

**AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting  
November 4, 2015  
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room**

Present: Board members Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Gretchen Merrick, Janet Wright, Jenny Redfern, Joanne Rife, Joan Ensign, Joan Sullivan, Judy Kinker, Karen Anderson, Maggie Leininger, Mary Cox, Peggy Martin, Sandy Stoob, Swanee Edwards, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Pat Toombs and Non-board members Marissa Campi (Keeping in Touch), Pat Soles (Speech Trek), Robin Bean (Facebook), Susan Persing (Interest Group/Calendar coordinator)

**Call to Order/Announcements** – Co-president Jenny Redfern called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM. Judy Kinker confirmed a quorum.

**Minutes** – The minutes of October 1, 2015 board meeting are accepted as amended.

**Public Policy Chair appointment**

Jenny Redfern introduced Swanee Edwards as the new Public Policy chair, taking over for Janet McElroy.

Susan Oldham-Fritts moved that Swanee be accepted as the public policy chair, Judy Kinker seconded. The motion passed.

**Financial Report**

CFO Peggy Martin reported that we have \$12,739.03 in the operating account, after paying for insurance. Peggy discovered a serious problem with the AAUW CA broker. Peggy has been asked to look for a new one who specializes in non-profits, as she is on the state finance committee.

Since Peggy pays our P.O. box bill, she will make herself the P.O box owner, to avoid future problems paying the bill.

The Philanthropy dinner honoree spouse cost of \$95 is listed under community awareness.

**Membership Report:**

Maggie Leininger & Joan Sullivan reported that 2 people joined in October.

The branch directory online should be accurate, if you want to print one off.

**Programs Report: Programs & Schedule**

Karen Anderson reported that 43 people signed up for neighborhood lunch on Saturday.

Joanne reported that Jan Chargin will be speaking on the homeless effort in South County, particularly on homeless families.

Programs (listed in DropBox)

Nov 7 - Neighborhood lunch

Dec 6 - Holiday party, 1 pm, at the Grange

January 26 - Speech Trek (coordinated by Pat Soles & Margaret McCann)

February (TBD) - Seana Hogan as a “Woman Who Does” (Sandy Stoob will email her about what date works for her)

March 8 - Silicon Valley Reads, MH library

April 3 - Wildflower Run, Live Oak High School

May 15 - installation lunch

### **Morgan Hill Historical Society & Grange agreements**

Mary discussed the MHHS agreement. Docent hours and field trip hours count towards our volunteer hours, but board hours don't.

The agreement does not include linens, which makes more work for us. We could offer to promise to wash the linens, or trade docent hours for linens. We need a certificate of liability for the MMHS.

Villa Mira Monte is too small for most of our events. We need a bigger venue for our events, such as the Grange. There might be some smaller meetings or events we can have there.

Mary discussed the Grange agreement, where we can use the Grange in exchange for volunteer hours. In spite of volunteer hours, the Grange still costs \$75 for cleaning and toiletries.

Mary will take the agreements back to the MHHS and the Grange, to rework a few of the nits. Mary will bring them back to the board at the December meeting, before accepting these agreements.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Bylaws: Review Bylaws Addendum 4 & Approve Interest Group/Calendar Coordinator job description**

Judy Kinker reviewed addendum 4, which describes email voting between meetings. The addendum specifies 48 hours of email discussion, before voting begins. Any board member wishing to comment on a vote must hit “reply all” so that all board members receive the email. The email discussion should be limited to the topic.

#### **Interest Group/Calendar coordinator**

The Interest Group/Calendar coordinator is a new job description. Susan Persing accepts the job description and the job. Judy Kinker made a motion that we approve the interest group/calendar coordinator job description. The motion passed.

#### **KIVA as an interest group**

We discussed whether fund-raising for another group (KIVA) is allowed as an AAUW interest group. Judy Kinker (bylaws) contacted Sandy Camillo, who is in charge of compliance and governance for AAUW National. Judy reported that KIVA is not allowed as an interest group. Elizabeth Mandel asked why soliciting Christmas gift cards for the Learning and Loving Center is allowed, but KIVA is not. Judy will research and put it on the December agenda.

#### **Wildflower Run Committee**

Pat Toombs reported that November 19 is the run kickoff meeting, at Betsy Ding's house. The hospitality chair position is open. Pat and Elizabeth are considering a new run category called “Super Seniors 2K”, to be offered at a discount price. They propose conducting it on the Live Oak High School track at 9:15 AM, right after the 2K kids' run. Walkers are not allowed on the track.

### **Wildflower Sponsor Committee**

Barbara Palmer had nothing to report.

### **GEMS**

Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that the GEMS programs are set for the year. GEMS went to Elkhorn Slough, and next Saturday are going to a star party with local astronomers. Their last activity is the Wildflower Run. Susan needs a youth volunteer co-chair, so she can focus more on long range planning on future programs. Susan will write an appeal for the youth volunteer for the newsletter.

### **Tech Trek**

Jenny reported for Joy Sakafish. The Tech Trek kickoff went off well. Joy has requested that we send 10 campers to Tech Trek.

### **AAUW Funds, Luncheon, Blaine/Cate speaker**

Carol O'Hare reported that 8 members attended the AAUW Funds Luncheon on October 25 in Danville. They announced the state AAUW-CA honoree at the luncheon, Carol Holzgrafe.

The distribution of AAUW funds from Wildflower run income (\$16,400):

MH Wildflower Run endowment - \$12,000

NCCWSL - \$425

AAUW National unrestricted funds - \$3975

AAUW funds committee includes Mary Ludwick, Carol O'Hare, Swanee Edwards and Janet McElroy. All were in favor of this distribution of funds.

### **Leadership Development Team (LDT)**

Joan Ensign reported that Kathy Sullivan (the nurse) and Margaret McCann are our Leadership Morgan Hill nominees.

The LDT team is going to survey members using Survey Monkey, to find out what people like about the group, get to know members, and get them involved. For example, do members like neighborhood lunch? Do we have too many programs? Do we have not enough programs? Did you attend a specific program, and if not, why not? Email Joan if you have something you want put into the survey.

### **Public Policy**

Swanee Edwards, the new public policy chair, is very interested in leading and promoting a "Women in Politics" panel and a candidates forum next year.

Programs will coordinate with Public Policy to host a Women in Politics forum in the Spring.

### **LAF**

Janet Wright had nothing to report, other than she'll be doing a summary of interesting cases.

### **Publicity, Social Media**

Gretchen Merrick will be out of the country, so she needs to work with programs to get the publicity for Speech Trek going before then.

Robin had nothing to report. We can post interest group information and a pointer to the newsletter on Facebook, but must not include member names or phone numbers.

### **Newsletter**

Carol O'Hare reported that the newsletter deadline is November 10. It costs \$1.30 to print and mail each newsletter.

### **New Business**

#### **Proposal: Lauren Jenkins Tech Savvy Workshop**

Mary Cox reported that funds have been collected for the Lauren Jenkins workshop totaling \$1,040.

Mary met with a few others to brainstorm ideas of what to do with the money to honor Lauren, such as a STEM day for girls or a STEM workshop. They decided upon a Lauren Jenkins STEM workshop for up to 18 girls at Anaerobe Systems with hands-on experiments. The experiments will take agriculture crop waste and add bacteria, to create fertilizer. The girls will be shown a video of what they are going to do and taught what kind of scientific careers come out of this.

The scholarship committee will reach out and select the girls. We need AAUW volunteers to help with breakfast, lunch and other tasks during the workshop. All the supplies will be donated. The cost of the workshop includes snacks, lunch, materials, and gifts for presenters. If money is left over, we can host more STEM workshops in the future.

Jenny moved that we accept this proposal to do our first Lauren Jenkins Tech Savvy workshop. Swanee seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Other Business**

#### **Morgan Hill Gift of Reading**

Carol O'Hare reported that the SJ Mercury News no longer sponsors the "Gift of Reading" book donations program for needy kids, so BookSmart has asked us to help support this. We are encouraging members to donate books (Booksmart offers a 20% discount), and need volunteers to help sort books, etc. This requires a board vote because of Bylaws Addendum 2, since Booksmart is a for profit business. This will be put into the newsletter.

Carol O'Hare made a motion that AAUW support the "Gift of Reading" program. Joan Ensign seconded. The motion passed.

Carol will help recruit volunteers.

#### **Recognition from AAUW California**

Jenny reported in the meeting (and in our newsletter) that AAUW California deems our website was one of the best in the state.

#### **Tables for MHCF Philanthropy Dinner**

Mary Cox reported that we have 2 tables with 17 AAUW participants signed up to attend the MHCF philanthropy dinner to honor Peggy Martin.

### **2016 California Convention (San Mateo) planning**

Jenny Redfern reported that AAUW California needs volunteers for planning the 2016 convention. The planning meeting is November 21.

### **Future Events**

- Neighborhood Lunch, November 7, 11:30 am, La Hacienda on Condit Road
- MHCF Philanthropy Dinner, November 13, 7 pm, CCC
- 2016 AAUW CA Convention Planning, Volunteer meeting, November 21, 1-3 pm, College of San Mateo Board Room, 3401 CSM Drive (April 15-17, 2016)
- Holiday Potluck Party, December 6, 1 pm, Grange
- Speech Trek Contest, January 26, 6 pm MH Library

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:03 PM.

Sandy Stoob, Secretary