

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
May 1, 2014
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room

Present: Donna Dicker, Joan Ensign, Kathy Hansell, 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, Barbara Palmer.

Call to Order/Announcements - President Janet McElroy called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.

Minutes - The minutes of April 3, 2014 were approved as submitted.

Finance Officer Report - CFO Peggy Martin presented the report (attached), noting there is a balance of \$10,796.99 after payment of bills, including the \$1,000 divided among members who attended the State Convention.

Membership Report – Faith Protsman reported a total of 163 members, including one who joined at the Wildflower Run. She indicated 14% of members have already renewed, and 134 have not yet renewed.

Kathy Hansell mentioned a potential transfer of a member currently in another branch.

Programs – Janet reported for Margo Hinnenkamp that members should reply to Margo by May 13th regarding attendance at the Installation Brunch on May 17, 2014.

Member Donations - Carol O'Hare stated 46.9% of members have donated a total of \$5,856 to date.

GEMS – Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that 17 people will attend the Maker Faire on May 18 at the San Mateo Convention Center. Due to cost of \$25 per car for parking, GEMS will go over budget for the year. Carol advised that Board approval is required for amounts greater than \$50 over budget. Judy Kinker read from the bylaws that indebtedness may not exceed \$50 without approval by the Board.

It was moved and seconded (Oldham-Fritts/O'Hare) to approve GEMS budget overage up to \$100. Approved unanimously.

Susan noted scholarship recipients, GEMS, and Tech Trek girls helped at the Wildflower Run. Judy commended Susan for her expertise in managing 37 girl volunteers.

The June GEMS event will include a tour at Bernal Park, with picnic and display of optical toys.

Tech Trek – Elaine Reimer announced that the ice cream social will be held on June 1, and there will be a “meet and greet” at 7:00 p.m. on June 10 at Jamba Juice. Donations of water bottles, hand sanitizer, colored markers, pencils, sunblock, personal fan misters, stickers, and disposable cameras may be taken to Donna Dicker's or Elaine's, or to the brunch. Susan

emphasized that gift cards such as Jamba Juice should not be given, since other Tech Trek participants could not participate.

Janet suggested allocation of \$25/girl for incidentals; Elaine explained that most of the items are usually donated. Donna pointed out film processing cost is about \$10 for a disposable camera.

- Barbara Palmer indicated the Allocations Committee will discuss this.

High School Scholarships – Margaret McCann stated she has heard from three previous scholarship winners who are now in college; each will receive \$833. She recently learned some schools reduce grants by the amount received from AAUW. Donna pointed out that Gavilan College gives the funds to the student. Carol O'Hare explained that the branch can give up to \$600 directly to the student before having to report to the IRS. She recommended the Scholarship Committee research the best way to ensure the students benefit from the scholarships. Peggy emphasized the branch should not exceed the government limit. Elizabeth Mandel suggested the research include how different schools handle scholarship funds.

There was also discussion as to proof of enrollment, either by registration form or copy of grades. Judy noted members have objected to payment based on grades.

Wildflower Run– Elizabeth encouraged members to view the photos on the WFR web site. She reported profit of \$40-41,000 (\$55,000 income less \$14,000 expense) and 963 runners. She noted hiring an extra custodian allowed for earlier set-up. Carol expressed her opinion that additional publicity this year in Morgan Hill Life was helpful. Elizabeth reported several people said they saw the notice in Out and About.

She said the use of bulk email reduced the number of postcards to 250, compared to 1100 in 2013. Also, 350 packets were picked up in advance at the Run Shop. She also credited Joan Ensign's attendance at Chamber Mixers with increasing awareness of the WFR. She reported participants commented that volunteers were supportive.

In response to Joan, Elizabeth said March 29, 2015 is the tentative date for the next Run. She recommended banners at Butterfield and Dunne and at Butterfield and Main. Janet emphasized that signs should be in the windows of stores for optimum visibility. Elizabeth said other timing companies will be considered.

State Convention – Jenny Redfern passed around a brochure from the Speech Trek Finals. She reported a recommendation was made at the convention to offer one-time activities to attract younger members. Carol said "Give a Grad a Gift" forms were distributed; she noted Faith has learned that the State AAUW will pay the state portion of the gift.

- One-time activities to attract younger members will be discussed at the retreat.

ISPF – Carol announced that she will be the next President of ISPF (Interbranch Special Project Foundation). ISPF needs a new secretary. The next meeting is scheduled at 3:00 p.m. on May 19. Since Carol has been the branch liaison/director to ISPF, a new liaison/director is needed. She explained that a director needs to know the purpose of ISPF and would report on WFR. Jenny noted that she, as branch president, will attend the IBC meeting immediately prior to the ISPF, and she agreed to be ISPF liaison/director.

- Carol will send branch members an email advising of the opportunity to serve as ISPF secretary. [post meeting note: Elena Anderson volunteered for this position.]
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Retreat – The retreat is scheduled for 1:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on June 22 at Peggy's home. Jenny is preparing an outline of topics for discussion.

Leadership Morgan Hill – Peggy reported a training held at Coe Park focused on teamwork. The next class will be a trip to Sacramento to see how state governance takes place. She noted she also spent four hours as passenger in a police car to observe law enforcement procedures. She offered to provide a recap of leadership training at the summer barbecue. Graduation for training will be held on September 22nd.

Bingo – Janet requested volunteers to assist with bingo, which raises funds for the Senior Center.

Other Business – Janet will call Mary Cox to set date for summer barbecue. [post meeting note: BBQ will be held on August 2nd]

Carol announced a Chamber of Commerce presentation, "Building Your Board" for non-profits, is scheduled from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. on May 21 at Community Recreation Center. Registration may be completed online. Cost is \$15. Those interested may contact Joan for more information.

Jenny advised that articles for the newsletter are due by May 10th. She said synopses and photos of travel are welcome.

Kathy's grandson will perform in the South Valley Symphony on Friday, May 9.

Carol noted May 3 is California Bookstore Day

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Marti Jurick, Secretary

Upcoming Events

May 9 and 10 - Gilroy Assistance League Home and Garden Tour

May 10 - AAUW Gilroy Quilt Show

May 11 - SV Symphony Mother's Day Concert, Mission San Juan Bautista

May 17 (Saturday) - Installation Brunch

June 22 - Retreat

June 28 - IBC Leadership Development Training

August 2 -Summer BBQ