

**AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
December 4, 2014
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room**

Present: Donna Dicker, Marti Jurick, Judy Kinker, Maggie Leininger, Elizabeth Mandel, Peggy Martin, Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy, Carol O'Hare, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Jenny Redfern, Sandy Stoob, and guest Pat Toombs. A quorum of voting members was present.

Call to Order/Announcements – Co-president Jenny Redfern called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. and noted donations to the Wildflower Run should be made payable to ISPF.

Minutes - The minutes of November 6, 2014 were approved as amended to indicate a \$676.90 invoice for insurance.

Finance Officer Report - CFO Peggy Martin reviewed the financial report dated December 4, 2014 and noted State AAUW has assessed each branch \$60 for 2013 (Peggy will research what the \$60 is for and report at the January meeting.)

Membership Report – Maggie Leininger reported a total of 148 members, plus two or three more to be input into the National database.

Programs – Margaret McCann indicated that 55 members/guests have paid for the Holiday Party. Janet McElroy said she sent an email reminder to bring gift cards for Learning and Loving Center.

Margaret stated 4 students have signed up for Speech Trek. They are from Sobrato and Live Oak High Schools. One is male. The topic will be "Is College Worth the Cost?"

Jenny noted "Girl Rising" will be shown at her house December 5th. Afterwards, the Board can decide where and when to show the film.

Committee Reports

Wildflower Run – Elizabeth Mandel directed attention to a spreadsheet of past actuals for the Run and the budget for 2015. She encouraged Board members to view the spreadsheet online to see her comments. She anticipates a major (\$2000) capital expense this year for a bulk order of 2K medals which should last for the next 8-10 years. She noted the cost for EMTs has decreased due to using First on Scene instead of Red Cross. Postage has decreased by use of bulk emails. SVE Event Timing and Management will give a \$1.00 credit for each reservation made through RaceMine.com.

AAUW Funds - There was discussion about AAUW National's preference for unrestricted funds. Carol O'Hare emphasized that our branch is 24th in the nation for total giving to AAUW National.

It was the consensus of the Board that our donations will not be unrestricted this year. We will follow our Allocations proposal approved in September. We can revisit the request for unrestricted funds before the Allocation meeting in 2015.

Carol announced that it is time to nominate Funds honorees. Last year's honorees were Kathy Hansell, Carol O'Hare, and Faith Protsman. They will comprise the 2015 selection committee.

Public Policy – Sandy Stoob advised that current policy is to give more emphasis to women and healthcare.

Website – Elizabeth said she added GEMS, Speech Trek, and Advocacy. She also made pages consistent in navigation and appearance and is updating community college scholarship information.

Committee Documents – Board discussed using Dropbox or the Cloud to keep working documents. Elizabeth recommended keeping the documents with the committee. Susan Oldham-Fritts suggested use of flash drives. The Board agreed that committee chairs will continue to keep and update their experience binders, using whatever method works for them (paper copies, Word docs, or flash drives). Any committee can keep its documents in a subfolder in the AAUW MH Dropbox.

GEMS – Susan reported that four attended the American Chemical Society meeting on November 13. They spent time with professors, chemists, and college students. GEMS will visit the Body Metrics exhibit and view an IMAX film at the Tech Museum on December 7th. A trip to TenCate is scheduled in January.

Leadership Development – Janet reported for Joan Ensign. Members of Toastmasters will participate in a workshop on verbal communication skills to be held January 31, 2015. Janet said Joan sent results of the interest survey to the Board and committees, along with a request to invite new and uninvolved members to participate in committees.

New Business

National Convention – The \$2,000 budgeted to assist with expenses will be divided equally among those who register by March 31, 2015.

Other Business

Nominating Committee: Janet, Chair, said the committee (Joan Ensign, Kathy Hansell, Carol O'Hare) is in process.

IBC Meeting – Susan reviewed highlights of the most recent meeting. She said many branches are struggling and none has a president-elect. Some branches have lost members to non-philanthropic groups. Janet requested that next year's retreat include discussion about how to bring in younger members. Elizabeth suggested that advocacy should be a higher priority than membership.

Gift of Reading – Carol announced new or nearly new books collected at BookSmart until December 15 will be given to children and teachers.

Future meetings – The next meeting will be held on January 8, 2015.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:46 p.m.

Marti Jurick, Secretary

Upcoming Events

Speech Trek – January 14, 7:00-9:00 p.m., Morgan Hill House

Leadership Development workshop – January 31, 2015