

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

Present: Board members Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel, Janet McElroy, Jenny Redfern, Joan Sullivan, Joy Safakish, Judy Kinker, Karen Anderson, Maggie Leininger, Mary Cox, Peggy Martin, Sandy Stoob, Pat Toombs and  
Non-board members Margaret McCann, Marissa Campi (KIT), and  
guest Monica McClintock

**Call to Order/Announcements** – Co-president Mary Cox called the meeting to order at 7:02 PM. Judy Kinker confirmed a quorum.

**Minutes** – The minutes of November 4, 2015 board meeting were accepted as amended.

**Financial Report**

CFO Peggy Martin reported we have \$13,372.55 in the operating account.

**Morgan Hill Historical Society & Grange agreements**

Mary Cox reported that the MHHS & Grange agreements have been accepted and signed. The MHHS will allow us to use their linens, as long as we return them washed and folded within 5 days. Jenny requested that we add “final” to the title of the final agreement documents and put them in DropBox.

**Membership Report:**

Maggie Leininger & Joan Sullivan reported we have 151 members. We assisted one member with membership dues. Maggie said we have gotten questions about the directory, so she will put an explanation online on how to print your own directory.

We discussed the question of whether to keep or drop the February new member Wine and Whine. It costs \$235 - \$265 and doesn't seem to help new members.

**Programs Report: Programs & Schedule**

Karen Anderson and Joanne Rife reported the upcoming programs:

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

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

February 16 - Seana Hogan on the topic of “Adventurous Women”, or “Women Who Can, Do”,  
MMHS

March 8 - Silicon Valley Reads, MH library

April 3 - Wildflower Run, Live Oak High School

May 15 - installation lunch at Morgan Hill House

**Committee Reports**

**Bylaws: Mandated Bylaws Amendments**

Judy Kinker described the AAUW National mandated changes to everyone's bylaws. The changes are mostly due to IRS requirements. For example, all branch bylaws titles must have the same format, to emphasize our tax-free status. The bylaws team reworked our bylaws to incorporate the mandated changes, which were approved by Sandy Kirkpatrick.

### **Wildflower Run Committee**

Elizabeth Mandel discussed the new Senior 2K, for ages 60+. The Senior 2K will take place on the Live Oak High School track after the kids' 2K. We don't expect to make money from this race, but are doing it for additional sponsorship opportunities and visibility. We will award medals to the top 3 male and female finishers and a finisher ribbon with a sticker saying "Senior 2K" to all. The Senior 2K will be timed.

Elizabeth reported we need to restock the kids' medals, buy cones, and new speaker, but otherwise she doesn't expect big expenses.

The Wildflower Run team still has a few open positions, like hospitality, youth volunteers and the Senior 2K event chair.

### **Wildflower Sponsor Committee**

Barbara Palmer reported she has her first 2 business sponsor checks. Committee members promise 10 more sponsors are coming.

### **Speech Trek**

Margaret McCann reported we have no candidates yet. The team will recontact the schools. The application is due December 16, the last day of school. Margaret is hoping for 10 applications. The team offers coaching to participants.

### **AAUW Fund**

Carol O'Hare had nothing to report.

MH is #18 in the nation for making donations to the AAUW Fund.

### **Tech Trek**

Joy Sakafish reported that the 2016 Marie Curie Camp at Stanford will take place July 10 – July 15, 2016. Camp will include the same core classes. The big change next year is that no cell phones will be allowed.

Due to a smaller budget and uncertainty about space at Stanford, we are only guaranteed 8 campers, not the 10 campers we requested. Preference for more spaces will be given to branches that participate more during the camp. For example, Tech Trek needs 8-10 computers, money for robotic kits, money for teachers, and volunteers such as camp photographer, IT assistant, social media chair, marketing coordinator, backup nurse, and backup dorm moms. The board asked Joy to remind Tech Trek how much we've done for Tech Trek over the years, when allocating camper spaces to branches. For planning purposes, we will go forward with 8 candidates and 2 alternates.

As part of the transition to National Tech Trek, preliminary Tech Trek applications must be done online to National first. If we have candidates without access to a computer, we will print the applications to be completed and then mail them to National.

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

Janet McElroy reported for Joan Ensign on behalf of the leadership development team that Kathy

Sullivan and Margaret McCann have been accepted by Leadership Morgan Hill.

The leadership team is working on the annual survey of membership interests.

Jenny and Mary will appoint the nominating committee for next year's board. 2 members will be from last year's nominating committee, 1 from the leadership team, and 1 from the membership at large.

### **Public Policy**

Jenny Redfern reported on behalf of Swanee Edwards. Jenny met with Karen Anderson and Swanee to discuss a 2016 candidates forum and a "Women in Politics" seminar/forum. We as a branch are interested in getting more women in Morgan Hill to run for public office. The proposal is to do a "Women in Politics" forum and a seminar in June, perhaps June 13 – 17, if possible, since our schedule is already busy.

### **LAF**

Marissa Campi reported on the San Jose branch program on human trafficking. SJ AAUW hired a group called "3 Strands" to present the program. The purpose was to increase visibility and raise awareness that human trafficking happens everywhere, especially San Francisco, Sacramento, Silicon Valley, and wherever the Super Bowl happens. We can help by being aware of signs of trafficking, and calling the tip number.

### **Community Action Grants**

Elizabeth Mandel reported we had 9 applicants for our community action grants. We requested a specific project, so we selected applicants who described a specific project when applying for a grant. The following applicants will receive grants:

\$600 – Discovery Counseling Center – Boldly Me – Bold Journey

\$175 – BookSmart – Gift of Reading

\$825 – Learning and Loving Education Center – Quickbooks class supplies

\$900 – Community Solutions – Teatro Vision

Monica McClintock has signed up to be the Community Action Grants chair next year.

### **MailChimp**

Elizabeth Mandel requested that we establish a process of sending out the MailChimp email just on Sunday. We are getting too many MailChimp emails. Jenny Redfern asked Jan Conrey what she prefers. Jan asks that, on a weekly basis, all request for items to be included in the MailChimp blast should be sent to her no later than 10pm Saturday. Jan will continue to publish the blasts on Sunday evenings. She also asks that people pretty much compose their own message for the announcement. She doesn't always have time for creativity or tweaking things. Also, Susan Persing, Interest Group/Calendar leader, will remind interest group chairs to get their requests to Jan on time.

### **New Business**

#### **Education/Program Format Proposal**

Janet McElroy and Margaret McCann are proposing a change in our program format from programs squeezed between social events and at different venues, to one that meets on the same day, time, and place every month, or on most months.

The format could look something like the following:

- meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month at 6:30 – 8:30 pm except December and June
- have a 15 minute social, followed by a 30 minute general meeting, and finally a 45-60 minute program/speaker
- use the program room at the library for these programs

The library will accommodate us for no charge if we open the program to the public, they co-sponsor it with us, and we do not charge a fee. Margaret McCann has already reserved the library on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month next year, for several months.

We think this is a good idea. We will discuss it once more at a board meeting before deciding.

### **Other Business**

#### **Morgan Hill Peace Project**

Monica McClintock discussed the Morgan Hill Peace Project, which involves signing a peace pledge and building a monument in Morgan Hill. The Peace Pledge is a document that acknowledges the coming together of those in Morgan Hill to support and promote tolerance in their community. The city council has approved the monument. The Morgan Hill Peace Project committee is currently raising funds for the monument, which is estimated to cost \$30,000.

We will discuss whether AAUW-MH will sign the peace pledge at the next board meeting.

#### **2016 California Convention (San Mateo) – our tasks**

Jenny Redfern and Mary Cox signed us up to stuff goodie bags for people attending the convention.

#### **Future Events**

- Holiday Potluck Party, December 6, 1 pm, Grange
- Speech Trek Contest, January 26, 6 pm MH Library
- Women Who Can Do, February 16, 7 pm, MHH
- Silicon Valley Reads, March 6
- Wildflower Run, April 3
- 2016 AAUW CA Convention, Friday – Sunday, April 15 – 17, 2016

#### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:06 PM.

Sandy Stoob, Secretary