

## **AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting**

**January 8, 2015**

**Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room**

Present: Carol O'Hare, Elaine Reimer, Gretchen Merrick, Jenny Redfern, Joanne Rife, Joan Ensign, Joan Sullivan, Judy Kinker, Maggie Leininger, Margaret McCann, Peggy Martin, Susan Oldham-Fritts and guests Barbara Palmer, Karen Anderson, Mary Cox, Pat Toombs

**Call to Order/Announcements** – Co-president Jenny Redfern called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Judy Kinker confirmed a quorum.

**Minutes** – The minutes of December 4, 2014 were approved with no corrections.

### **Financial Report**

- CFO Peggy Martin reported the state did not assess us for many years (an error on their part), for \$60 related to insurance, but now they are. AAUW California will be assessing all branches from now on.
- There is a \$120 surplus from the holiday luncheon, due to people who paid and did not show up. Peggy's proposal is that the surplus be put in the program budget, which was accepted.
- The finance report was accepted.

### **Membership Report**

- Maggie Leininger & Joan Sullivan reported 1 new member joined, Catherine Canning. Sara Dunlap also re-joined.
- National reports 148 members, not counting the new member. The Morgan Hill branch has 157 members on its database. Maggie needs to compare and reconcile.
- Joan proposed the new member “Wine and Whine” should be in March instead of February. However, February is better because the Wildflower Run is in March. February 18 could be the new member “Wine and Whine”.
- Peggy is willing to hang onto the new member checks for a few weeks, as memberships for those who join after March 15 go through 2015-2016.

### **Programs Report**

- Margaret McCann reported that the “Girl Rising” documentary is the program for February, scheduled for Saturday afternoon, 1 PM, February 21, at the Granada theater. Victoria Wright, a former scholarship winner, is going to help by doing publicity via social media and designing the programs. Granada will do publicity for us and Booksmart will sell tickets. Maybe we will offer tickets for \$5. The Granada will get the concessions. We can accept cash or checks. The checks need to be made out to AAUW-Morgan Hill. There is a conflict with the Friends of the Library book sale, for people who are working the book sale.
- The March program is Silicon Valley Reads on Tuesday, March 24, at 7 PM, with the author of “The Book of Unknown Americans”.
- Speech Trek is on Wednesday, January 14, 7 PM. Helpers should be there at 6 PM. We have 9 contestants. Margaret and others have been coaching the students. MH Toastmaster members will be the judges. No AAUW members are acting as judges, because some of the contestants are AAUW family members.

### **Committee Reports**

**AAUW Funds** - Carol O'Hare reported on behalf of Mary Ludwick that some members have sent in donation checks, but donations are coming in slowly.

**GEMS** – Susan Oldham-Fritts reported 16 girls signed up to go to TenCate, a high-tech company with high security. The February program is American Association for Advancement of Science family science day. The March program is helping at Wildflower Run.

**Leadership Development** - Joan Ensign reported the team is planning the Effective Communication workshop on January 31. The topics include content, vocal quality, and presentation skills.

**Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce education committee** - Joan Ensign will write a February newsletter article about the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce education committee which involves the local business community in effectively supporting the education and engagement of our youth. This committee has three projects: mock interviews, science fair, career exposure days.

### **Scholarships**

- Donna Dicker reported by email that she and Margaret met with Karen Anderson, who had challenged us to give only STEM scholarships. The records for community college scholarship winners show about half of the women, since she began keeping track in 2004, majored in nursing. The other half included majors in education, computer technology, business/accounting, fine arts and sociology. Discussion included the points that while STEM is important, restricting our scholarships will curtail the pool of candidates, and that we cannot foresee students' decisions to change their majors.
- Jenny recommended that Karen join the scholarship committee, and that the committee create a proposal to amend our Policies and Procedures for the Scholarship committee to encourage STEM careers. Any P and P change would need to be approved by the board and would not affect the 2015 scholarships.

**Wildflower Run Lunch** – Judy Kinker reported that Jan Guglielmo offered the winery for our post-run lunch, but since we would have to use the very large outside tent due to passport weekend and pay a fee for setup and take down, we decided to hold the post-run lunch at Margaret & Carl McCann's Rosemary Circle park across the street and save the date at Guglielmo's for next year.

### **Wildflower Run Sponsors**

- Barbara Palmer reported that Wildflower Run sponsorship packets have been delivered. We now have several \$1000 and \$500 donations. Sponsor donations are confirmed at \$5500. \$22000 is the goal. Things are going well for this time of year.
- Groups of 10 or more can get a discount.
- The Morgan Hill Times and Morgan Hill Life are doing in-kind donations. Ads for the run will appear on March 11, March 13, March 25 & March 27. We now have several \$1,000 & \$500 donations.
- The Running Shop is doing the goodie bags, and also doing packet pickup (which made a big difference to registration last year). South Valley Endurance, and Jamba Juice are doing in-kind donations.
- WFR business cards have been printed for distribution
- Attend the January 15 Chamber of Commerce mixer at the Honda store to thank them and other businesses

### **New Business**

#### **AAUW Honoree Nominations**

The deadline for submitting your AAUW honoree nominations to Carol O'Hare is January 30.

#### **Equal Pay Day Activity**

Carol O'Hare proposes looking for a member to do an equal pay day activity. Equal pay day is Tuesday, April 14. Carol will write up an article for the newsletter describing some of these ideas, to see if someone is willing to head this up.

### **Other Business**

#### **Future meetings**

The next meeting will be held on February 5, 2015.

#### **Upcoming Events**

Speech Trek, January 14, 2015, Villa Mira Monte

Leadership Development workshop, January 31, 2015, Villa Mira Monte

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Sandy Stoob, substituting for Marti Jurick, Secretary