

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
December 5, 2013
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room

Present: Joan Ensign, Kathy Hansell, Margo Hinnenkamp, Marti Jurick, Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Martin, Janet McElroy, Carol O'Hare, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Elaine Reimer, and Sandy Stoob. A quorum was present.

Also present, Jennifer Freeberg, Maggie Leininger, Barbara Palmer, and Joy Safakish.

Call to Order/Announcements - President Janet McElroy called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. She introduced Joy Safakish, Nominating Committee Chair, and Maggie Leininger, Interest Group Chair.

Minutes - The minutes of November 7, 2013 were approved as modified.

Finance Officer Report - CFO Peggy Martin reviewed budget vs. actual as of 12/05/13 (see attached). There were no major changes.

Membership Report – Kathy Hansell announced that a new member, Buffie (Maribeth) Colloton, joined at the Neighborhood Lunch. Kathy stated that a membership meeting will be held in January to set up Wine and Whine.

New Member Mentor Report - Barbara Palmer said she spoke with Buffie at the Lunch and sent a welcome email.

Programs – Margo Hinnenkamp reported that 65 have signed up for the Holiday Party, which will feature a performance by the Ukuladies interest group. The January program will be the Speech Trek Contest at Villa Mira Monte on January 15, 2014. March 2014 programs will include Silicon Valley Reads at the Morgan Hill Library on March 4 and the Lilly Ledbetter as keynote speaker at the South Bay Women's Conference on March 8 at San Jose State University.

Janet noted that the Board previously discussed a donation to defray expenses for Ms. Ledbetter.

It was moved and seconded (Margo/Susan) to donate \$200 toward the Lilly Ledbetter program in San Jose on March 8, 2014. Carried unanimously.

Janet said the cost for the all-day conference is \$30.

- Janet will check on how much display space the Branch will get for donating.
- Janet will check on the cost for attending only the speaker portion of the conference.

Margo noted that Jan Guglielmo has offered the winery for an event, possibly the May Installation Brunch.

Girl Rising – Janet discussed the possibility of showing the film at the Granada Theater, which is currently closed for ADA improvements. Jennifer Freeberg said she spoke to the manager at the Santa Cruz 9 who said the film was already shown twice in Santa Cruz. Jennifer is working with Jenny Redfern to find ways to use the film to promote AAUW. She noted that the film can be shown as many times as desired during the two-week rental. Cost of the rental is \$325.

Carol O'Hare suggested the Branch apply for grants from organizations such as Rotary and Morgan Hill Community Foundation to cover costs of renting the film and a venue to show it. Jennifer commented that the latest issue of AAUW magazine ties in well with the subject of Girl Rising. Susan asked about showing the film in high schools or at the Morgan Hill Playhouse—cost per hour for a partial stage on Monday through Thursday is \$25 with a \$500 refundable damage deposit. The group generally felt it would be better to reserve the Playhouse than to count on the Granada renovations being completed in time. Another option might be to schedule one screening at the Playhouse and one at the Granada. Elizabeth noted that we will not be able to schedule a screening at the Playhouse mid-week in either the second or third week of February because it is already rented by South Valley Civic Theatre.

- Jennifer will continue to research possible venues.

Peggy noted the complications from check and cash payments for activities.

- Peggy will check into services such as C-Vent to automate the process.
- Elizabeth Mandel will provide Peggy with the name of another similar service.

Wildflower Run – Elizabeth reported on the meeting. Yvonne Duckett (per Elizabeth, she's great!) will be liaison with Greg Richards of South Valley Endurance.

- Greg no longer has A-frames. (This is an open item that will need to be resolved.)

Karen Anderson will do publicity for the event. A volunteer is needed to take minutes. Penny Noel will do graphics. Fees will be the same except for an increase from \$28 to \$30 for groups of 10 or more. An increase in stroller rate was considered but not instituted. Expenses are usually about half of the total income from registrations. Elizabeth is working on tracking runner history. The January meeting will be changed from January 9 to January 2 to avoid a conflict with the board meeting.

Wildflower Run Sponsor Committee – Barbara reported there has been one meeting, there are three new members, no checks have been received yet, and the next meeting will be on December 18. Carol pointed out that only donors of \$1,000 or more will be listed on the postcard; donors of \$500-999 will only be listed on the web site. Donations are tax-deductible and will be deposited in the Interbranch Special Projects Foundation (ISPF).

Wildflower Run Member Donations: Carol requested that board members make a donation to support and Run and the mission of AAUW: education and equity for women and girls,

Leadership Development Team – Joan Ensign announced that Peggy was interviewed and chosen for Leadership Morgan Hill. (AAUW is providing a scholarship for the tuition.) Peggy said three interviewers asked questions about Morgan Hill during the 45-minute interview.

- She intends to provide updates routinely at future board meetings.

Tech Trek – Elaine reported the Committee met and has a new member.

Smart E Girls – Joan reported the group met a second time and includes about 20 members.

Nominating Committee – Joy said the proposed slate will be provided later.

Website – Janet reported she has received two requests from people wanting to link to the web site. Board consensus to deny both requests.

Other Business – Joy needs thank you cards and Kathy Hansell will need new cards soon for her notes to welcome new members. Barbara is considering having the California poppy printed on notecards for the Wildflower Run Sponsor Committee. Carol said there will be an announcement in the January newsletter regarding nomination of AAUW honorees. Elizabeth noted Arsenic and Old Lace is playing at Live Oak High School. Janet said Miracle on 34th Street is still on at the MH Playhouse. Joan recommended others look at the Girl Rising web site.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM.

Marti Jurick, Secretary

Upcoming Events

December 8 – Holiday Brunch

December 14 – South Valley Symphony

January 15 – Speech Trek

NOTE: The next Board meeting will be held on January 9, 2014.