

**AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting**  
**September 3, 2015**  
**Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room**

Present: Board members Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Gretchen Merrick, Janet McElroy, Janet Wright, Jenny Redfern, Joan Sullivan, Joanne Rife, Judy Kinker, Maggie Leininger, Margaret McCann, Marissa Campi, Mary Cox, Pat Toombs, Peggy Martin, Sandy Stobb, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Advisory member Margo Hinnenkamp, and guests Kathy Sullivan and Nola Martini

**Call to Order/Announcements** – Co-president Jenny Redfern called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM. Judy Kinker confirmed a quorum.

Susan Oldham-Fritts announced the Morgan Hill AAUW Philanthropy Honoree this year, Peggy Martin.

**New Appointments and Advisory Board** – Jenny Redfern

Susan Persing, Calendar  
Janet Wright, Legal Advocacy Chair  
Janet McElroy, Scholarships Chair  
Joy Safakish, Tech Trek

**Guests and Proposal: The Grange** – Nola Martini

Nola is the new Grange Master of the Morgan Hill Grange. Granges were established in the United States just after the Civil War, as a place where communities can come together, supporting farming and livestock. The Morgan Hill Grange philosophy is to be caretaker of the building, which was built in 1907. The Grange supports FFA at the high schools, provides scholarships, and opens the building for community meetings such as Boy Scouts, music, and dance.

The Grange would like form a mutually beneficial partnership with AAUW. AAUW would like to use the Grange building for events. The Grange is larger (capacity 120) than Villa Mira Monte, and a cheaper venue than the Community Center. The Grange would like AAUW to help them obtain historical status for their building and positive PR. Some of our AAUW members are also members of the Morgan Hill Historical Society, and are already working with the Grange to help them get historical status. The Grange would like more members, so they are requesting that AAUW members join. Membership is \$34 a year. The Grange is conducting a parking lot rummage sale with donated goods Sept 11 & 12. Karen Anderson is working with Heidi Golden, the Grange facilities manager, to schedule the October program and December holiday party there.

**Minutes** – The minutes of August 2015 board retreat were accepted with some corrections from Carol O'Hare.

**Financial Report, 2015-2016 budget**

CFO Peggy Martin reported her research and conclusion regarding the AAUW California Directors and Officers (D&O) insurance. The liability insurance through the state is for 2 million dollars per period, with a 5 million dollar umbrella policy for all of AAUW California. Peggy thinks we have adequate coverage. We paid \$737 last year for the insurance.

Peggy reported the proposed balanced budget with income and expenses equal at \$6445.00. Susan Oldham-Fritts moved that we accept the proposed budget, Joan Sullivan seconded the motion. The motion passed. The budget will appear in the October newsletter.

### **Membership Report: Brunch, renewals**

Maggie Leininger & Joan Sullivan reported 137 paid members. Maggie named people who have not renewed, and asked board members to contact them personally by September 15th. The membership brunch was big, around 90 attendees. Maggie and Joan reported they considered the proposal from the board retreat to request more members for their team. They are concerned if they have more committee members, it would be more work for them. If they need more help, they will ask for help at that time. Jenny requested that they work with a member to lead the Neighborhood groups.

### **Programs Report: 2015-2016 schedule**

Joanne Rife reported the following proposed programs for 2015-2016:

Sat. Aug. 29 Membership Lunch at Sandra Lim's

Sat. Oct. 24 Politics of Women's Health /Faith Protsman (Grange?)

Sat. Nov. 7 Neighborhood Lunch/ Challenges Facing Homeless Families in South Valley/Jan Chargin (Hacienda?)

Sat. Dec. 5 Holiday Potluck/Sing-along with Ukuladies (Grange?)

January 2016 Speech Trek

February Silicon Valley Reads (Morgan Hill Library)

March Women Who Can, Do/RAAM Rider (Hogan)

April Wildflower Run

Live Oak High School

May Installation Lunch

### **Committee Reports**

**Allocations Proposal and Positions** - Jenny Redfern reported the allocations committee's proposal for allocating \$51,400 to local, state, and national scholarships and projects. Within the Scholarship allocations, Donna Dicker proposed a \$2000 scholarship for a Gavilan college nursing student, to be called the Lauren Jenkins Healthcare Profession scholarship. Kathy Sullivan (Downtown Association & RN) has agreed to lead this scholarship. The Tech Trek committee hopes to increase the number of Morgan Hill campers from 8 to 10. Susan moved that we accept the allocations and Donna seconded the motion. The motion passed.

**Newsletter: change print delivery** – Carol O'Hare reported that it is increasingly expensive to print and mail newsletters, \$1.80 for the September issue plus postage. 10 people get printed newsletters. Carol proposed that we take the newsletter to a copy shop, copy it double-sided, staple it and mail it, to decrease costs.

**Taste of Morgan Hill: prep** – Mary Cox reported we are almost set, but still need 6 more volunteers. Mary will host a booth mock-up at her house (with wine), the Wednesday before the Taste of Morgan Hill.

Gretchen Merrick, Publicity Chair, has created a flier (with help from Yvonne Duckett) to encourage women to join AAUW and visit our Taste Of Morgan Hill booth. The flier was distributed for people to place around town. Jenny ordered a new banner, "Be a Doer, Join AAUW Morgan Hill", to post at the

booth.

**Bylaws:** Judy Kinker reported on the proposed updates to Bylaws and Policies & Procedures to document how we select scholarship winners and disburse funds. The Scholarship and the Bylaws committees proposed changing Article 16 of our policies and procedures and addendum 6, a supplement to the Article 16 policy. Carol O'Hare moved that we approve article 16 and addendum 6. Many people seconded the motion. The motion passed. See attached for updated versions.

### **New Business**

**Scholarship Committee & Chair** - Jenny Redfern proposed a scholarship chairperson to oversee the scholarship team. This may become a director position in the future. Janet McElroy is willing to be scholarship chair. The board approved this. The Bylaws Committee will make an addendum to the addendum. Margaret moved that we create a scholarship chairperson, Donna seconded the motion. The motion was approved. Addendum 6 will also need to be updated with criteria for the nursing scholarship.

### **Other Business**

#### **New interest groups proposal**

**Travel Tips** – Jenny Redfern proposes a new group to share travel tips/trips. Jenny will get this going when she returns in October.

#### **Micro Loan/KIVA** – Margaret McCann

Margaret reported that KIVA is an organization that gives repayable micro loans for developing countries, to educate more girls and women, create financial independence, improve health, and alleviate hunger. Margaret is having a KIVA information meeting on September 19, 3-5 PM, at her home. Margaret has begun a KIVA group called “Team Morgan Hill”. You can sponsor someone for \$25, to get an account. For more information, attend Margaret's meeting, or go to [KIVA.ORG](http://KIVA.ORG).

**ANDROID E-gals** – Janet McElroy is starting a new Android phone E-gals interest group. It will hold its first meeting Sept 17, 5 PM at Booksmart.

#### **ADA/Service Animals** - Mary Cox and Jenny Redfern

Per Federal ADA laws and guidelines, a person with a service animal can bring the service animal to public places (restaurant, or place we are renting). Any decision regarding the service animal's presence is between the owner of the location and the service animal's owner. A person with a service animal can bring a service animal to a member's home, with permission from the member.

#### **AB1017: AAUW CA supports, CofC opposes** -Jenny Redfern

Jenny discussed the bill for pay equity, and requested that we contact our State legislators.

#### **Future Events**

- September 16, Nine for IX: ‘Venus VS’ (Sports & Pay equity comes together), SJ AAUW Headquarters
- September 21, Leadership Morgan Hill Graduation and Reception, Guglielmo's

- September 22, National Voter Registration Day
- October 1, Next board meeting
- October 24, Program: The Politics of Women's Health, Dr. Faith Protsman, speaker
- October 25, AAUW Fund luncheon, Danville (deadline to register is October 13)
- November 7, Program: Neighborhood Lunch
- November 13, MHCF Philanthropy Dinner

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM.

Sandy Stoob, Secretary