

AAUW Morgan Hill Board Meeting
April 4, 2019 7:00pm, Centennial Recreation Center

Present: Peggy Martin, Maggie Leininger, Susan Ganapathy, Pat Toombs, Deb Buchanan, Barbara Palmer, Yvonne Randolph, Donna Dicker, Elizabeth Mandel, Joy Safakish, Carol O'Hare

Branch members: Marian Sacco, Tessy Albin, Jan Berkamp

President Peggy Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. A quorum of board members was present. Peggy thanked Suman and Carol for bringing snacks. She welcomed incoming board members who were in attendance and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Announcements

*Former member Kathy Sullivan (RN) recently lost her husband Ed. A notice will be placed in the weekly email.

* Last month the branch was awarded a Certificate of Appreciation by the MHUSD when Maggie Leininger made a presentation to the trustees about the Wildflower Run.

*Elizabeth Mandel announced that the Leadership MH project this year is replacing and enhancing the bike racks in town. It will be called "Rack and Roll."

*Carol O'Hare reported that the Slate of Officers for 2019-2020 has been elected by the quorum of the membership.

Minutes of the March 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

Wildflower Run: Pat Toombs

Pat introduced Deb Buchanan, who will be 2020 Run Director. She reported that the Run was very successful with 895 registered runners and only a few problems with timing. Ann Marie Cody set a world record for 10K race with a triple stroller that will be submitted to the Guinness Book of World Records. She had designated AAUW as her charity, and her supporters donated \$1145 to "Three Peas in a Pram."

Barbara Palmer announced a record in Wildflower Run corporate sponsor contributions: \$33,003. Mayor Rick Constantine attended the Run and was present to start the 5K race. He also spoke briefly at the Finish Fest.

Jamba Juice, a major feature at the Run, had some problems this year that will need to be addressed. Deb will work with them in the future to find solutions.

Member donations to the Wildflower Fund also set a record of \$13,543. To date 56% of members have made a donation. The annual giving campaign ended with letters being mailed March 22 to those who had not yet contributed. This brought in an additional 20 donations.

Peggy Martin does not yet have final registration figures but will have a report within a week.

CFO: Peggy Martin reporting for Katie Scanlon

Operating account total is \$19,313.67. There were no significant changes over the past month.

Membership: Jenny Redfern's report posted in Dropbox

Total membership is now 174. Renewal notices from national have gone out to members via email. The Morgan Hill House at Villa Mira Monte has been reserved for the 2020 new member Wine & Whine on Friday, April 17.

Programs: Yvonne Randolph

The program on April 23 is Coyote Valley Wildlife Tracking with Gail Basson. It was decided to cancel the May date (the day after Memorial Day); no program has yet been scheduled.

Elizabeth Mandel responded to concerns regarding lack of attendance at the last two programs, noting that program information for the branch website needs to be submitted for the calendar to Susan Persing, for events to Sandy Stoob, and to Robin Bean for Facebook.

Carol O'Hare announced that the Day of Peace meditation workshop will be held on Sat, May 4. It is coordinated by the branch meditation interest group.

The Spring Brunch is Sunday, May 5, 11 am – 2 pm, at MH Cellars.

Scholarships: Donna Dicker

The Lauren Jenkins Scholarship committee had \$3000 to distribute: \$2000 from 2018 Allocations and an additional \$1000, a gift from Lauren's parents. One nursing student, who will be attending Cal State Long Beach, received \$1000. Four others (3 nursing students and one psych tech) each received \$500.

Tech Trek: Joy Safakish

All eight 2019 Tech Trek campers plus two alternates helped with the 2K events at the Wildflower Run and were enthusiastic cheerers. They were given their Tech Trek goodie bags that contained a disposable camera, journal, and a few other items.

GEMS

Peggy shared her conversation with Susan Oldham-Fritts about the future of GEMS. The group has been discontinued at this time due to too few participants and too few branch volunteers. Peggy will revisit GEMS, possibly as part of Leadership Development. (She will be LDT chair next year.) Joy suggested targeting San Martin Guinn students for STEM programs.

Bylaws and Elections: Carol O'Hare

AAUW CA has informed us that in order for us to be in compliance with California law, each member of the board, whether elected or appointed, is entitled to an independent vote even if sharing a position. This also applies to determining a quorum. Currently, our Bylaws and Policies and Procedures state that each position has one vote, even if shared. These documents will be amended as needed. It was suggested that these changes also include that only two people may share a position. The committee is also working on revising Addendum 1, Timeline for Election of Officers.

Elizabeth Mandel provided information from AAUW CA that clarifies that a branch may endorse a candidate who is running for a state office. (Policy 502.1 #8) She made a motion that AAUW MH endorse member Carol Holzgrafe for director for AAUW CA board. Barbara seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. It was suggested that the presidents reach out to other branches to encourage them to also endorse Carol.

Additional Topics

Future Women Leaders Conference is set to take place April 6.

Mary Cox and others of the MH Historical Society want to plan an event for 2020 Women's History Month, such as a speaker for the Saturday Historical Conversations. She proposed that it be jointly sponsored with AAUW.

The 2020 AAUW state convention will be in San Jose. In place of a national convention, there will be a yearlong 2020 National Convening.

Joy is not able to continue as branch representative to AAUW Santa Clara County Interbranch Council meetings next year. Marian Sacco, President elect 2019-2020, volunteered to take her place.

The Gilroy AAUW quilt show is May 4.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, acting Secretary