

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
October 5, 2017
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center (CRC), Meeting Room 1

Present:

Board members

Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Janet McElroy, Elizabeth Mandel, Jenny Redfern, Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Mary Cox, Joanne Rooney

AAUW members

Susan Rife

Call to Order/Announcements/Acknowledgments – President Peggy Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. We do not have a quorum.

Announcements:

Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger and Mary Cox met with Dr. Rose, of Gavilan college who recognized AAUW Morgan Hill's work with scholarships. Mary Cox suggested we check the Gavilan website for future events. Donna Dicker may set up another tour in the future. Dr. Rose has offered to speak at an AAUW event in the future.

Accept September 7, 2017 minutes

CFO Report

Balance in the checking account as of today is \$16,184.83. Katie Scanlon has made a deposit to Eagle Ridge for the Holiday party.

Programs

The program for October 24, 2017 is "Together, We Can Make A Difference." There will be a video and presentations followed by breakout groups.

The November 28, 2017 program is "My Love Affair with the Brain: The Life and Science of Dr. Marian Diamond." We will view her video and possibly have a Neurologist speak.

Membership

The Branch has earned several National memberships through the "Shape the Future" program, which can be used to offset the cost of membership for people who cannot afford to join. It was suggested that prospective members who fall into this category, pay for part of their membership if possible.

Jenny reported on members who have not renewed and new members. The National Database reports that we have 188 members and 28 have not renewed. Two are life members, so we have 160 or more members.

Jenny requests that we send her anything you need in MailChimp by tomorrow.

Committee Reports

GEMS - Reported by Peggy Martin in Susan Oldham-Fritts' absence:

Susan will report at our November 2nd Board Meeting about all current activities for GEMS.

Speech Trek

Margaret McCann and Joanne Rooney have started an 8-week Youth Leadership Program through Toastmasters at Sobrato High School. Flyer for speech Trek will go out to schools in November.

Scholarships – See complete report from Donna Dicker below:

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT
October 4, 2017

The scholarship group is made up of five separate committees: high school scholarships, re-entry scholarships, the Lauren Jenkins scholarship, Keeping in Touch grants, and the National College Conference of Women Student Leaders, NCCWSL.

Verification of Enrollments: Before a winner can receive their scholarship or grant funds we must receive a VOE verifying that a student is registered for the Fall semester at a university or college. Funds are then requested from ISPF to be sent to the university or college in the student's name. As of this date we have received VOEs for the majority of our 2017 winners.

Increasing applications: It has been my goal to increase the pool of applicants for each of our scholarships. Information about our scholarships is sent to the eleven community college financial aid officers in our area. In addition, there is a flyer about our local scholarships which has been available at our monthly programs, as well as the Taste of Morgan Hill.

Survey: A survey was sent out to all past scholarship recipients, with the help of Ann Clearkin. The responses indicated that the women were continuing to pursue their education and would benefit from mentoring and networking with members of our branch. The scholarship committees will be meeting this month to discuss how we can develop ways to implement these requests.

Bette Sallus, Lauren Jenkins mother, has generously donated monies to Lauren's scholarship fund. This Sunday I will be meeting with her to discuss how she and her husband can continue to support the scholarship.

Recently several members of the Board met with Kathleen Rose, president of Gavilan college for a tour and to discuss how the branch and college can work together to make the community more aware of our programs.

Respectfully submitted: Donna Dicker, Scholarship Coordinator

Leadership Development

Janet McElroy reported regarding Leadership Morgan Hill.

The philanthropy dinner will honor Mary Cox (AAUW) and Margo Hinnenkamp (Morgan Hill Historical Society). The price of the dinner is \$125.

Wildflower Run Sponsors

Barbara Palmer reported that we will begin monthly WFR Sponsorship meetings in October. She will be contacting the new restaurants in town for possible donations/gift cards.

AAUW Morgan Hill Member Donations to the Wildflower Fund

Carol O'Hare reported that we are planning a mailing for the annual giving campaign for the Wildflower Fund. This will go out to our membership possibly in January-March 2018.

New Business

Carol O'Hare updated the group about the \$5000 that was donated by the family of Elena Moreno to the branch. A committee presented several ideas to the family of how to use the funds and they selected the idea of a memorial garden at the Depot Park.

AAUW Morgan Hill will support the Gift of Reading Program.

- 1) Approve support for Gift of Reading and other projects of BookSmart Community Advantage Foundation.
See Addendum 2: http://www.aauwmh.org/wp-content/files/governance/aauw_policies_addendum2.pdf

Community Grants

Susan Rife reported on grant applications. She has written an article for local newspapers to advertise our Wildflower Run Fund Grants.

Other Business

Peggy Martin will coordinate with Gretchen Merrick on how to work with the press and publicity in general. We have lots of deadlines for scholarships and programs that need advertising.

Peggy Martin reported that we have started several of our action items from our June – July retreat:

- Youth Leadership Program through Toastmasters at Sobrato High School.
- Program development.

The branch succeeded in gathering names for potential new members at the Taste of Morgan Hill.

We received our first registration for the Wildflower Run!