

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

Present: Donna Dicker, Joan Ensign, Marti Jurick, Judy Kinker, Maggie Leininger, Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Martin, Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy, Gretchen Merrick, Carol O'Hare, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Jenny Redfern, Elaine Reimer, Joanne Rife, Sandy Stooob, Joan Sullivan, and guests Barbara Palmer, Tasha Standridge and Pat Toombs. A quorum of voting members was present.

Call to Order/Announcements – Co-president Jenny Redfern called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. and circulated a copy of the November 7, 2014 Morgan Hill Times featuring a photograph of Joanne Rife at the top of Mt. Whitney.

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

Finance Officer Report - CFO Peggy Martin presented the report (attached). She noted receipt of the \$676.90 invoice for insurance and additional bills for the BBQ. She reported the directory cost is down, while the newsletter cost has risen.

Membership Report – Maggie Leininger reported a total of 142 members, plus one new member. She contacted 21 women who signed a list at Taste of Morgan Hill, but only one has joined. Joan Ensign commented that several members were misidentified in photographs on the website, and Peggy says she believes the names have been corrected. Elizabeth Mandel explained it will be possible to click on "Active YES and get only the names of members who have renewed.

Programs – Janet McElroy said 61 have signed up for the Neighborhood Lunch on November 8. She and Margaret McCann reviewed upcoming programs.

Committee Reports

Restructuring (report attached) – Judy Kinker moved that the recommendations of the Board Restructuring Committee contained in the Board Restructuring Report dated October 2014, be accepted by the Board. This would make the AAUW Funds chair an elected position and add the Run Business Sponsor chair as an appointed position. Passed unanimously.

Jenny explained that the changes will be sent to the AAUW CA Governance Committee for approval, after which they will be submitted for a vote by the general membership to amend the bylaws to incorporate the changes.

Wildflower Run – Elizabeth reported the first meeting will be held November 13 to set the calendar and discuss recommendations received after the 2014 Run.

Wildflower Run Sponsor Committee - Barbara Palmer announced a goal of \$22,500 from sponsors, and she encouraged members to attend Chamber of Commerce Mixers to publicize the Run. She said the committee is considering allowing booth sponsors (minimum \$250 donation) to sell their products at the Run. Elizabeth noted the State Board of Equalization requires re-sale licenses, and the County requires that vendors or donors of food take responsibility for any claims. Barbara said the committee hopes to have restaurant gift cards as runner prizes.

AAUW Funds - Carol O'Hare reported that establishment of the endowment is in process. IBC branches will be asked to contribute.

GEMS – Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that 20 attended a trip to the marine lab in Tiburon on October 26. The next activity is the American Chemical Society meeting at Foothill College on November 13. GEMS will visit the Tech Museum in December and TenCate in January. About 40 girls are in the GEMS group. Elizabeth suggested contacting 8th and 9th grade science teachers to publicize GEMS.

Community College Scholarships – Donna Dicker passed around an article reflecting consideration of Gavilan as a four-year college. She said high school and college “staying in touch” has been changed to “keeping in touch.” Marissa Campi will take over as “KIT” chair.

New Business

National Convention - \$2,000 has been allocated to assist with expenses of those who wish to attend.

Other Business

Nominating Committee: Janet, Chair, said the committee (Joan Ensign, Kathy Hansell, Carol O'Hare) will meet on November 10.

AAUW Funds Luncheon – The newsletter will include Joanne's synopsis of the five speakers.

Dropbox application – Jenny will test sending this meeting's agenda to dropbox.

MH Community Foundation Philanthropy Dinner – Nine members have paid to attend the dinner on November 14. Susan was chosen as honoree for AAUW MH.

Leadership Development – Joan Ensign announced there will be a presentation on Saturday, January 31, 2015, for branch members.

Speech Trek – Elizabeth needs information in order to post the application. Margaret will contact Charlene Wiltsee.

Facebook – Jenny commended Tasha Standridge for her work.

Pilgrim's Process – Margaret announced the new interest group, which focuses on meditation, meets the first and third Wednesday of each month.

Future meetings – The next meeting will be on December 4. The January 2015 meeting will be January 8.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Marti Jurick, Secretary

Upcoming Events

November 8 – Neighborhood lunch

November 14 – MHFC Philanthropy Dinner

December 6 – Holiday lunch