

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting  
February 6, 2014  
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room

Present: Donna Dicker, Joan Ensign, Kathy Hansell, Margo Hinnenkamp, Marti Jurick, Judy Kinker, Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Martin, Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy, Gretchen Merrick, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Faith Protsman, Jenny Redfern, Elaine Reimer, and Joanne Rife. A quorum was present.

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

**Call to Order/Announcements** - President Janet McElroy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. She added Lilly Ledbetter and Bylaws to the agenda.

**Minutes** - The minutes of January 9, 2014 were approved as submitted.

**Finance Officer Report** - CFO Peggy Martin presented the report (attached), noting checking account balance and the need to replace/redirect two online checks.

**Membership Report** – Faith Protsman expressed appreciation to Peggy for her effort to obtain the two free national memberships that the Branch earned. Kathy Hansell mentioned the New Members' Wine and Whine on February 19 at 5:30 p.m. at Rosy's At The Beach. She will need stationery by May. Barbara recommended that Janet and Elizabeth discuss ordering stationery. She noted cost of past orders has been split between the Branch and the Wildflower Run, and there may be a quantity discount. Faith advised that new nametags will feature the new AAUW logo.

**Programs** – Margo Hinnenkamp reported that 48 members/guests have registered for the tour of Guglielmo wineries on February 7. The Branch is co-sponsor for Silicon Valley Reads at the Morgan Hill Library on March 4. Lilly Ledbetter will speak at the South Bay Women's Conference on March 8 at San Jose State University. Margaret and Margo will set up a schedule for the display table.

**Community College Scholarships** – Donna Dicker distributed copies of the committee's suggestion for a revision to the eligibility section of the Community College Scholarship application. Parliamentarian Judy Kinker pointed out that a vote is not required for the change. Donna said the revision will open eligibility to private schools in Morgan Hill and delete the dollar amount of the scholarship to allow more flexibility as to number and size of scholarships. There was discussion regarding the requirement to have previously attended college.

- This requirement will be reconsidered next year.
- Donna will speak to the financial aid officer at Gavilan. Jenny pointed out that AAUW MH was not on their list of scholarship providers.

**GEMS** – Susan Oldham-Fritts presented her report (attached) of activities, including the Star Wars exhibit at the Tech Museum in January, attendance at the American Chemical Society meeting on February 20, and update of the National Women's History Month community display.

**Tech Trek** – Elaine Reimer announced that applicants will be interviewed in late February.

**KidFest** - Margaret stated this has been postponed until Fall.

**Wildflower Run** – Elizabeth reported the committee was successful getting major sponsors and is currently in the publicity phase with posters, postcards, and small “collector” cards. Discount codes are available for groups of ten or more so that runners can register online individually. Janet and Margaret have postcards. Jim Holzgrafe will send a mass email to all past runners for whom we have email addresses (approximately 1600 runners).

\Member donations are needed. Joan noted that, to date, only 19.1% of members have donated, totaling \$2240, for the 2014 Run. Last year at this time 22% had donated, for a total of \$3055. By the date of the 2013 Run, 49% had made contributions.

- An email will be sent to solicit member donations.

The quote for t-shirts was 25% higher than last year; Yvonne and Peggy were successful in negotiating a lower price. Susan received the new display board and said it is much better than the previous one.

**Wildflower Run Sponsor Committee** – Barbara indicated this year’s goal of \$16,000 has been exceeded, with \$16,600 received from sponsors so far. The committee is now working on \$100 and \$250 donations.

**Nominating Committee Slate** – Joy announced the proposed slate to be referred for vote by the membership:

- ✚ Co-Presidents – Susan Oldham-Fritts and Jenny Redfern
- ✚ Co-Vice Pres. Programs – Margaret McCann and Janet McElroy
- ✚ Co-Vice Pres. Membership – Maggie Leininger and Joan Sullivan
- ✚ Secretary- Marti Jurick
- ✚ CFO – Peggy Martin

It was moved and seconded (Dicker/Protsman) to approve the slate of officers as presented by the Nominating Committee. Carried unanimously.

**Bylaws** – Judy reported the committee is working on amendments, some of which are mandatory. She explained that both elected and appointed officers are listed, and she indicated the committee would like to eliminate Community Connections. Joan noted there are no clear duties for Community Connections. Janet explained that the position has a vote and used to include Chamber of Commerce liaison; now Chamber is separate.

It was moved (Kinker) to amend the Bylaws to make the position of Leadership Development Chair a voting board position and to eliminate the position of Community Connections from the board, with the provision that the responsibilities of Community Connections be continued in other ways. Carried unanimously.

**Other Business** – Faith will speak at 2:00 p.m. on February 19, 2014 at El Camino Hospital in Los Gatos. The topic will be “Medical Ethics and Your Life Plan.”

- Notice of Faith’s presentation will be emailed to Branch members.

Peggy reported the Leadership Morgan Hill class visited the MH branch of Gavilan, a charter school, and the MHUSD offices on January 24. She noted she sends thank you notes to speakers and wears her AAUW and LMH badges to community events.

Janet distributed flyers (attached) for AAUW Action Network forum, "When Women Succeed, America Succeeds," featuring Representative Anna Eshoo (CA-18) at 11:00 a.m. on February 21 at San Jose City College. Janet also noted former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton will speak on April 10 at San Jose State University.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Marti Jurick, Secretary

### **Upcoming Events**

February 7 – Wine Tasting at Guglielmo

February 8 – Wine and Chocolate benefit for MH Teachers' Coalition

February 19 – New Member Wine and Whine

March 4 – Silicon Valley Reads

March 8 – Lilly Ledbetter