

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
May 3, 2018
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center (CRC), Meeting Room 1

Present:

Board members

Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Janet McElroy, Pat Toombs, Suman Ganapathy, Elizabeth Mandel, Jenny Redfern, Carol O'Hare, Joy Safakish, Margaret McCann, Judy Kinker, Katie Scanlon, Donna Dicker, Janet Wright, and Margie Snively.

AAUW members

Coleen Colwell, Mary Cox.

Regrets

Susan Oldham-Fritts, Gretchen Merrick, Joanne Rooney, Barbara Palmer 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:

Maggie Leininger announced the election results for 2018/2019:

Co-Presidents: Peggy Martin & Maggie Leininger.

Membership VP: Jenny Redfern.

Programs VP: Margie Snively.

Secretary: Coleen Colwell.

Treasurer: Katie Scanlon.

Bylaws amendment also passed. This amendment changed the Allocations Chair to a voting board position.

South County Symphony next performance: May 13th @ Guglielmo Winery. Tickets at BookSmart or online.

Suman Ganapathy gave a Leadership MH update. The class is working with a graphic artist on designs. The quotes and sayings they'd like to also put up have been approved by the LMH board. Different businesses have been approached to see if they'd like to sponsor one of the boxes. The group is also looking for artists who would like to paint the designs.

Suman's husband, Gautam Ganapathy, has also joined AAUW for the coming year.

Minutes

April 2018 minutes were approved.

CFO Report

Katie Scanlon presented. Continue to receive income from member dues renewals. Ending balance was \$17,807.14 as of 4/30/18.

Programs

Margaret McCann presented. The Venerable Tenzin Chogyi spoke at our April program to a crowd of about 50-60 people. The topic was Self Compassion. Lots of good feedback from attendees.

May Program (5/22/18): Jenny Redfern, master gardener, will be speaking on Gardening with Science.

Future Women's Leaders conference: about 70 young women attended. Based on this year's results they will be holding the conference again next year. Will expand invitees to include 7th to 12th graders. Girls have requested more hands-on workshops next year.

Pre-meeting to discuss programs for next year was held at Margie Snively's. Meeting for the entire planning committee is scheduled for May 23rd where the committee will work on firming up the 2018/2019 program schedule.

Peggy talked about AAUW-CA recognizing branch programs and suggested that we submit two programs to State for recognition: February's Make Your Voice Be Heard and April's Future Women's Leader Conference. Program VPs will handle this.

Meditation workshop to be held on May 5th led by Ajahn Chandako @ St. John's Episcopal Church.

Membership

Jenny Redfern presented. Dues renewal is in full swing. To date the National database shows 101 current members, 71 renewed members, 2 life members for a total of 175 branch members. Renewal reminders will be going out within the next couple of weeks.

Tech Trek

Joy Safakish presented. Goodie bag items are being gathered – donations may be left on Donna Dicker's porch. June 10th is orientation and ice cream social. Camp runs July 8th – July 13th. July 12th is branch visitation day – usually in the morning. Volunteers are still needed. Joy highlighted one area where volunteers are needed - Mad City Money. This workshop helps the girls to learn about responsible money handling. See Sunday email blast for volunteer details. Joy also attended the Tech Trek reunion at state convention.

GEMS

Peggy Martin presented for Susan Oldham-Fritts. Susan is asking for help running GEMS or else she'll need to step down in July. The group discussed ways to break up the amount of work it takes to run GEMS. It was decided that Peggy will talk with Susan about getting more help and report back to the Leadership Development team.

Scholarships

Donna Dicker presented. Total amount allocated for scholarships from the 2017 WFR is \$17,500.00. There was \$2,500.00 in unclaimed funds from the previous year that was redistributed to the current local scholarships. Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Sallus, Lauren's parents, donated \$500 to her scholarship fund. A total of \$20,500.00 was distributed in scholarships and grants. Donna, Margaret McCann and Elizabeth Mandel talked about individual allocations. It was mentioned that the Lauren Jenkins scholarship was given to four recipients this year rather than one student which was the original intent of the scholarship. Originally it was felt, that because the nursing program is so intense that students

aren't usually able to work, the \$2,000 should be awarded to one student to give the maximum financial assistance. This topic will be discussed further in order to reach a consensus on how future allocations are distributed. Donna will meet with Elizabeth to review numbers.

Leadership Development:

No presentation.

Wildflower Fund Allocation

Elizabeth Mandel reported. Based on the Scholarship presentation, Elizabeth was unsure of the validity of her report in some areas. She and Donna will get together and audit the reports. There was a discussion on what to do with unclaimed scholarships and how and when that money should be distributed. It was also discussed that there needs to be a protocol on how the Lauren Jenkins scholarship will be awarded in the future.

Wildflower Fund Giving Campaign

Carol O'Hare presented. This year, the team effort of Carol O'Hare, Tammy Parker, and Lee Hagan resulted in record-setting donations to the Wildflower Fund: 58% of branch members contributed \$11,471, plus former members gave an additional \$350 for a total of \$11,821. The team for the first time mailed out letters to members requesting their participation in the campaign. The cost for the mailing was outweighed by the additional donations that were received.

WFR Sponsor team

No presentation.

Bylaws

Judy Kinker and Carol O'Hare presented. In 2017-2018, the committee completed the following:

- Amended Bylaws to add Allocation Chair to the Board
- Updated Addendum 1 Timeline for Election of Officers
- Modified Addendum 6 Scholarships and Grants
- Amended Addendum 8 Wildflower Run/Fund: Fundraising, Allocations, and Donations
- Updated the job descriptions for Newsletter Editor and Bylaws Chair
- Created a job description for Past President Advisor

Public Policy/LAF

Janet Wright presented. There was no new news at this time.

New Business

Peggy Martin presented. Peggy shared her experiences at the AAUW State Convention. Kim Churches, AAUW CEO, spoke about the three amendments up for vote. Peggy said that Kim is very passionate about the need for change due to the financial status of the organization. Currently corporations find our degree requirement to be exclusive and are hesitant to support the organization. Lisa Maatz, former AAUW policy advisor, was also there and did a presentation about public policy. Lisa stressed that while AAUW is non-partisan we are very much a political organization. There was a discussion by the board as to where the line is drawn between non-partisan and being political. It was agreed that while we can be for or against causes, we are not for or against people or political parties. Peg Carlson from

the San Jose branch also spoke at the convention about people becoming politically overwhelmed and held a workshop with some ideas on how to cope.

Voter registration: Margaret McCann was contacted about assisting with voter registration at the two high schools (Live Oak and Sobrato) – probably around June 6th or 7th. She asked for volunteers.

4th of July parade: Margaret McCann talked to Edie Atkins, who handled the parade last year, about being involved again this year. Since Edie is not a current member, it was decided that a member will need to work in tandem with her.

Other Business

Board Retreat: Save the date of Saturday July 21st. Tentative time 8am – 2pm with catered lunch. Peggy and Maggie will be meeting to work on the location.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 8:58pm.

Maggie Leininger for Joanne Rooney