membership committee use this to purchase small items to reward a member every time that they bring a guest to an AAUW event.

- Faith will pursue this suggestion.

### **Composition of Allocation Committee**

Elizabeth noted that the committee meets each summer to create a proposal for the allocation of funds and then presents this proposal to the Board as a recommendation in the fall. The Bylaws committee recommended 12 members. Elizabeth observed that this committee size may be unwieldy and proposed that the size of the group be reduced, to still allow buy-in from all constituents. After checking with other branches with comparable fund-raising efforts, she suggested that the committee consist of the following: Local Community College Scholarship Chair, Local High School Scholarship Chair, EOF and LAF Chairs, Tech Trek Chair, Wildflower Run Sponsors Chair, the Chair of the Committee and the Branch President as an ex officio, non-voting member. This would eliminate the Wildflower Run Director, the ISPF Liaison, and the By-Laws Chair.

Margaret presented the request by member Linda Withrow that we publicize the fact that Rosy Bergin, a supporter of our Branch, is being honored with the Leadership Excellence Award by Leadership Morgan Hill. Carol moved that we support this event, which will include a mention in Community Events in the newsletter and email to members.. Janet McElroy seconded the motion, which carried.

### **Committee/Board Reports**

Elizabeth and Betsy gave a wrap-up report on the Wildflower Run. Income was up slightly, and sponsor and member donations were down. Several bills are pending.

Yvonne Duckett and Barbara Palmer will handle sponsorship next year. They would like to have sponsorship packets available at the July barbecue. Carol O'Hare will manage member donations, and Betsy has agreed to be the volunteer coordinator.

The new Wildflower Run booklet will not be printed until updated. The group is still gathering stories and photos for this purpose. Elizabeth suggested that printing costs (for the two booklets already printed) be taken from Community Connections since they will be used for branch publicity at the Taste of Morgan Hill and other community events.

### **Other Business**

Margaret introduced the topic of the scholarship criteria for the Central High School applications. She worked this year with the following requirements:

- No GPA requirement
- A reachable goal
- Certificate programs are okay

- Common Scholarship application including essay and instructor recommendation completed
- Community service and paid work experience given preference.

After some discussion, Elizabeth moved and Carol seconded the following motion: "Central candidates for scholarships should aspire to at least an Associates degree from an accredited institution (therefore eligible for AAUW membership). Exceptions would be considered with Board approval. " The motion carried.

- These new criteria should be placed into the Experience booklet, policies and procedures and online.

It was suggested that the Board Retreat agenda include brief presentations regarding Convention workshops. Elizabeth also proposed that there be a membership focus at this retreat.

- Margaret and Janet will also discuss ways to reach out to the attendees at the Installation Brunch re: convention workshops.

Elizabeth and Donna Dicker will be in charge of the Summer Barbecue (July 28).

Carol also mentioned her research on the possibility of acquiring and showing "Miss Representation" documentary. The DVD is available for \$295. Carol suggested that the Friends of the Library purchase this for several local showings.

Reminder: vote for State Officers. Both the online and postcard reminders have gone out, and recommendations to Branch members are in the recent May newsletter.

Carol reminded everyone that the summer newsletter deadline is May 10.

Elaine Reimer announced that the Tech Trek Meet and Greet will be June 12. More details available later. Details of the Ice Cream Social have not yet been received.

Elizabeth reminded the Board that Carol Holzgrafe is in need of one more Dorm Mom for Tech Trek.

The meeting was adjourned at 9p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary