

**AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
February 1, 2018,
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center (CRC), Meeting Room 1**

Present:

Board members

Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Jenny Redfern, Margaret McCann, Katie Scanlon, Joanne Rooney, Judy Kinker, Susan Oldham-Fritts, Janet McElroy, Suman Ganapathy, Carol O'Hare, Gretchen Merrick, Donna Dicker, Joy Safakish, Pat Toombs and Barbara Palmer,

AAUW members

Mary Cox, Elizabeth Mandel and Chris Hopwood.

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

Announcements: Suman Ganapathy reported on Leadership Morgan Hill. She is the liaison for the group. She is learning about Morgan Hill Unified School District.

Peggy Martin was listed as an up and coming person in GMH Life.

February 7 is the new member Wine and Whine at Rosy's.

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

CFO Report

There was a \$151 deposit. Expenses from programs were paid. The Christmas party was contracted for 60 people, 52 people paid. Money owed will come from surplus expenses.

Programs:

Margaret McCann reported on the next AAUWMH/Library program taking place on Tuesday, February 27th: "Make Your Voice Heard: Part 2."

Our City Manager, Mayor, past MHUSD Trustees, Council Members and a representative from the Registrar of Voters will be panelist for our program on how to become a public candidate and responsibilities of school board membership. Elizabeth Mandel has been working on publicity for this event.

Membership

Members renewed to 6/30/2018 are at 167, there are two life members with a total of 169 members. The two newest members are Jan Theiss Guffy and Heather Poore. New members who join between now and March 15 can enroll for \$57. There will be a New Member Wine & Whine at Rosy's on February 7. See Dropbox for further details. Dues will go up \$10 at National.

Committee Reports

Speech Trek

We had eight contestants from Live Oak, Sobrato and Oakwood school. We had four judges. It was discussed that next year we have five judges. The speeches have been posted on YouTube. Next year, allow people in the audience to leave comments.

Tech Trek

Joy Safakish reported that the \$2000 donated by AAUW MH will be used for a robotics class if the program goes forth. The deadline for teachers to recommend students for Tech Trek is tomorrow, February 2, 2018.

Scholarships

Donna Dicker reported:

The deadline for applications for Keeping in Touch grants is Monday, February 5th, Katie Howard is the chair of KIT. The deadline for applications to represent the branch at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Baltimore in May is Friday, February 10th. Marji MacMillan and Cinda Meister co-chair the NCCWLS committee.

Lori Mains has been supporting Local Scholarships with technical assistance by posting information on Next Door and Facebook. So far, we have received two inquiries from the Next Door posting. Lori plans to post once a week.

If you know of a family member, friend or neighbor who might have an interest in applying for one of our scholarships, please give them one of our flyers.

Gems

Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that the Infineon January field trip was cancelled and will take place in March, and a Monterey Bay Aquarium field trip is scheduled in May. We are short chaperones at the Wildflower Run.

Leadership

Janet McElroy reported that Leadership is working on a Nominating Committee timeline. It will be reported at the next meeting.

Wildflower Run

Pat Toombs reported long sleeve tee shirts are available. We have 62 registrations. We are on budget. We will be notifying neighborhoods of the Run by post card this year. We have 9 banners and 8 locations. We need suggestions for one more location. We will be asking several stores, for gift cards to provide food at the run.

A discussion ensued on whether or not to accept money donations from Walmart. Carol O'Hare made the following motion: *I move that the WFR ask Walmart for up to \$250 in gift cards for the run.* The motion was not approved, 3 voted yes, 15 voted no, 3 abstained. A second motion was made from Barbara Palmer: *Barbara moves that we approach Walmart for up to \$500 in gift cards for the Wildflower Run.* The motion was approved. We had 13 yes votes and 2 no votes.

Wildflower Fund

26% of members have donated to the Wildflower Run. We will mail letters to members who have not donated.

Wildflower Run Sponsors

Barbara Palmer reported that our total is \$18,050 and \$6,000 more may come in. March 15 is the deadline for goodie bag donations. Stratford School has donated 800 goodie bags. Several members are asking for gift cards from local restaurants. The due date for restaurant gift cards is March 1. We will also be asking for wine tasting donations from local wineries. We will also ask for gift cards from Gilroy Gardens.

New Business

South Valley Science Fair - Susan Oldham-Fritts reported that the fair was a success.

Women's March San Jose - Jenny Redfern reported we had 15 members carpool to the event and meet members from other branches. There were approximately 20,000 people

Future Women Leadership Conference - Margaret McCann reported this Saturday is judging for the art contest for a logo.

Other Business

Upcoming events:

Wednesday, February 7, 2018 at Rosy's 5:30 - 7 p.m. New Member Wine & Whine

Tuesday, February 27, 2018 Morgan Hill Library 7 p.m. Program: Make Your Voice Heard

Saturday, March 24, 2018 Morgan Hill Library 3 p.m. Silicon Valley Reads, Rachel Khong, author of *Goodbye Vitamin*

Sunday, March 25, 2018 Live Oak High School Wildflower Run

Tuesday, March 27, 2018 Morgan Hill Library 7 p.m. Program: Science Writing for the Public, Lisa Kreiger

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00