

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting
Weston Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Suite 120, Upstairs Meeting Room
September 6, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

In Attendance: Margaret McCann and Janet McElroy, Faith Protsman, Kathy Hansell, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Peggy Martin, Joan Ensign, Elaine Reimer, , Carol O'Hare, Patty Crone, Judy Kinker, Kim Molyneux, Jenny Redfern, Kathy Stanton, Wendy Bell, Kathy Sullivan and guest Nancy Lowe. A quorum of voting members was present.

Margaret called the meeting to order at 7 p.m. She introduced Nancy Lowe, a member who will serve as the moderator for the upcoming Candidates Forum on October 4.

Due to the date of the Candidate Forum, the next Board meeting will be at Oakwood School on October 11. And articles for the next newsletter will need to be received by Carol O'Hare no later than September 10.

The minutes of the Board Retreat were approved.

The new Board Meeting Protocol was reviewed (see attached).

Margaret announced that the Branch received an award from National for being seventh in the nation in 2011 contributions to the AAUW Public Policy fund, which "advocates for laws and policies that are fair to women."

A sheet was passed around so that Board members could sign up to bring refreshment for the year's meetings.

Treasurer's Report – Peggy Martin reported in changes to the budget:

- Decided to spend \$240 for t-shirts for GEMS.
- Added to allotment for Branch insurance – now at \$500 in the budget. (The exact amount will be known in October.)

She also noted that the Barbecue is expected to pay for itself. It earned \$428 in profit after expenses. Or it can be added in as a budget item with both expenses and income recognized. (This is a formatting issue.) She recommended that this be the format for the publication of the budget in the October newsletter.

Ann amended budget is attached.

Susan Oldham-Fritts moved to amend the budget presented on September 6, 2012, to include both the expense and income lines for the Barbecue fundraiser and adjustments to other expense items. Kathy Hansell seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Peggy also noted that she now has a debit card for the Branch operating account.

The \$3000 IBM grant for Tech Trek was approved for teaching supplies and lesson plans. The cash was given to ISPF for Tech Trek, specifically Camp Curie at Stanford. Last year's \$1000 grant is still in ISPF, as it was never requested.

Joan Ensign observed that this qualifies IBM as a Tech Trek/Wildflower Run Sponsor again in 2013.

Programs

The Committee Chairs (Wendy Bell, Carol O'Hare, Kathy Stanton) presented their report (attached.)

Carol commented that they are still trying to reach a Blaine/Cate Fellow for November's meeting (Westside Grill, 8080 Santa Teresa Blvd, Gilroy, 11a.m.-4p.m.). Membership will handle the seating and distribution of directories for that event, and Carol will notify Hospitality about table decorations. The cost will be \$26.

The December Holiday Luncheon will be on December 9 at the Eagle Ridge Club House in Gilroy. The following decisions were made about this event:

- Have a three-member musical group for \$225
- Spouses invited, but no discount
- Cash Bar
- \$41/person

Membership

Faith Protsman and Kathy Hansell reported that we currently have 124-125 renewals, including five new members and two members rejoining. "How to Renew" information link is included in the newsletter.

It was suggested that a reminder for RSVPs for the September Membership Brunch be sent out, as there have been only 16 responses so far, with 12 attending. There may be something in the Morgan Hill Times on the Friday before the event.

Board members were asked to come at 10 a.m. to assist with set-up. Margaret remarked that we need more pop-up shade structures, including replacing the one that no longer works. Peggy checked the budget and confirmed that the funds are available. Margaret will purchase. Joan has the PA system and will get it to Janet.

Kathy Sullivan passed around a sign-up sheet for the Taste of Morgan Hill, which occurs on September 29-30. She also commented that the chamber is charging AAUW as if we are not a non-profit (\$325). Carol suggested that we use ISPF, which is a 501(c)(3), for a \$150 fee. She will take determination letter to the chamber office and provide them with a certificate of insurance

Unfinished Business

Kathy Sullivan reported on the Candidate Forum, October 4, at 7 p.m., at the Morgan Hill Playhouse. Most of the regular candidates have confirmed. There will be questions from the Morgan Hill Times and the audience. Kathy also has back-up questions, if needed. The October newsletter will be published before the Forum.

Jenny Redfern suggested that the issues be published in the newsletter. There is a voter registration link on the website. She also suggested that we set up a voter registration table at the Candidates Forum, and that Swanee Edwards could help find someone to staff that.

Nancy Lowe will be the moderator, and will be assisted by Carol Holzgrafe, Joanne Rife and Lindsay Weave (MH Times). MHAT may videotape. Toastmasters will provide two timekeepers, using a system of lights instead of colored cards, which cannot always be seen by the candidates.

Retreat Follow-Up

- Treasurer as a non-elected officer. The State organization has indicated that the Branch can change the name to CFO or add this arrangement to the by-laws.
- Committee on Public Policy – Janet requested that this be tabled. She also commented that National Public Policy issues would be emphasized at the membership brunch.
- It's My Vote – Jenny announced that she and her team had three successful days of registering voters at local high schools and Gavilan. Margaret will be going to Central. The League of Women Voters is planning a voter registration campaign locally. Margaret and Janet also agree to go to the Farmers market on a few Saturdays in September.
- How AAUW has impacted your life. An article on Title IX, written by Jenny, will be published in the newsletter.
- New member gathering. Margaret reported that the event was a success, attended by 11 new members and 11 Board members.

Bill Keig Memorial Scholarship – Carol reported that AAUW was the recipient of memorial gifts after Bill's passing. The result is that a one-time award of \$2500 will be given to a woman going into a career in education. The award will be publicized in these ways:

- An announcement in the Morgan Hill Times
- Contacting the teacher's union
- Contacting the financial aid office and department of education at San Jose State

The deadline for applicants is November 1, 2012.

Branch vacancies – We are still in need of an historian and someone to create/set up a Women's History Month display for March. The discussion was tabled.

New Business

Joan reported on the activities of the Leadership Development Committee, designed to attract more volunteers and recruit new officers for the Branch well before nominations are due. (A report is attached.) The committee consists of Janet McElroy, Carol O'Hare, Donna Weisblatt, and Patricia Kindred. Questionnaires for potential volunteers will be distributed at the Membership Brunch and will also be emailed to members. Jenny suggested that the form be modified to segregate short-term from long-term commitments.

Philanthropy Honoree Nominations for the Community Foundation upcoming recognition dinner—Margaret requested that nominations be sent to the full board for consideration. Joan advised that nominees be considered for their contributions to AAUW—financial, time commitment, involvement, etc. The dinner will take place on November 9.

Committee/Board Reports

The GEMS report was tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 9 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary