

**AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
December 1, 2016
Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room**

Present:

Board members

Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Gretchen Merrick, Janet McElroy, Jenny Redfern, Joan Ensign, Judy Kinker, Maggie Leininger, Margaret McCann, Mary Cox, Pat Toombs, Peggy Martin, Sandy Stoob, Suman Ganapathy, Susan Oldham-Fritts

AAUW members

Elizabeth Mandel, Joanne Rooney, Margo Hinnenkamp

Call to Order/Announcements/Acknowledgments – President Mary Cox called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm. Judy Kinker confirmed a quorum.

Mary Cox reported that we received recognition from AAUW National for our 35th anniversary. She passed around the certificate and note.

Jenny Redfern presented Carol O'Hare with a 20 year AAUW member pin.

Carol O'Hare reported that long time AAUW member Elena Moreno died last Saturday. Elena joined AAUW in 1966 (50 years ago). A celebration of life for Elena will take place on Saturday, January 7, in the El Toro Room of the Morgan Hill Community Center, from 1-4 pm, on what would have been her 95th birthday.

Mary Cox thanked Peggy Martin for chairing the AAUW board meeting in November, and to Jenny Redfern for publicizing the November Program to gardening clubs and those who posted the flyer on their Facebook pages.

Minutes – The board meeting minutes of November 3, 2016 were accepted.

Financial Report

CFO Peggy Martin reported that we will have \$15,544.34 in the operating account, after today's deposits clear. The deposits include checks for the holiday party and a few more memberships. The \$50 Grange deposit for the holiday party is currently listed under Programs. It might get shifted to another category.

Membership Report:

Maggie Leininger reported we have 157 members and just received 3 new membership forms. AAUW National has purged everyone who has not renewed. The new member program where board members meet with new members for a chat over coffee was kicked off by Mary Cox (November) and Donna Dicker (December). Jenny encouraged board members to utilize the updated new member list in DropBox, with new member contact information and their interests.

Programs Report:

Janet McElroy reported on the wonderful "Women in the Culinary Arts" program in November.

Turnout was good and half of the audience were non-AAUW members.

Margo Hinnenkamp predicts we will have 55 people for the holiday party. 7 of the 8 charter members will be there. Carol O'Hare would like add corsages to the budget for the charter members. Several people are bringing various historical Morgan Hill AAUW artifacts. Mary Cox & Carol O'Hare plan a small commemorative program at the holiday party.

Committee Reports

GEMS

Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that all programs are set except for April. One outing is planned for the Monterey Bay Aquarium, which is free. The Monterey Bay Aquarium wants to see the GEMS every year, if they let them in free this year. Another outing is planned for the California Academy of Sciences, for which they have to pay a fee. The committee is discussing long term program ideas. Sundays seem to be the best day for outings, for best attendance. Susan still needs members for her committee. Members express interest in GEMS, but don't follow through by actually helping.

Leadership

Joan Ensign presented a proposal for a non-voting advisory position on the board for past presidents (up to 3 years). The primary purpose and duties would be to:

1. help mentor new board members
2. fill in for vacant board positions on an interim/temporary basis while finding a replacement
3. head up special projects as needed
4. advise the board

As many as 3 past presidents could occupy the "past president positions" at one time. It is anticipated there typically would only be 1 or 2, since it is optional for a past president to move into the advisory role. Refer to "New Proposal for Past President Position" dated 12-1-16.

Joan Ensign moved (on behalf of the leadership development committee) that a new non-voting, advisory position for past presidents be created.

The motion passed.

The bylaws committee now needs to write a job description.

Scholarships and Grants (full report in DropBox, Dec 2016 file)

Donna Dicker reported on scholarships/grants starting with a brief history to update the board: Wildflower Run funds provided to scholarships through the Allocations committee have increased steadily over the years, resulting in additional scholarships/grants. A couple of years ago, a scholarship director position to oversee the various scholarship committees was created. Janet McElroy was the first director until she became Programs Co-VP, after which Donna was appointed scholarships director.

"Scholarships & Grants" are made up of five different committees that review applications and make selections:

- High School scholarships at Sobrato, Live Oak and the Central (Margaret McCann, Chair)
- Re-entry scholarships (women with a break in their education) (Kathy Hansell, Chair)
- Lauren Jenkins Healthcare scholarship (Kathy Sullivan, Chair) [Addendum-past chair]
- Keeping in Touch grants to support former scholarship winners (Marissa Campi, past Chair)
- NCCWSL grant National Convention for Women Student Leaders, (Marji McMillan, Chair)

Once a scholarship is awarded, Verification of Enrollment is required to receive the scholarship or grant. Currently there are two unclaimed High School scholarships, one KIT grant and one Re-entry scholarship. Efforts to contact the women are underway. If the funds end up not utilized, Donna will arrange a meeting with the Allocations committee to discuss the disposition of the unclaimed funds.

Donna is setting up a meeting of the scholarship committee chairs in January to familiarize the new chairs with the selection process and discuss some policy issues. She is currently working with Lori Mains on posting information about scholarships on the Facebook pages of local colleges. Lori created the poster for the Re-entry scholarship. They are currently working on creating one for the LJ scholarship which will be posted locally and distributed to colleges.

Donna is looking for a replacement for Marissa Campi (KIT Grants) who has moved to San Diego, and has a list of potential members. She will begin searching for a replacement for Kathy Sullivan (Lauren Jenkins Healthcare Scholarship) as she is also moving.

Speech Trek

Joanne Rooney reported that this year's Speech Trek topic is "Is It Time to Pass the Equal Rights Amendment?" She has emailed English and Social Studies teachers at various schools in Morgan Hill. Live Oak HS was the most responsive. Joanne has not received any applications back yet. December 16 is the deadline. Toastmasters are available to help the students prepare their speeches. Margaret McCann and Joanne trying to decide whether to do a group meeting with applicants, or work with them one on one.

Wildflower Run

Pat Toombs reported that the Wildflower Run committee had their first meeting. The next meeting is on December 8, at Margaret McCann's house. Most committees are chaired. There are open chair positions for membership donations and the senior 2K. Podium design is in progress. Postcards are on track. Joanne Rooney is on track handling administration and contracts with the MHUSD and the City of Morgan Hill. We need website updates, such as sponsor packets and links to registration. Paul at the Running Shop (now Running Shop & Hops) has committed to be \$1,000 level sponsor, and promised that we can use the Running Shop & Hops as pre-packet pickup. There is enough room indoors that we can move packet pickup indoors, if it is rainy or hot. It is important to get the agreement with Paul in writing, to avoid problems they have had in the past.

Wildflower Run Sponsors

Barbara Palmer reported that she got the 1st sponsor check, from Rosy's At the Beach. The committee is making contact with past sponsors. Kathy Sullivan has resigned from the sponsors committee, because she is moving. Barbara needs 2 more people on the sponsors committee.

Bylaws WFR Business Sponsor Chair

Judy Kinker reported on the Wildflower Run Business Sponsor chair position description. Judy moved that we accept the Wildflower Run Business Sponsor chair description.

The motion passed.

New Business

Tech Trek fee increase

Joy Safakish reported an increase of \$50 per camper in the Tech Trek camp fees. We need \$400 more to send our 8 campers to Tech Trek. We could take this out of the \$2,000 that we donate to the Stanford camp, or pull the money from somewhere else. We need to decide where to transfer funds from, or decrease the campers to 7. The board agreed we still want to send 8 campers. The Allocations Committee will work on this to determine where to re-distribute funds. We could possibly obtain \$400 from unclaimed scholarships and will have more information to make a decision by the time the funds are required. Joy hopes for 28 candidates by January, to be whittled down to 8 campers.

Nominations Committee

Carol O'Hare reported on behalf of the nominating committee the good news that we have a full slate of officers for 2017-2018. This is the earliest we have had the full slate of officers.

President: Peggy Martin

President Elect: Maggie Leninger

Program VPs: Margaret McCann, Buffy Colloton

Membership VP: Jenny Redfern

Secretary: Sandy Stoob

Treasurer: Katie Scanlon

AAUW Fund VP: Janet Wright

Carol moved that we accept this slate of officers.

The motion passed.

AAUW Funds VP Interim Appointment

Mary Cox reported that Mary Ludwick is not able to attend board meetings at this time due to work commutes and family. She would like to be considered for a board position in a few years and is stepping down for now. Janet Wright agreed to step in on an interim basis.

Mary Cox moved that we appoint Janet Wright as interim AAUW Funds VP.

Donna Dicker seconded.

The motion passed.

Community Action Grants

Elizabeth Mandel reported that she has received 2 applications for our Community Action Grants. The deadline is December 8. Good candidates include the Learning & Loving, Community Solutions, El Toro Youth Center, Inclusive Playground, and the MH Senior Center for Lifelong learning. Elizabeth asked if there are any other non-profits to approach. Candidates should be in line with the AAUW mission, such as education and equity for women & girls

Planning Commission

Pat Toombs asked whether we can put the Morgan Hill Planning Commission vacancy in the weekly email. Rene Spring gave up his planning commission seat, since he was elected to the Morgan Hill City Council. Pat would like another woman on the planning commission. The board agrees we can put this in the weekly email under community news, since we are trying to get women into leadership. No vote was required.

Other Business

IBC Report

Jenny Redfern reported on the IBC meeting last week. There will be a great IBC program in January. Barbara Palmer and Suman Ganapathy are working on the flier. Gretchen Merrick agreed to do some publicity for this in MH Life, the MH Times, and anywhere else she can think of.

Follow-up: Weekly News

Mary Cox reported on the weekly email news issues and problems. Things are going better this month, although Jan Conrey hasn't gotten as many new items and everyone is getting things in on time. However, Jan feels that it is really too much for 1 person to do every week. She asks that we find another person to help her. That person would become the lead next year, with Jan helping in a secondary role.

Upcoming Dates/Events

- Dec 11 (Sun) Holiday Party & 35th Branch Anniversary Celebration, Grange Hall, Catered Buffet Lunch, Noon – 2:00 pm
- Jan 24 (Tue) AAUW-MH Program, Morgan Hill Library Speech Trek 6:30 pm
- Jan 29 (Sun) AAUW IBC Program: Creating Your Own Path: Women Changing Our World (title not finalized), SJ City College, 2-4 pm

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm

Sandy Stoob, Secretary