

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting

December 7, 2017

Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center (CRC), Meeting Room 1

Present:

Board members: Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Katie Scanlon, Janet McElroy, Pat Toombs, Suman Ganapathy, Jenny Redfern, Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Mary Cox, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Janet Wright, Joanne Rooney, Judy Kinker and Joy Safakish.

AAUW members: Joan Ensign and Margo Hinnenkamp

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

Kathy Sullivan and Brian Sullivan have been named Man and Woman of the year by the Morgan Hill Chamber of Commerce. The Learning and Loving Education Center was named Non-Profit of the year. Congratulations!

AAUW – CA: The voting time frame for Public Benefit Corp. vs. Mutual Benefit Corp. will be Jan. 9-11, 2018, go to aauw-ca.org/articles-incorporation-revote for additional information. **A “yes” vote for Public Benefit Corporation is critical for AAUW – CA to retain their tax-exempt status.**

The Holiday Party will be Sunday, December 10, a high school student will play the cello at the event.

Minutes: The minutes from the November board meeting were approved.

CFO Report: There was \$25 added to branch membership. Balance in Operating as of October 31, 2017 was \$16,514.88.

Programs:

Margaret McCann reported on the next AAUW-MH/Library program: Speech Trek Contest. The February program will be “Master Gardener” with Jenny Redfern.

Venerable Tenzin is set for April. December, June, and July do not have programs.

Membership

The national data base is now accurate. We have 164 members who have renewed. 22 members did not renew for 2017-2018, however we have 24 new members. Joan Ensign will step aside as the new member ambassador, Kathy Hansell will take over this position. See Dropbox for new members and what they can help with.

Committee Reports

Community Action Grants

Susan Rife reported there were 9 applications with \$4,000 to distribute.

St. Catherine Parish, St. Vincent de Paul Society, Community Closet: \$825

Learning and Loving Education Center, \$800

BookSmart Community Advantage, \$500

Discovery Counseling Center, \$600

South Valley Science Fair, \$300

Future Women's Leadership Conference, \$375

El Toro Health Science Academy, \$600

Gems: Susan Oldham-Frits reported GEMS will go to Infineon on Martin Luther King Day 2018.

Speech Trek

The speech Trek contest will take place January 23, Topic: "How do we stand up to Sexism?"

Joanne Rooney will continue with the speech club at Sobrato.

Tech Trek

Joy Safakish reported that the cost of the Marie Curie Camp at Stanford is \$1,000 per camper.

The use of the extra \$2,000 AAUW-MH donated to the Marie Curie Camp is unknown. Joy will check on this. Joy has contacted schools and teachers with applications for Tech Trek. We should have 30 applications and choose eight. A video on Camp Marie Curie was presented.

Public Policy/LAF

Janet Wright reported there are three new cases LAF has taken on involving colleges, these were concerning sports policy and gender equity. She also reported current research on promoting gender equity. Janet will report on these cases and research in the newsletter.

Nominating Committee

Mary Cox reported that most officers will be continuing and announced the **proposed** slate:

Co-Presidents	Peggy Martin (R) and Maggie Leininger
Membership VP	Jenny Redfern (R)
Programs VP	Margie Snively (appointed to fill vacancy in 2017)
AAUW Fund VP	Janet Wright (R)
Treasurer	Katie Scanlon (R)
Secretary	Colleen Colwell

Mary and Jenny made motions to approve the slate as presented, but no action was taken.

At the Holiday luncheon, a brief announcement will be made by Mary regarding nominations are now open. Additionally, our weekly updates throughout the month of December will give members an opportunity to put forth nominations.

Mary as chair of the nominating committee will present the Proposed Slate of Officers for approval at the January Board Meeting.

Leadership Development - No report.

Bylaws

The Bylaws Committee makes a motion to amend the Bylaws Article X Officers, Section 1b, by adding to the list of appointed officers “. . . Allocations Chair, and any other positions deemed necessary to conduct the work of the branch.”

The wording regarding additional positions was suggested by Sandy Kirkpatrick, a former member of AAUW CA Governance Committee. This would prevent having to amend bylaws in the future if the board should want to add another appointed position. This amendment will be voted on by the membership at the same time that elections are held. The motion was approved by the board.

Wildflower Run

Pat Toombs reported we are on track for the Wildflower Run. We will change the location for packet pick up to Book Smart. A committee member is needed for medals.

Sponsor team

Barbara Palmer reported that we have picked up \$2,700. Barbara reminded members to bring gift cards to donate to the Learning and Loving Education Center at the holiday party.

New Business/Other Business

Carol O’Hare reported on the Elena Moreno Memorial Garden at Depot Park. The garden is in the beginning stages. The Moreno family attended the ceremony. AAUW-MH will maintain the garden.

Susan Oldham- Fritts reported on the South Valley Science Fair. Teachers in Morgan Hill, Gilroy and San Martin have been contacted. There are 68 projects. There are judges and a safety committee. There is support from the county. The date is January 11 at Oakwood School.

Upcoming events: A memorial will take place for Dan Gregg on January 13 @ 11:00 am at the Community Center.

The Women’s March San Jose will take place January 20.

Peggy will work with Janet and Suman on diversity within our group. She also wants to educate Tech Trek parents on participation in our group. Committee reports should be in drop box prior to the board meetings, so members can review material before the meeting.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9: 00

