

## AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting September 5, 2013

Present: Judy Kinker, Jenny Redfern, Joanne Rife, Margaret McCann, Elizabeth Mandel, Janet McElroy, Peggy Martin, Faith Protsman, Kathy Hansel, Elaine Reimer, Joan Ensign, Donna Dicker, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Carol O'Hare, Barbara Palmer

A quorum was present.

President Janet McElroy called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Retreat minutes were approved as corrected. Janet will email corrected document.

CFO Peggy Martin reported that our branch has earned one free national membership and that the membership vps will decide how best to use it.

She presented the proposed budget for 2013-2014 (see attached), answering questions about various categories. One expense item was \$1000 for AAUW CA convention attendees, to be covered by surplus funds in the operating account. Because this expense (increased to \$2000 in alternate years for AAUW national convention) cannot be sustained by surplus funds, an increase in branch dues was suggested.

Motion on dues increase: To increase the Morgan Hill branch dues by \$9.00 from \$16.00 to \$25.00 for a total of \$90.00 effective in 2014-2015. Motion made by Susan Oldham-Fritts and seconded by Elaine Reimer. Motion passed.

Peggy will take into account requested changes, and a final budget will be approved by email vote.

Elizabeth Mandel presented the proposed 2013 allocation of Wildflower Run funds of \$36,600. (See attached.) In addition to the usual, the Allocation Committee recommends some new programs. One of these is to sponsor a branch member to attend Leadership Morgan Hill at a cost of \$1200. It was decided that the final candidate would be selected by the Leadership Development Team and, because selection should be made as soon as possible, that candidates would be solicited by email. Elizabeth will follow up.

The allocation as presented was approved. Kudos to Elizabeth for putting together and explaining the allocation information.

Faith Protsman reported for Membership. We currently have 160 members, although about 30 have not yet renewed but are expected to do so. Board members offered to contact some of these to encourage them to renew. A reminder about the Membership Brunch on September 21 will be sent.

Margaret McCann reported for Margo Hinnenkamp on programs that are planned for 2013-2014. (see attached)

Barbara Palmer, who is in charge of the AAUW booth at the Taste of Morgan Hill, September 28-29, is recruiting volunteers. She also gave an update on New Member Mentors and the Wildflower Run Sponsor committee, which will hold its first meeting in Oct. She and Elizabeth presented the 2014 tee-shirt design.

Joan Ensign reported on the activities of the Leadership Development Team. A new interest questionnaire has been developed and will be emailed to branch members and will be available at the Membership Brunch. Board members are encouraged to make use of those members who indicate interest in their area of responsibility and to provide feedback to Joan.

Susan Oldham-Fritts gave the GEMS report. The first event will be attending a play about Marie Curie in Mountain View at a significantly reduced price for GEMS. There will also be reduced price tickets available for adults and seniors. Susan will create an email to let members know of the discounted price.

Elaine Reimer won the award for brevity for her Tech Trek report.

Carol O'Hare passed around a pre-production copy of the 30 year history of the Wildflower Run. The final version will be available for the booth at the Taste, and members will be able to order individual copies at a cost of around \$15. It was decided that the branch would give a \$100 restaurant gift certificate to Jim Holzgrafe in appreciation of all his time and effort on the book. Peggy determined that the cost of the 5 copies that the branch has ordered and the gift certificate would come from "Historian" in the budget.

#### New Business

Because the Granary has rented out the community room, we will no longer be able to use the space for our board meetings. Two possibilities are the meeting room at BookSmart (cost \$25, but a reduced charge is possible) or at the CRC (\$15). Peggy also has offered her house for meetings. Janet will follow-up.

Donna Dicker passed around a card for signature to be sent to Peggy and Dave Thompson.

The AAUW Funds luncheon will be held in Danville on October 20. Margaret will arrange a carpool.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 PM.

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#### Upcoming Events

Membership Brunch September 21

Taste of Morgan Hill September 28-29