

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting

April 5, 2017

Morgan Hill Community and Cultural Center, Madrone Room

Present:

Board members

Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Janet Wright, Joan Ensign, Joy Safakish, Judy Kinker, Maggie Leininger, Mary Cox, Peggy Martin, Pat Toombs, Sandy Stoob, Suman Ganapathy, Susan Oldham-Fritts

AAUW members

Buffie Colloton, Gretchen Merrick

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

Announcements

Mary Cox reminded us of the Northern California AAUW-CA State meeting in San Mateo on April 22, which includes the Speech Trek finals. Our Morgan Hill branch winner Nikhita Gopisetty will be competing. Mary asked who planned to attend, to set up carpooling.

Judy Kinker requested that we vote for slate of officers for 2017-2018. The board meeting attendees all verbally said yes to the slate of officers.

Acknowledgments

Mary acknowledged Elizabeth Mandel for the beautiful, new Morgan Hill AAUW website. Attendees applauded.

Donna Dicker mentioned an email from one of our KIT grant winners, Amy Santos, who received her masters degree from SJ State. She is currently employed as a photographer. Amy expressed a shout out of gratitude to AAUW and how much she appreciated our support.

Minutes – The board meeting minutes of March 1, 2017 were accepted, with minor changes.

Financial Report

CFO Peggy Martin reported that we have \$14,812.67 in the operating account. We haven't had many expenses this month. We have received an invoice from Elizabeth Mandel for technology. Peggy took some money out of other categories to cover technology. Peggy needs to update the April financial report with some minor changes. Hospitality may have more invoices to submit. Peggy received a request to pay \$200 to MH Cellars for the May brunch, but she needs an invoice for this expense in order to pay it. Suman provided an in-kind expense of \$49.62 for Publisher document software for the newsletter.

AAUW Funds

Janet Wright reported that the Los Gatos/Saratoga branch wants to contribute to our MH Wildflower Run Research and Projects endowment. Carol O'Hare suggested that Janet write to some of the other branches to suggest they contribute to our endowment as well.

Membership Report:

Jenny Redfern reported that we have 164 members (according to AAUW National), but thinks we actually have 170 members.

Elizabeth Mandel and Jenny Redfern have been working diligently on the new Morgan Hill AAUW website. The website has undergone a resurrection, a crash, and a new resurrection. It now contains the new membership directory. There will be more improvements and features coming up.

Jenny updated the new member spreadsheet and put it in DropBox.

Since March 16, you can renew your AAUW membership for next year, but National hasn't sent out the 1 click email yet.

Margo Hinnenkamp can't do the "New member meet and greet" during the month of April, so Jenny asked for volunteers to meet new members for April.

Programs Report:

Donna Dicker encouraged people (on behalf of Margaret McCann) to attend the Wildflower Run wrap-up meeting on April 6. The April program is "Women in the Arts". The "Women in Religion" program in February with the venerable Tenzin Chogyi, a Tibetan Buddhist Nun, was very successful with standing room only. The meditation workshop is coming up on May 13 at St. John the Divine Church.

Committee Reports

Wildflower Run

Pat Toombs was happy to report that we had 851 runners, after lots of late registrations came in. The weather was perfect for the run, cool, overcast, with no wind.

One problem was that Joan Sullivan and team couldn't set up the finish fest booths the night before, because of soccer games. Instead, Joan and team arrived at 5 am on run day and set up the booths. Joan now suggests that the booths be set up early on run day, so she doesn't worry about damage to booths overnight.

The date for next year's run has not been decided, but will be decided tomorrow evening at the Wildflower Run wrap-up meeting. The candidate dates are March 25 and April 15.

The total income from runner registration is around \$25,325. We usually don't have the actual number until the beginning of May. The net income at this time (before all expenses are in) is around \$45,000 close to what it was last year. The biggest expenses have been paid. MHUSD has not yet sent in their bill of around \$700.

We are still looking for someone to design the T-shirt for next year. We will request a T-shirt designer in the newsletter, with a list of skills needed. If we don't find anyone, we will need to pay for someone to do it. We need the T-shirt design by July 1, so we can start doing ads using the T-shirt design.

Wildflower Run Sponsors

Barbara Palmer reported that the total sponsor donations are \$27,700, larger than last year. The official sponsor thank-you sheet was placed in all the goodie bags and in the newspaper. Barbara requests that we thank these businesses in person. She will also ask our members to thank our sponsors in an email blast.

Elizabeth Mandel is working on final thank-you card to thank our sponsors who donated \$500 and above. Janet Wright will send all the smaller donors a thank-you letter.

The sponsor team needs 2 additional people for the team next year. Janet McElroy will help find these people, starting in August.

Wildflower Fund (ISPF) - Board & Member Donations

Carol O'Hare reported for Tammy Parker and Lee Hagan. We have received \$9,360 from members. Of that amount, over 40% came from just 3 people. 43.7% of our members have donated. 100% of board members have donated. Even though the Wildflower Run is now over, the campaign for our Wildflower fund will continue, so they will continue soliciting member donations. They will email the 17 members who gave last year but didn't this year. The rest of members who haven't donated will receive a letter in the mail. They will emphasize that any donation is welcome, even as little as \$10.

Scholarships and Grants

Donna Dicker reported that all of the scholarships have been awarded. Her scholarship report is a preliminary one. The NCCWSL conference doesn't take place until the end of May, so we won't have all the expenses until July. Donna was asked to put this report in DropBox. Donna mentioned that we had some unclaimed scholarships, which were moved elsewhere, approved by Elizabeth Mandel. Policies and procedures say that unclaimed funds must go into the scholarship pot for the next year.

Margie McMillan and Cinda Meister found 5 candidates to apply for the NCCWSL conference, so this year we are sending a young woman to the conference.

Tech Trek

Joy Safakish reported that our Tech Trek campers have been selected. Two are from Britton, three are from Charter School, and three are from Martin Murphy. Tech Trek camp is July 9 – 15 this year.

Joy asks that we bring goodies for the Tech Trek girls' goodie bags to the May brunch. Donna Dicker is collecting the goodie bag items. Money is ok too.

Joy can't conduct the usual meet and greet with Tech Trek campers, former campers, and their parents. The meet & greet is useful to calm worried parents and discuss safety issues. The AAUW branches supporting the Stanford Tech Trek camp will conduct an ice cream social in San Jose, on June 7, but it is lecture format. Susan Oldham-Fritts, her committee and Barbara Palmer volunteered to take over doing the meet & greet for the Morgan Hill campers.

AAUW National has been guiding Tech Trek for the past 2 years as a pilot. They don't want to continue, so ownership is going back to the states. Campers will no longer have to register on the AAUW National site.

Joy shared a finances/budget simulation called “Mad City Money” that will be conducted during camp. Its purpose is to give students an experience of life in the future, complete with occupation, salary, spouse, student loan debt, credit card debt and medical insurance payments.

Susie Parrish has volunteered to be a dorm mom once again. Joy will help with visitation day, and be part of the tour. Almost all the volunteer positions are taken.

Other Business

Report: YWTF (Young Women's Task Force) Panel at 3-11-17 AAUW Mtg

Mary Cox reported on the Young Women's Task Force (YWTF). Two chapters (SF and Stockton) were part of a panel at the March 11 AAUW Leadership Meeting. YWTF does social things, and they are very committed to advocating for women. Sara Ballmer is the CEO of YWTF in SF. She is an engineer, very tech oriented and has aligned with Tech Bridge of SF for advocacy. The Stockton YWTF focus is on Mental Health issues. Mary is still working with our branch member Carrie Lim regarding her ‘moms’ interest group. Mary wants to have some collaboration in place by the Taste of Morgan Hill.

July 4 Coordinator

We will continue to put a request in the newsletter for a 4th of July parade coordinator.

Upcoming Dates/Events

4-7-17 Lauren Jenkins STEM Workshop for High School Girls

4-22-17 AAUW-CA Annual Meeting and Speech Trek Finals, San Mateo Marriott, 8:00 am – 3:30 pm, \$50

4-25-17 Apr Program: MH Library 7 pm Women in the Arts 6:30 pm Branch Update: Tech Trek/Gems

5-21-17 Spring Brunch, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, Morgan Hill Cellars, Installation 2017-18 Board, Meet Scholarship Winners

5-23-17 May Program: MH Library, 7 pm Women in Law, Laura Perry, 6:30 pm Branch Update: Scholarships

6-14 thru 17 AAUW National Convention, Washington DC <http://convention.aauw.org/register/>

6-24-17 AAUW-MH Annual Retreat & Leadership Workshop by Diana Woods, LaQuinta Inn, 17043 Condit Rd, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

8-5-17 AAUW-MH Annual BBQ, 5:00 – 8:00 pm

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm

Sandy Stoob, Secretary