

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
April 3, 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, Carol O'Hare. Susan Oldham-Fritts, Faith Protsman, Jenny Redfern, Elaine Reimer, and Sandy Stoob. A quorum was present. Also present, Maggie Leininger and Barbara Palmer.

Call to Order/Announcements - President Janet McElroy called the meeting to order at 7:06 pm.

Minutes - The minutes of March 6, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Finance Officer Report - CFO Peggy Martin presented the report (attached).

Membership Report – Faith Protsman reported two new members have joined, resulting in a total of 162 members. She noted members who pay prior to the Installation Brunch will be entered in a drawing to receive a free national membership.

It was moved and seconded (Ensign/Mandel) that the \$9 dues increase for 2014-2015 will be effective immediately following approval by members. Carried 9:5.

Kathy Hansell mentioned that she is almost out of notecards and they need to be ordered soon.

- Elizabeth will design and order 200 notecards. The notecards and cost will be shared equally between Membership and Wildflower Run.

Faith also noted that new brochures, when ordered, will need to have names of new membership VPS as contacts.

Programs – Margo Hinnenkamp said the Installation Brunch will be held on May 17, 2014.

- Donna Dicker and Margaret McCann will coordinate with Susan Brazelton to ensure she takes individual and group photographs of scholarship winners, and one of them with family members who attend with them.
- Janet requested that Margo reserve Villa Mira Monte on June 28 for IBC Leadership Development Training.

Allocations (report attached) –

- Susan Oldham-Fritts reported GEMS has spent two-thirds of its allocation and will spend the remainder at the Maker Faire.
- Carol O'Hare noted that the Tech Trek grant to Stanford was used to pay for laptops.
- Donna said there has been only one application for a Community College Staying in Touch grant, and she suggested \$1,000 instead of \$500 (\$1,500, allowing for 3 \$500 grants, had been allocated). Elizabeth pointed out no motion would be needed since Proposed Allocations allow for flexibility.

- Jenny Redfern mentioned that the Branch scholarship is still not listed on the Gavilan College web site.
- Margaret said three former high school scholarship winners have applied for the new High School Staying in Touch grants and she will ensure the \$2,000 allocation is spent.
- Carol clarified that AA degree graduates are eligible for “Give a Grad a Gift.” There was discussion about how the allocated branch supplement will work: members will apply for the free national membership provided for grads through the program, then pay for the remaining branch and state dues (which do not have to be in Morgan Hill or even California). They will submit the additional expenses to Carol for reimbursement through ISPF. Members are encouraged to give memberships to friends or family members graduating this year, in addition to past scholarship winners.
- An article about the free memberships will appear in the newsletter.

Wildflower Run (report attached) – Elizabeth showed some of the new signs. She explained that donated food is exempt from some health inspection oversight. A second custodian will be needed. Past income and expense statements show that expenses are being kept down while income is increasing. Kathy has members to staff a membership table. Elizabeth will provide evaluation forms. She emphasized the importance of encouraging new members to work at the Wild Flower Run, as there is a strong correlation between new members working at the Run and remaining members after the first year or two.

Wildflower Run Sponsor Committee – Barbara Palmer reported that over \$21,000 has been received from sponsors to date. She noted that sponsor donations in 2008 were only about \$7,600.

Member Donations - Carol stated 37% of members have donated a total of \$4,556 to date.

NCCWSL Scholarship- Carol said a sophomore at University of California Berkeley and a junior at San Jose State University are candidates for the National Conference for Women Student Leaders sponsorship. Elizabeth commended Carol for connecting member donation articles in the newsletters to the Branch mission.

Community College Scholarships – [Covered in Allocations report.]

GEMS – Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that the trip to Maker Faire has been changed to May 18. Approximately 25 GEMS girls will help at the Wildflower Run.

Tech Trek –Elaine Reimer said three girls who previously attended Tech Trek will be junior counselors at this year’s Tech Trek, which is scheduled for July 6-12.

New National Strategic Plan – Janet said this is available on the web site. Wording will be confirmed and included on the back of the new notecards.

State Convention – Carol, Janet, Jenny, Joan, and Margaret will attend.

ISPF – Newsletter will include notice that candidates are needed for President and Secretary. There will also be an explanation of ISPF (Interbranch Special Project Funds).

State Vote – An email will be sent April 19 to remind members to vote between April 11 and May 2. The main issue is increase in dues.

Branch Vote – Judy Kinker said the deadline is April 8. To date, 38 have voted, approving Bylaws and slate of officers unanimously. Two-thirds of the 38 votes were in favor of dues increase.

- Elizabeth will send a reminder email, including the text from the newsletter.

Other Business – Faith announced that she will present a workshop, “Bioethics and your Life Plan,” on April 16 at Saint Louise Regional Hospital. (press release attached)

- Sandy Stoob will check with Gloria Leonard of the San Jose branch to learn if AAUW has taken a position regarding the Hobby Lobby legal case and its refusal to include contraception as mandated by the Affordable Health Care Act.

Leadership MH class of 2014 will film a video about the community of MH; clips and stills and photos from Tech Trek will be included.

Elizabeth is AAUW’s representative to a new group, started by the Chamber, “Morgan Hill Presents.” We were invited to join because of the size and visibility of the Wildflower Run. Group members are representatives of large (1000+ participants) local organizations’ events. The goals of the organization include cross event promotion, sharing of resources/suppliers of services, and advocacy (such as with the city). Other events represented include the Mushroom Mardi Gras, Taste of Morgan Hill, Freedom Fest, Wine Strolls, Poppy Jasper Film Fest, etc.

Janet noted Linda Alpin, Eleanor Roosevelt Award recipient, will speak at AAUW San Jose Luncheon Meeting.

Donna indicated the South Valley Garden Club will hold their annual plant sale in the Booksmart parking lot on April 12.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:54 p.m.

Marti Jurick, Secretary

Upcoming Events

April 13 – Wildflower Run

April 26 – AAUW San Jose Luncheon Meeting

May 17 – Installation Brunch

June 28 - IBC Leadership Development Training