

**AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
October 4, 2018
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center (CRC), Meeting Room 1**

Present:

Board members

Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Joy Safakish, Katie Scanlon, Judy Kinker, Carol O'Hare, Barbara Palmer, Pat Toombs Janet McElroy, Susan Fritts, Jenny Redfern, Elizabeth Mandel, Chris Hopwood, Coleen Colwell, Deb Buchanan-Plaisance.

AAUW members

Carol Holzgrafe, Joan Ensign, Amy Whelan

Regrets

Janet Wright, Gretchen Merrick, Suman Ganapathy, Margaret Snively

Also:

Maureen Tobin, MH City employee

Call to Order/Announcements/Acknowledgments

Co-President Peggy Martin called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm. Maggie Leininger confirmed we have a quorum.

Guest speaker Maureen Tobin, MH City communications spoke approximately 10 minutes about Measure H Transient Occupancy Tax, Measure I Cannabis Tax, Measure J Appointive City Clerk and CA State Proposition 6.

Announcements:

Welcome to new member Amy Whelan who helped at Taste of Morgan Hill & will work with Susan Fritts on GEMS.

Donna Dicker had a positive report on scholarship winner Amy Santos who is moving forward in her art career.

AAUW State Board to Board news on the results of the hearing held on September 25th on the matter of AAUW of California converting from a Mutual Benefit Corporation to a Public Benefit Corporation. This conversion was approved, and it will be finalized after the lawyer files some papers for us.

Email vote to be made on the new PA system which Jenny Redfern researched.

Minutes

September meeting minutes corrections under Leadership development: Cross out "allocations money will now be handling the money for scholarship Morgan Hill"

CFO Report -Katie Scanlon

Annual accounting review of 2017/2018 year completed. Katie reviewed current financials. It was pointed out that our current budget amount of \$825 in Technology (for PA system) may not be enough. There's currently a surplus in the account which could cover expenses of PA system and Wildflower storage costs. Katie waiting for contract for Holiday Party - she'll contact Margo Hinnenkamp who scheduled the venue - Old City Hall in Gilroy. The Operating Account has an ending balance of \$20,649.85

\$20,000 available

Elizabeth wanted to know if she could move forward with designing and ordering a portable sign. Question as to where funding would come from. Should cost under \$150.

Discussion occurred concerning budget amounts and what they cover.

Membership: Jenny Redfern

Jenny still has list on members who have not renewed. Current count: 183 members according to National.

Membership brunch went well on September 16th.

Jenny distributed an updated new members list, pdf is in Dropbox, light blue highlighted names are members who have not renewed. Please contact any member you know on the list to see if they will renew.

2 new members joined at Taste of Morgan Hill.

Taste of Morgan Hill booth focused on the Wildflower Run and education, rather than recruiting new members and ended up having 6 people fill out applications to join.

Programs

Margie Snively was not present but Janet McElroy talked about school board forum which is scheduled for October 8th at Sobrato High School Performing Arts Center, 6:00 pm. Students will be moderating and running panel discussion. Joy Safakish will put details in the Sunday email blast.

Jenny asked about making a flyer to put on the table detailing upcoming events when library educational programs are hosted. October 23rd is the next program at 7:00 at the Morgan Hill Library, Dr. Embriette Hyde will present on human microbiome.

Leadership Development: Janet McElroy

Nominations for officers will begin next month. Board should be thinking of candidates. Janet spoke how sometimes members just need a little encouragement and that board should ask potential candidates if they are interested.

Elizabeth suggested reviewing membership list and thinking about whom each member could invite to serve on the Board.

Bylaws: Carol O'Hare

Current bylaws change for making Allocations Chair an elected voting position.

Carol moved to approve motion as detailed - motion was unanimously carried.

Allocations: Elizabeth Mandel

Elizabeth presented the report on 2018/19 WFR allocations (Also in Dropbox). The report was generated by looking at money spent, money pending, and expected additional spending.

It's important to be sure we are getting candidates for proposed scholarships. We also are adding an additional category in leadership. Margaret McCann is working on defining criteria for selecting the student who will be majoring in a politically active/leadership field.

Margaret also feels STEM scholarships should have stated criteria and is looking for someone with a background in STEM to help with decisions in those allocations.

It was discussed that two \$2500 sponsors did not come through with their support - PG&E and Comerica. There is some concern as to whether or not PG&E will be able to continue with their support due to the wildfire fallout.

Changes to allocations this year include adding a high school leadership scholarship. Board should be aware that there is a lot of flux in the process this year. Because of this, the

committee will meet again in January and reassess the forecasted allocations and report back to the Board.

It was stated that AAUW-CA budget has no effect on Tech Trek because funding comes from branches. Amount budgeted per camper is estimated. Parents are requested to contribute \$50/camper. We are one of the few branches which give a lump sum each year to the Tech Trek camp.

Community Action Grants: are popular with public when soliciting for WFR sponsors. It would be nice to allocate more but it's difficult because of timing and fundraising.

Discussion about being flexible with Health Care Professional Scholarship.

Donna reported that funding for KIT and Laura Jenkins are $\frac{3}{4}$ paid for this year.

NCCWSL is being moved under leadership funding. Looking for a more local conference since the majority of the scholarship is used to cover travel expenses.

It was stated that the Toastmaster Jr group wasn't as successful as hoped so we will not be including it in this next year's budget.

The current Endowment needs just \$6,800 to fully fund.

Elizabeth moved to approve Proposed 2018/19 Allocation of Wildflower Run Funds.

Maggie Leininger called for a vote - motion passed unanimously

Joan Ensign commented that Elizabeth did a great job of organizing and presenting report.

Tech Trek: Joy Safakish

There will be a kickoff on Sunday November 4th at BookSmart at 1:00 pm, for members interested in participating next year.

GEMS: Susan Oldham-Fritts

Nobel Prize play is on 10/14 at 12:30 @ Santa Clara University. There are more tickets available - please let Susan know ASAP. Additional drivers would be welcome.

Joy will also put it in the email blast.

Marty Cheek has offered to put participants' articles in the Morgan Hill Times. Susan will work with Marty on this.

Wildflower Run and Storage Unit: Pat Toombs

Need goodie bags chair, co-chair for Finish Fest and a 2k runs chair. Please let Pat know if you know of someone. Otherwise chair positions are covered.

Storage unit: larger unit was chosen, everything has been moved, members have donated some storage racks and shelving but we will need some additional shelving.

For the moment access will be through Pat and Maggie.

Barbara Palmer still has 4th of July stuff - will move this over also.

Pat plans to thank Peter for allowing us to store our stuff for so long in the Attic.

Wildflower Run Sponsor: Barbara Palmer

Letters have gone out and work is starting. Kickoff meeting will be on 10/22 at 7:00 pm.

30% of team members are not returning so Barbara needs more help please let her know of any potential candidates.

It was stressed at how important sponsor donations are as more dollars comes from sponsors than from registration - this is a crucial job!

PG&E— no check has shown up for the 2018 donation promise, but 2019 has been approved.

A financial goal will be set at kickoff meeting. First check has already come in from MH Chamber of Commerce from proceeds from the showing of the RBG film.

Dropbox: Maggie & Peggy

Old Dropbox account is still in effect. New one not yet up

Business update and simplifying process: Peggy and Maggie

We need to contemplate how to involve younger members. Because a lot of meetings are during the day working people cannot attend.

Announcements

Chris Hopwood is also an honoree from South Valley Symphony for MH Community Foundation's Philanthropy Night.

MH Healthy Aging week will present "Sue's Story" film.

Travel tips on Soviet Union 10/13, RSVP to Maryanne Knight

South Valley Symphony's first concert 10/13

Adjourn 8:58

Coleen Colwell & Joy Safakish