

February AAUW Board Meeting

February 7, 2019, Location: CRC Meeting Room 1

Attendance:

Board Members: Maggie Leininger, Peggy Martin, Pat Toombs, Barbara Palmer, Carol O'Hare, Katie Scanlon, Donna Dicker, Janet Wright, Janet McElroy, Jenny Redfern, Suman Ganapathy, Deb Buchanan, Yvonne Randall, Christine Hopwood, Elizabeth Mandel.

Members: Margo Hinnenkamp, Joanne Rooney, Mary Cox, Joan Ensign, Susan Rife.

Regrets: Judy Kinker, Joy Safakish, Gretchen Merrick, Susan Oldham-Fritts.

Peggy Martin called meeting to order at 7:00

Review agenda

No changes

Announcements:

St Louse Hospital status: Mary Cox presented information about sale. There will be a rally this Sunday.

Read Across America will occur on March 1st. Still time to sign up.

New Member List from Jenny was circulated.

Articles for Newsletter need to be submitted to Suman by March 10th.

Minutes

Corrections: Sherry Wren will be joining the Membership committee; corrected the spelling of Carolyn Garfein's name; Name corrections for corporate sponsors.

Minutes were then accepted as corrected.

Allocations and Leadership MH, Elizabeth Mandel

Allocations:

Mid-year review: It was recommended that we revisit allocations in the spring of 2019. Based on current information Elizabeth recommends to continue as is.

Leadership:

Class is small this year. Exercises are proving interesting and helpful.

Potential Projects include: Walk and sensory wall at elementary schools; or beautification of bike racks in downtown area.

CFO report: Katie Scanlon

\$19,811.05 ending balance as of January 31, 2019.

Membership: Jenny Redfern

Jenny presented the new tabletop banner for events; it's nice, small portable display with its own metal case.

Membership Report is in Dropbox.

To Date: Current Member Count: 171.

Jenny presented info about newest members.

Reminder about New member Whine and Wine February 20th: There will be food, prizes, and games.

Also in Dropbox is new member's interest and volunteer spreadsheet. Members are invited to review.

Programs: Yvonne Randolph

February 26th Program, 7:00 pm, Morgan Hill Library.

Walt Disney Family Museum, Presenter Danielle Thibodeau.

Subject: Female Firsts in Disney animation. Danielle is a teacher who works with high school students. She will be talking about female artists and animators.

March presenter has delayed; now need a program for March 26th

April program speaker will be a wildlife tracker

May is tentatively the Origami artist.

Speech Trek, Joanne Rooney

We had 8 contestants compete. Contest went well; judges did well, the winner has a good chance of going on to State which will be held in April 2019 down in San Diego.

Video of Speech Trek is accessible online at AAUW Speech Trek 2019.

Some difficulties to consider and brainstorm about: Mid-December deadline to apply has been disregarded, publicity needs improving (social media, announcements at high schools?), change timing of event? Instagram?, open contest to more students?, Gilroy does not do Speech Trek – maybe target Gilroy students also?

There were problems with video and not enough batteries; people videoing need to make sure they have fully charged batteries and backup power.

AAUW Honorees, Mary Cox

All went efficiently and names have been turned in to State
Honorees will be named at May Brunch

Nominations, Pat Toombs

Proposed Slate for 2019/2020 Board:

President: Maggie Leininger

President elect: Marian Sacco

CFO/Treasurer: Tessy Albin

VP Programs: Yvonne Randolph

VP Membership: Kathy Hansel

- Sherry Wren will be assisting with the financial side.

AAUW Funds: Janet Wright

Secretary: Coleen Colwell

Slate will be published in this newsletter; voting by March 15th; Members may vote by email or phone call.

Pat will write a very short bio for each candidate

Leadership Development: Janet McElroy

Leadership Development workshop in January was successful. Carolyn Garfein donated honorarium to the WFR. Thanks to all who helped. Leadership will consider doing it annually. Suman suggested adding a short Report in the newsletter monthly, detailing bits about AAUW if we didn't want to do the workshop.

Scholarships, Donna Dicker

Dr. Kathleen Rose, President of Gavilan College, informed the branch that the college can no longer advertise the AAUW local scholarships due to a statewide ruling regarding gender equity. Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Jan Bergkamp and Donna Dicker met with Dr. Rose to discuss the issue. It was agreed that the branch, with the agreement of the Board, would change the wording of the criteria for the Re-entry and Lauren Jenkins scholarships to be gender neutral. The college will continue to advertise the branch's scholarship on their website and process applications from their students. Donna will put the revised documents in Dropbox. Jan Bergkamp will be replacing Donna as Scholarship Coordinator.

Donna will put corrected documents in Dropbox.

Bylaws, Carol O'Hare

Dropbox has a new Community Action Grant Chair job description

Suggesting people get in the habit of looking in Dropbox, especially in advance of meeting, possibly as early as Tuesday.

Carol moved that we approve Community Action Grants Chair job description; Motion passed unanimously.

Margo Hinnenkamp is joining Bylaws Committee

Wildflower Run, Pat Toombs and Deb Buchanan

102 registrations so far, compared to 81 in 2018.

Mayor Rich Constantine has agreed to attend to start the races and give a short speech.

T shirts are about to be ordered.

Next run committee meeting 2/21/19; there will be 2 more meetings in March

All is going well, medals designed, chairs and tables to be ordered

WFR Sponsors, Barbara Palmer

\$26,903 in donations so far!

Expecting water district \$1,000 check. The expectation is we will hit \$30,000 this year.

Next sponsor meeting on Wednesday. Members are looking for restaurant gift cards to use as prizes.

WFR Member Campaign, Carol O'Hare

So far \$2,700 has come in, with only 27% of the membership having donated so far. The plan is, instead of having a weekly email, is to send a hard copy letter to members who have not donated at the end of March.

Allocations: Elizabeth Mandel

Elizabeth presented a report on 2018/19 WFR allocations (find in Dropbox) Allocations committee looks at money that has been spent, money pending, and expected additional spending and then puts together a budget for next year.

Future Women Leaders Conference, Margaret McCann and Peggy Martin

Presented by Peggy Martin, who is assisting Margaret McCann. Young women are doing a great job; leadership (Margaret & Peggy) are only guiding the girls; the program is improving every year. The Conference is being held on April 6th, at the CCC. They are hoping for as many as 200 participants.

AAUW National and California Corporation Update, Peggy Martin

No news

Other Business: Susan Rife

Community Action Grants recipient reports in Dropbox
We also received 2 thank you letters

Announcements

Gilroy Center for Arts has a Black History Month exhibit, check newsletter

Adjourn 8:40pm.

Respectfully,
Coleen Colwell