

**AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting**  
**January 4, 2017**  
**Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room**

Present:

**Board members**

Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Janet McElroy, Jenny Redfern, Joan Ensign, Judy Kinker, Maggie Leininger, Mary Cox, Pat Toombs, Peggy Martin, Sandy Stooob

**AAUW members**

Joanne Rooney, Susan Persing

**Call to Order/Announcements/Acknowledgments** – President Mary Cox called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Judy Kinker confirmed a quorum.

Mary reminded members to email Gretchen Merrick for AAUW related items to be submitted for publication in the Morgan Hill Times or Morgan Hill Life.

The branch Committees List has been updated and is posted on our website. The Wildflower Run Committee information has been separated from the other committees on our website due to its length. When a committee member changes, send Elizabeth Mandel an email with the change.

Carol O'Hare mentioned that Elena Moreno's memorial service is this Saturday at 1 pm at the CCC.

Mary acknowledged the following members for their contributions:

Suman Ganapathy and Elizabeth Mandel for putting out a great issue of the Winter Newsletter (under technical duress!)

**Minutes** – The board meeting minutes of December 1, 2016 were accepted.

**Financial Report**

CFO Peggy Martin reported that we have \$14,667.58 in the operating account. We collected \$2,195 for the holiday party. One unsigned check for \$21 had to be returned to the sender for a signature, but once it is signed and deposited, we will have broken even on the holiday party. We have to issue a 1099 form to our caterer, which Peggy will do. Peggy will soon have updated membership dues/revenue information.

**AAUW Funds**

Janet Wright couldn't attend tonight's meeting. See her article in the Winter newsletter about nominating an AAUW honoree for 2017. Please review the article and send your nominations (include reasons) to Margo Hinnenkamp.

**Membership Report:**

Maggie Leininger and Jenny Redfern reported that we have no new members this month, yet. We have a total of 159 members.

Some former members still haven't renewed, but if they do renew, March 16 is the earliest date they should join, to benefit from a full year's membership (until May 2018). A former member who hasn't been a member for 3 years is considered new.

The February new member Wine and Whine event is coming up on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of February (February 15) at Rosy's at the Beach restaurant, starting at 5:30 pm. We discussed whether we should still do this, and all agreed we should. Several new members attended last year's new member Wine and Whine and liked it. The budget for the event is \$200. We discussed advertising the new member Wine & Whine more, especially to new people.

### **Programs Report:**

Janet McElroy reported on upcoming programs. Speech Trek is coming up on January 24<sup>th</sup>. The venerable Tenzin Chogyi will share her life as a Buddhist nun at the Women in Religion program on February 28. Attorney Laura Perry will speak at the March 28 Women in Law program. A panel of women will speak at the April 25<sup>th</sup> Women in Technology program. The Women in the Arts program on May 23 is being organized by Jean Pinard.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Wildflower Run**

Pat Toombs reported that the Wildflower Run committee is now fully staffed. We have 10 registrations; double what we usually have on this date. Susan Persing has taken over as course marshal. We will have some capital expenditures this year to buy A-frames, a \$2400 onetime expense. The A-frames will be color coded so runners know where to go. Jim Holzgrafe is doing the substantial graphics work this year. We are now in a time crunch to get things printed such as T-shirts. Emily Shem-Tov has been handling the updates for our run website. We need to replace both Jim and Emily for next year's run, by May. We may need to pay someone to do our run graphics. In conjunction with finding a replacement for Emily, we should explore more user-friendly software for the run website and replace that too.

#### **Wildflower Run Sponsors**

Barbara Palmer reported that the sponsors committee has collected \$18,500 so far. Personal contacts are really paying off. The \$2500 sponsors go on top of our T-shirt and postcard. The goal this year is \$30,000.

#### **Wildflower Fund (ISPF) - Board & Member Donations**

Carol O'Hare reported that Lee Hagen and Tammy Parker are coordinating the Wildflower Run member donations. Carol reported that \$2400 has been collected so far, with the following donation statistics:

12.6% of members  
11 board members

#### **Speech Trek**

Joanne Rooney reported we have 11 student applicants for Speech Trek: 5 from Oakwood School, 3 from Live Oak High School, and 3 from Sobrato High School. A coaching session is scheduled for January 14, with 4 students signed up so far. The coaching will take place at Anaerobe systems.

#### **Community Action Grants**

Susan Persing reported that the committee met. The committee attendees were: Susan Persing, Monica McClintock, Elizabeth Mandel, Cinda Meister, Nancy Altman, and Susan Rife. The committee reviewed 6 applications. The 2016-17 Community Action Grant Recipients follow: \$850 to Learning & Loving Center for ESL supplies, \$800 to Central High School for Chef's garden, \$750 to San Martin Gwinn Elementary for the H&S club Mariachi music program, \$600 to Discovery Counseling Center for Bold Journey. The report is in Drop Box. The grant applications include how they measure success. The purpose of these grants is to help the community. Questions included how/if the recipients publicize or acknowledge AAUW and is it indicated somewhere how they meet the AAUW mission.

### **New Business**

#### **Black History (Feb), Women's History (Mar) months**

Mary Cox asked for ideas for what we should do for Black History month in February and Women's History month in March. Some ideas: send something out in our news, such as recommending books like "The Life of a Black Feminist", or movies like "Hidden Figures", or do a Women's History display as we have in the past. We used to have a Women's History month program and a display.

#### **AAUW Women's Rights are Human Rights San Jose Women's March – Jan. 21**

Mary Cox reported that the day after the inauguration, women are going to march on Washington and across the country. This is an all women march, not specific to AAUW, to support women's rights. Marches are planned in San Jose, San Francisco and maybe Gilroy. Margaret McCann is in charge of the Morgan Hill AAUW's participation in the march. We are meeting on Friday, January 20 at Margaret McCann's to make signs for the march. Jenny reported that if you want "Women's March" T-shirts or sweatshirts, there are places you can order it. We will carpool to the Santa Teresa station, and take light rail. Margaret will put info in the weekly email. See the article in the Winter newsletter for details.

#### **AAUW National Convention Jan 14 early registration**

Barbara Palmer reported that she is coordinating the Morgan Hill AAUW members who plan to attend the AAUW National convention from June 14-17 in Washington D.C. She asked who plans to go, what days people are staying, and who is rooming with whom. Early bird registration is due soon. Elizabeth Mandel is willing to organize a visit to our Congress person. If you know of anyone else who is interested, let Barbara know.

### **Other Business**

#### **IBC PROGRAM**

Jenny Redfern encouraged us to attend the Inter-Branch Council panel entitled "Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership" on January 29 at San Jose City College from 2 – 4 pm. It is a free program, open to the public.

An AAUW California Leadership Training Workshop will take place on March 11, 9-4, and will include lunch.

#### **Scholarship Committee Update**

Donna Dicker reported there have been some changes. Katie Howard will manage the Keeping In Touch scholarships, formerly coordinated by Marissa Campi. Donna has set up a meeting of all of the scholarship committees to review processes, rubrics, scoring sheets, etc.

### **Younger Women's Task Force info**

Mary Cox initiated discussion on the Younger Women's Task Force, a movement by and for younger women to fight for social justice. It was not initially an AAUW program, but it has become affiliated with AAUW over the years. We discussed whether we can organize it locally and offer it to our younger members.

### **Upcoming Dates/Events**

- Jan 21 (Sat) Women's March San Jose, 10:00 am-3:00 pm, Nationwide marches planned to support women's rights
- Jan 24 (Tue) AAUW-MH Program, Morgan Hill Library Speech Trek 6:30 pm
- Jan 29 (Sun) AAUW IBC Program: Women Changing Our World: Paths to Leadership, SJ City College, 2-4 pm

### **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm

Sandy Stoob, Secretary