

AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
September 5th, 2019 6:45 pm
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center, Meeting room 1

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm

Quorum was present

In attendance: Coleen Colwell, Maggie Leininger, Kathy Hansell, Suman Ganapathy, Jan Bergkamp, Carol O'Hare, Peggy Martin, Yvonne Randolph, Tessy Albin, Barbara Palmer, Donna Dicker, Janet Wright, Joy Safakish

Members: Joan Sullivan, Margaret McCann, Janet McElroy, Joan Ensign

Agenda and Announcements:

Agenda items added for Margaret McCann and Suman Ganapathy

Review May minutes: Accepted

Tickets still available for Gavilan 100-year celebration

AAUW National Business (Maggie Leininger and Peggy Martin):

Maggie reviewed information and updates from a lunch meeting at AAUW Tiburon that she attended, where CEO Kim Churches spoke. There is concern for the declining membership numbers and a vision to attract new, especially younger, members. Some of the changes proposed include advocacy roles and non-membership support options; different partnerships with corporate and community groups; considering amending the degree requirement for membership. Research and education continue to be a top priority for AAUW National, and Churches stressed that today's society demands inclusivity.

Maggie used a Lego visual to illustrate issues for the organization with restricted and unrestricted funds. Peggy also spoke about a negotiations workshop hosted by AAUW which she attended. It was successful, and the young women there were confident, engaging, positive, impressive, and optimistic about the future. Peggy also followed up on National funding and budget questions. All her questions were answered by a representative from National, the expenses seem reasonable; and a budget is expected to be made public soon. Peggy also stated that the philosophy of AAUW needs to shift to inclusivity.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

Treasurer's full report is in Dropbox

Beginning balance is \$21,575.18, ending balance \$23,709.43

Yvonne Randolph will take over investigating PA system purchase

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

August event was wonderful; there was a large turnout. It was suggested that we escort speakers and guests to the parking lot for safety reasons. \$220 was spent for the event, speakers received \$15 gift certificates. September Robin Shepherd will present Sue's Story

Project; October is at the MH Playhouse with Sonia Nazario; November will be with Tolkien expert ; January possibly about food economics.

Allocations (Carol O'Hare presenting for Elizabeth Mandell):

Complete report for allocations is in Dropbox

Carol made a motion to accept allocations as presented; motion passed unanimously.

Carol O'Hare made a motion to give AAUW National \$20,000 before December, rather than in two \$10,000 increments; motion passed unanimously.

Bylaws (Carol O'Hare):

Full report is in Dropbox

Carol O'Hare made a motion to accept change to bylaws and to Speech Trek Chair descriptions, as detailed in Dropbox; motion passed unanimously.

Carol O'Hare made a motion to accept Addendum 6 as presented, adding language to include deferred entry scholarships; motion passed unanimously

Scholarships (Donna Dicker and Jan Bergkamp):

There was an explanation of the issue of gender neutrality on Branch's website relative to scholarships. There was discussion of whether there is a duplicity in attempting to appear gender neutral on our website when the intent is to award scholarships only to women and girls. Donna and Jan will further investigate the issue specifically with Gavilan College and revisit the issue in October.

Scholarships 2 (Maggie Leininger):

IRS policy says we do not give directed scholarships to a specific student. Further, the IRS says any amount more than \$600 generates a 1099 form, which is why all awards are given through the college. It was emphasized that all members should trust the scholarship committee's decisions.

Tech Trek (Joy Safakish):

Joy detailed how many Tech Trek campers plan to attend the Fall brunch and discussed the difficulty and awkwardness of insisting the campers attend the Fall brunch. It was agreed that the date and time for the Fall brunch would be decided by March each year, so families of TT students have time to plan and set the date aside.

Sue's Story (Peggy Martin):

Peggy detailed the relevance, importance, and sensitivity of the presentation and encouraged all to attend. The film details Sue Berghoff's struggle with Lewy Body Dementia.

Leadership Morgan Hill (Maggie Leininger):

Maggie stated that in the past graduates of the program were permitted to invite as many guests as they wanted for the graduation, but this year graduates are only permitted three guests. Sponsors may also invite three guests, so anyone interested in attending may be able to put their name in for available Sponsor spots. It was decided that this year, and in the future, the

President, President Elect, and Leadership Development Chair will be the three designated attendees on behalf of AAUW Morgan Hill.

Other Business:

Joy is starting a new AAUW MH interest group to investigate making an impact on climate change. So far, eight members are involved, as many as twenty more interested. The group will develop a mission statement, brainstorm ideas. Some ideas are educating girls worldwide about climate change, find ways to have an impact locally, such as encouraging local restaurants to eliminate Styrofoam products for take-out and for leftover containers. The group will be supporting and aiding the Young Women Leaders' group, who are focusing their conference this year on climate change.

Carol Holzgraffe was featured in a newspaper article insisting the word "suffragist" be substituted for the word "suffragette."

The Learning and Loving Center has been offered a \$25,000 matching grant and is considering offering twenty-eight classes.

Margaret McCann reported that the Young Women's Leaders Conference date of 4/18/20 conflicts with AAUW State Convention. After discussion, it was decided the group will give up their reservation for the Hiram Morgan Hill Room on that date.

Suman reported that the Leadership Morgan Hill Art Wall at SERG would be unveiled 9/21/19.

Meeting adjourned 9:02 pm

Respectfully submitted,
Coleen Colwell
Secretary