

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
September 7, 2017
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center (CRC), Meeting Room 1

Present:

Board members

Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Katie Scanlon, Janet McElroy, Margaret McCann, Pat Toombs, Suman Ganapathy, Elizabeth Mandel, Jenny Redfern, Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Janet Wright, Gretchen Merrick and Joy Safakish.

AAUW members

Robin Bean and Mary Cox.

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

Announcements:

Nancy and Bob Foster spoke to the group about the Hometown Holidays Organization (HHO). In the past HHO has been responsible for the decorated Christmas Trees along Monterey Road. This year they would like to do something new - light olive trees along 3rd Street and in tandem hold a writing contest tying in the history of the olive tree and it being a symbol of peace. AAUW has been approached to see if we would be able to set up the writing contest. AAUW would be responsible for setting the parameters of the contest. The event would start on Dec 2nd so the contest will need to be held before. Because the project is so fluid at this point, Peggy Martin will meet with the Fosters to discuss further. The Branch will then decide if this is a project we would like to take on. Suman has volunteered to help if we decide to do this.

Barbara Palmer announced that Christa Hanson from Loving & Learning Center has joined the National branch of AAUW.

Elizabeth Mandel asked if anyone wants to buy the new polo shirts. She will also put out an announcement to the membership that these shirts are available for purchase. Elizabeth also announced at the Chamber breakfast that we are taking applications for community action grants. Application deadline is the end of October.

Janet McElroy announced that at the spring student concert at San Martin Gwinn, it was announced that AAUW had given a Community Action Grant to the school.

Janet also announced that we have a Morgan Hill Community Foundation Philanthropy honoree – Mary Cox! Philanthropy night will be on Friday, November 17, 2017. Details about registration will be included in our weekly updates when known.

Minutes

Carol O'Hare announced that she had some corrections for the June Board Retreat minutes. She will send them directly to Joanne Rooney.

Allocations Report

Elizabeth Mandel presented a very detailed report outlining this year's allocations. She pointed out that the objective of the Allocations Committee is to provide a balance from year to year. Different allocation items may be emphasized based on where the need is at that point of time. Emphasis this year is on leadership development. A total of \$51,000.00 was allocated. Elizabeth also recognized Carol O'Hare & Barbara Palmer's teams for their hard work.

As per the Report: Tech Trek was increased estimating an increase in camper fees. Community Action Grants have been increased by \$1,000.00. These grants have provided a positive result for the Sponsor team as potential donors see what we've accomplished.

Local scholarships have been whittled back a bit to balance out other areas.

Leadership development has increased due to a new leadership development program for high schoolers – Future Women Leaders of America Workshop. Margaret McCann is applying for a Rotary scholarship to offset costs for this workshop. If we don't get a candidate for Leadership Morgan Hill (LMH), it was suggested we use these funds for a development program.

Speech Trek's increase is due to the new Jr. Toastmaster's program. A pilot program will be started at Sobrato High School this year with the hope of holding the same program at Live Oak High School next year.

AAUW Fund – the majority of this area of funding will go towards helping complete the WFR endowment.

Lots of discussion as to whether we send someone to LMH – is this a valuable resource – should we look at the Chamber breakfasts instead? Decided to keep the LMH Scholarship in allocations for now but use the money for other areas if no viable candidate is available this year. Continued discussion on this topic will need to happen as there is no consensus yet on whether or not to keep it.

Kudos to the Allocation committee.

Motion filed by Elizabeth Mandel to approve allocations budget as presented. The motion was carried unanimously.

CFO Report

Katie Scanlon presented. On July 13th Katie met with Peggy Martin & Jenny Redfern to review the prior year's financial details as per our policies & procedures. A week later financials were submitted to AAUW National online as per protocol.

On August 27th Peggy, Jenny, Margaret, Margie, Maggie, Katie participated via phone conference to review the budget. The group came to a consensus and Katie provided the proposed 2017/2018 Budget. Katie will also supply a revised Budget Report via Dropbox showing the new year's budget vs last year's budget and actuals.

Peggy & Katie then reviewed the new budget by line item with explanation of changes.

A motion was presented by Katie Scanlon to approve the operating account budget as presented written and verbally. The motion was approved with 16 yes votes and 1 no.

Programs

Margaret McCann presented. The second AAUW program for this year will be held on Sept 26th. Title: The Morgan Hill Community Takes on Homelessness. Barbara Palmer will serve as one of the moderators. Gretchen Merrick is working on publicity by putting entries in The MH Times and MH Life. Margaret has encouraged the members to share program fliers on Facebook, Nextdoor, etc.

Margaret has asked if she could open an account at Book Smart for copying fees. This was approved as long as the account costs stay within the yearly Programs' budget.

Margaret also announced that Buffie Colloton is no longer able to act as co-VP of Programs. Margie Snively has volunteered to fill the vacancy. Margaret filed a motion to appoint Margie Snively as co-VP of Programs. Motion passed unanimously.

For the September program Margaret would like to hold a reception since the panel is so large. This would take place outside of the Library as we are no longer able to bring food into the facility. Reception will start at 6:30pm. If this option is not allowed we will still have a reception but it will be moved indoors and there will be no food. It has also been decided that there will no longer be an AAUW meeting before the programs.

The October program is forecasted to be about legacy.

November's program will focus on the brain and the effects meditation and exercise has on it. In April of next year, the Future Women Leaders of America workshop will be held. AAUW will be a sponsor.

Membership

Jenny Redfern presented. Jenny wanted to start with two new ideas she has that are not included in her written report: putting on the website member faces and quotes on why they are members; and, an idea was to have Dr. Rose give a talk on the future of higher education in South County; which Programs is already considering.

National database shows 182 at present. Of these members 148 have renewed thru June 2018. 32 have not renewed. 5 members have moved away and most likely will not rejoin. Taking into account these facts, we most likely will have a total of 177 members. Jenny passed out a list of non-renewals to see if people can take a couple of names to contact about renewing.

The new Membership Committee will include Barbara Palmer (new member mentor) and Joan Ensign (new member ambassador). The three committee members met to discuss roles and responsibilities. Joan will take on the meet and greet with new members. These will be quarterly events instead of the current monthly event. Volunteers will set up a group meeting (Joan will be attending) and get together with the newest members and discuss AAUW.

Jenny announced that 70 people are expected at the Membership Brunch on Saturday. Jenny also asked for a decision as to whether we would group people together by neighborhoods on Saturday. It was decided that this practice was no longer relevant.

Public Policy/LAF

Janet Wright presented. Not much to report as there aren't any new cases currently. Concerning Public policy – the state committee is going to generate a monthly newsletter.

Leadership Development: nothing to report at this time.

Bylaws

Judy Kinker presented. Issue: No verification of enrollment for scholarships in Bylaws. Judy Kinker made a motion that we approve Addendum 6 as written. Motion was unanimously approved.

Issue: Addendum 8 changes including how we handle memorial donations. Carol O'Hare made a motion that Addendum 8 be approved as presented and amended. The motion was unanimously approved.

Mary Cox feels that the wording in Addendum 8 that states “the families wishes need to be considered” should state “follow the families’ wishes”.

Wildflower Run

Pat Toombs presented. A new date has been picked for the next WFR – March 25, 2018. Next year's t-shirt design has also been selected. Collector cards will be printed for Taste of MH. The Run is almost completely staffed – a few positions are open – Medals & Finish Fest Booth.

Pat stated she also would like long sleeve t-shirts offered this year – for members only.

Sponsor team

Barbara Palmer presented. She sent memos to the sponsor team – all are coming back. Mary Cox is going to join the team! Restaurant gift card team will be starting earlier. Barbara has added a third member to that team - Charlene Wiltsee. The thought is another member is needed because of all the new restaurants in Morgan Hill. The PG&E check was received for \$2,500. 2017 Donations total is now \$27,700.00 – over half of the final allocation amount. Monetary goal for 2018 is \$29,000.00. A goal for the sponsor team – add another large sponsor. Also encourage members & husbands to look into matching grants. One more goal (go Sponsor Team!) four of our sponsors have backed off their goals – Honda notably. Try to get these larger sponsors to up their donations. Barbara has one other person considering joining the Sponsor Committee. First Sponsor Committee meeting – first week of October

Tech Trek

Joy Safakish presented. Joy met with seven campers this afternoon in preparation for Saturday's lunch. The eighth camper cannot come to luncheon. Tech Trek ramps up end of November – price increase may be known around December. Joy notified Peggy that there will not be anything to report till January. Need to replace Susie Parrish as she has moved out of the area. Mary Grace Colby joined the group. Membership requested new pictures for the display board.

New Business

Margaret McCann - Young Toastmaster's Program. Tomorrow is Club day at Sobrato so Margaret will be at a booth to see how much interest there is in the program. Will need a minimum of 15 students in order to start. Program is 8 weeks long. There is concern that Sobrato students are getting a leg up ahead of Live Oak since we are only offering the program at Sobrato. Branch has decided to call it a Pilot Program this year and then start alternating the program between the two high school campuses in the following years.

Business cards

Elizabeth has created new business cards that the branch board can use. Jenny has ordered 200 cards for Membership use.

Other Business – postponed to next month.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02pm

Maggie Leininger for Joanne Rooney