

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
May 11, 2016
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Machado Room

Present: Board members Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Elizabeth Mandel, Gretchen Merrick, Janet McElroy, Joanne Rife, Joan Ensign, Joan Sullivan, Judy Kinker, Karen Anderson, Maggie Leininger, Mary Cox, Peggy Martin, Sandy Stoob, Susan Oldham-Fritts and other members Marissa Campi, Margaret McCann

From 7 to 7:40 pm, Maureen Tobin, Communications and Engagement Manager for the City of Morgan Hill and her colleague Christina Turner, engaged us in a discussion about the city's quality of life and service priorities. They have conducted a telephone survey and request that community members take the online or written survey. They have been meeting with key community organizations to make a brief presentation and to listen to questions and solicit ideas.

Details and the online survey can be found at the following URLs:
<http://www.morganhill.ca.gov/1519/Quality-of-Life> and
<http://www.morganhill.ca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/17772>

From this effort, Morgan Hill residents identified, among others, the following priorities:

- Rapid response to 9-1-1 emergencies
- Maintaining the number of police officers on neighborhood patrols
- Maintaining crime prevention and investigation programs
- Maintaining fire protection
- Maintaining city streets and roads, and repairing potholes
- Maintaining the long-term financial stability of the City

Call to Order/Announcements – Co-president Jenny Redfern called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm. Judy Kinker confirmed a quorum.

Minutes – The minutes of April 7, 2016 board meeting were accepted.

Financial Report

CFO Peggy Martin reported that we have \$11,379.38 in the operating account. Peggy noticed an error in the budget and will email the secretary a correction.

Peggy reported that she successfully completed all the paperwork required by the Department of Justice and the attorney general's office to maintain our tax exempt status. This required a lot of work, so the board was very grateful and appreciative for all Peggy's work.

Peggy reported that the reimbursements to members who attended the AAUW state convention are coming soon.

We have pre-paid for our board meetings in this facility for the 2016-2017 year, so we know we have it reserved.

Peggy is behind on processing membership renewals (15-18 at this time).

Peggy suggested that we discuss governance at the board retreat in June. Board members need to understand their extra liability as board members.

Membership Report:

Joan Sullivan and Maggie Leininger reported that we currently have 151 members, plus 2 new members who joined in April. We will send out a dedicated email about the brunch ASAP, including information on how to renew your membership online (preferred), or bringing a check to the brunch.

Programs Report: Plans beyond May

Margaret McCann and Janet McElroy reported on the summer program plans. July 5 is currently scheduled for a program meeting at the library. The July program will recap the board retreat and discuss plans for the year. It will be open to the public.

They are going to try to plan out the business part of the 4th Tuesday board meeting for the whole year. One of the business meetings should be about allocations.

There will be an August program.

Committee Reports

Zoe Lofgren meeting recap

It was a good meeting with a good turnout. Zoe Lofgren is a fantastic speaker, so we'd like to invite her to speak again sometime.

MHUSD Election Forum recap

We hosted a candidate forum for the MHUSD school board position on May 5. Tom Arnett and Pam Torrisi are running for the vacant school board position. The meeting planning went very well. Four high school students participated, helping a lot with questions. One student served on the panel. 80 people attended.

The candidates forum in September will take place at the City Council chambers. Morgan Hill Life and Morgan Hill Times are on board for assisting. One suggestion is to ask more difficult questions than were asked at the school board forum.

Spring Brunch preparation

The co-presidents Jenny Redfern and Mary Cox are in charge of the spring brunch and requested the checklist for this event. If no checklist exists, Mary will start one. Margaret is bringing canopies. Mary is bringing the membership board. Elizabeth wants time to take photos of the scholarship winners individually and in groups. Joan Ensign would like to be on the agenda to distribute prizes to a few people who participated in the survey. Donna Dicker will introduce the scholarship winners. Peggy Martin will accept membership renewal checks and talk about how to renew online. Mary and Jenny will email the proposed agenda to Joan, Joanne, and Barbara Palmer to edit and approve.

Peggy said she has the certificate of insurance for this event.

The first 50 members who renew their membership AND attend the Spring Brunch will receive a Rosy's at the Beach "Take a Friend to Lunch" coupon.

Scholarships and Grants

Donna Dicker has the list of re-entry women scholarship winners. There were 7 applications from Gavilan College, one from outside. There are 2 winners, each granted \$2,000. The winners are Melissa Vasquez, majoring in physical therapy, and Sandina Daly.

The 1st Lauren Jenkins nursing scholarship winner is Jacquelyn Cook.

Elizabeth Mandel requests a photo release document when we mail the acceptance letters to the winners.

Bylaws

Judy Kinker discussed the draft addendum 7 entitled "Weekly Email Guidelines", to set guidelines for our weekly Morgan Hill AAUW emails to branch members. It is not appropriate for policies & procedures. The monthly program should be listed first, if it is coming up within the next week.

Let's give everyone time to read addendum 7, then discuss it at the next bylaws meeting.

State Convention Report

Jenny and Mary reported that the draft state convention report is in DropBox. Those who attended got a lot out of it. The two most gripping items were the "Hunting Grounds" movie and the discussion afterwards. The movie "Hunting Grounds" is about rape on college campuses. Lots of the problems stem from alcohol at fraternity parties and parties involving sports heroes.

We should present this movie as a program and have a program afterwards, as we did for "Girl Rising". We should try to engage high school seniors, through counselors.

The last presentation at the convention was on the topic of Pay Equity. The report is in DropBox.

New Business

Summer BBQ August 6

Jenny requested the Summer BBQ experience binder. As the most recent past president, she is in charge of all the past presidents who host the summer BBQ.

Date/Location for membership lunch in September

We need a date and a hostess. Sue Berghoff has a big backyard.

Other Business

Need Coordinators: July 4 Parade, Taste Of Morgan Hill

4th of July parade

Need a coordinator. Any volunteers? If we don't have a volunteer, maybe we just don't do it this year.

Taste of Morgan Hill

Need a coordinator. Any volunteers?

Future Events

- May 15, Spring brunch (Installation brunch), Villa Mira Monte
- May 21, 10 am, Bascom Library, SJ Branch Program, Muslim Women in America
- May 21, 7:30 pm, Travel Tips at Marianne Knight's home
- June 12, 1 pm, Farewell party for Karen Anderson, potluck lunch at Margaret McCann's
- June 26, Board Retreat, Peggy Martin's home
- July 4, "Grand Old Flag" parade (if we can find a coordinator)
- July 5, July program, 6:30 pm, library
- August 2, 5 pm, Mary Cox's home, "Teaching Art to Saudi Arabian princesses" by Judy Kinker's daughter
- August 6, Mary Cox's home, Summer BBQ

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 pm

Sandy Stoob, Secretary