

AAUW-Morgan Hill Board Meeting  
Weston-Miles Architects, 17500 Depot Street, Suite 120, Upstairs Meeting Room  
November 1, 2012

In Attendance: Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Betsy Ding, Elaine Reimer, Patty Crone, Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel, Kathy Hansell, Peggy Martin, Joan Ensign, Barbara Palmer, Maria Schalk. A quorum of voting members was present.

It was announced that Sandy Clark, long-time branch member, passed away in Ohio.

- Elizabeth will send announcement to Branch membership and will include the address in the email.

The family has requested that those who wish to remember Sandy should make a donation to their favorite charity. Reminder: if you choose to donate to AAUW, make checks to ISPF-AAUW.

**Treasurer's Report** – Peggy Martin announced that the Branch has \$10,563.27 in the checking account. Peggy spoke with National about the Shape the Future program. The cost is \$56.50, and a drop-down now exists on the membership area of the website. She added that the online account indicates that we have 136 members, but more checks have just come through.

Peggy cautioned that we are overspending (insurance, directory, historian, community awareness) and asked that Board members be judicious about spending as we approach the end of the year. Peggy is happy to send electronic copies of budget/expenditures to committee chairs.

Elizabeth Mandel observed that the cost of printing seems high (although we do get a very good price on tee-shirts for the Run), observing that the candidate forum programs were much less expensive when printed at BookSmart. She asked if printing would be cheaper elsewhere. Peggy observed that membership directories were only \$1 each, which is a good price. Peggy also said sometimes bills are not delivered to her or arrive months late, even though her address is on the account. She suggested that anyone placing orders add her name to theirs on every order.

**Programs** – Carol O'Hare reported that rsmps for the Neighborhood Luncheon on November 10 at the Westside Grill are at 20 plus the three speakers. There will be one additional email reminder.

Jane Blissett, who will be moving soon, will be in attendance. Barbara Palmer will say a few words and present her with a gift—perhaps a picture of the July 4 Parade.

The deadline to rsvp for the Holiday Party on December 9 is November 28. Carol currently has 10-12 rsmps. Gift cards for the Learning and Loving Center (specifically from Target and Walmart) have been requested.

Upcoming Silicon Valley Reads programs include Minefields of the Heart on January 31 and Operation Freedom Paws on February 12.

**Membership** – Kathy Hansell reported that 138 have officially renewed at this time, and that we have nine new members since June.

Barbara Palmer, who has joined the Membership Committee as the New Member Coordinator, calls new members with reminders and offers of assistance re: the website and the newsletter. She has now made calls to potential new members from the Taste of Morgan Hill and has sent a short introductory email. She also sent out introductory hard copies of the Newsletter. She reported that three new members have attended the Out to Lunch Bunch. She will continue to follow up with new members.

#### **Unfinished Business**

**Bill Keig Scholarship** – Carol O’Hare reported that there are seven candidates. When Jean Pinard returns from her vacation, she and Carol will review the applications and decide who to interview.

**Wildflower Run donations** Three members have donated thus far, and mugs will be delivered to \$100 donors at meetings.

#### **New Business**

- Patty Crone will forward approved minutes to Laura Durica.

**Nominating Committee** – Joan Ensign chairs with membership including Betsy Ding, Donna Dicker, Peggy Pinarbasi.

**Leadership Development** – Joan Ensign reported that the committee has met five times and that they need to fill all positions except for the CFO. It was recommended that the Branch go back to two Membership VPs, plus a committee to handle specific duties. The Board agreed that the number of Membership VPs requested to fill the job should be a decision of the Nominating Committee. The committee also recommends that the President(s) be chosen first. The interest questionnaire will be revised and then distributed at the luncheon, posted online again. Leadership Development will meet regularly throughout the year, so please pass along any recommendations to Joan.

**Use of Branch Email** - Carol mentioned that Mary Cortani is a nominee for CNN’s Hero of the Year, with a possible grant of \$250,000. (Mary is the Feb 12 branch program speaker.) There is a November 28 deadline for voting, and it is possible to vote up to ten times a day. Should we send this out to the Branch? The Board decided against this, as it is not related to AAUW.

**Allocations** – Elizabeth Mandel distributed the recommendation for the Allocation of AAUW funds (see attached). The money needs to go to National by December 1. Carol O’Hare moved to approve the distribution as presented, and Susan Oldham-Fritts seconded. The motion was approved.

- Maria will contact Carol to request a check to be sent to National with a letter (and a copy to the State) by December 1.

**New AAUW Report** – Carol announced that National has just released a new report “Graduating to a Pay Gap.” She added that the March program topic may be Pay Equity.

**Bylaws Committee** – has provided a revision to the job description of the Local Scholarship chair. *The Branch policy regarding local scholarships is that local scholarships awarded to high school and middle school girls shall be limited to those attending public schools within the Morgan Hill Unified School District. All candidates for scholarships, including Central, should aspire to at least an Associate degree from an accredited institution, which is the minimum requirement for AAUW membership. (No GPA requirement for Central). Exceptions would be considered with Board approval. (Revised 11/12)*

Carol O’Hare moved to accept the change as written. Joan Ensign seconded. The motion carried.

### **Committee/Board Reports**

**GEMS** – Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that she had visited CAL Girls. GEMS will also register for the Coalition for Science After School. She added that attendance is dropping for many activities, and so there has been some juggling of schedules to accommodate conflicts. The Gilroy Tech Trek girls may join our group.

**Wildflower Run** – Elizabeth opened the possibility of adding a 5K Stroller category, with 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> for men and women. The Board was generally in support of the idea, citing broader community involvement, publicity and sponsorship opportunities. The committee will meet next Tuesday.

Maria brought up the question of when we call for AAUW Funds honorees from the Branch. There will be a call for nominees in the January Newsletter.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Patty Crone, Secretary