

AAUW Morgan Hill Branch  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 8, 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: (Board Members): Coleen Colwell, Maggie Leininger, Elizabeth Mandel, Kathy Hansell, Suman Ganapathy, Jan Bergkamp, Carol O'Hare, Peggy Martin, Tessy Albin, Chris Hopwood, Donna Dicker, Janet Wright, Joy Safakish, Marian Sacco  
Members: Janet McElroy, Susan Rife, Carol Holzgrafe, Joan Ensign, Jenny Redfern

Agenda and Announcements:

Donna Dicker moved to approve minutes from October meeting  
Suman Ganapathy is stepping down from Newsletter Editor position/Chris Hopwood will be taking over.

Donna Dicker and Jan Bergkamp are co-chairs for Scholarship.  
Maryanne Knight had surgery and would appreciate your calls and cards.

AAUW State Business (Carol Holzgrafe):

Convention is scheduled for April 17-19, 2020. Location is the Westin SF Airport. Convention will include business sessions and workshops. Carol will be looking for volunteers.  
A State election is coming up. Carol encourages all members to consider being on the State Board or on a Committee; registration is in December; please read The Perspective, the State newsletter for more information.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

Treasurer's full report is in Dropbox  
Beginning October balance was \$22,592.03 ending October balance \$22,508.32  
Holiday party will be the next big expenditure  
The Leadership Morgan Hill tuition for our two members has not hit the books yet. Peggy has inquired and is expecting an invoice to be sent shortly.

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell):

Sherrie is away on vacation  
At brunch program new member Marsha Stein joined; she has move here from Maryland  
Currently we have 171 members.  
Membership Committee meeting discussed: how to increase membership, update brochure (Yvonne is working on it, Elizabeth volunteered to help), New Member Wine and Whine is also scheduled for 4/17/20 (conflicts with State Convention).  
We took a show of hands to see if we should purchase AAUW commemorative anniversary pins; there was no interest so we will not be pursuing.

Programs Report (Maggie Leininger presenting for Yvonne Randolph):

November event at the library is Steven Pifer; former US Ambassador to Ukraine  
January will be the speaker on JRR Tolkien; Speech Trek has been moved to February in the hopes of garnering more participants.  
Discussion occurred about increasing publicity for our programs.

Scholarships (Donna Dicker and Jan Bergkamp):

Exploration of gender neutrality still in progress  
Committee meeting reviewed AAUW's Heather Miller's response on national position on gender neutrality  
Meeting is scheduled with Dr. Rose at Gavilan next week, expect report at December Board Meeting  
Carol Holzgrafe says she will discuss at State Board Meeting; advises we could consider finding a different source for scholarship applicants if Gavilan insists on gender specificity.

Bylaws (Carol O'Hare):

Membership VP job descriptions and P&P article XVI educational awards were addressed.  
Full report is in Dropbox  
Carol moved to update Membership VP job descriptions in Policies & Procedures, as approved by current and past membership VPs.  
Changes to article XVI (above) to change how much scholarship money may be paid directly to the recipient, rather than to the college.  
Discussion about best practices and responsibility concerning how we fund educational awards.  
Agreed to state specifically that a small stipend of less than \$200 could be made directly to a recipient, such as for NCCWSL awardee for travel expenses.  
Rewrite will be done at next Bylaws Committee meeting; Bylaws will revisit changes at December 2019 board meeting.

WFR Sponsor (Barbara Palmer, sent via email, report presented by Maggie Leininger):

WFR Sponsor kick-off meeting held 10/24/19.  
9 members on this team will solicit 90 businesses, 3 people will solicit restaurants for gift cards.  
This year's goal for sponsors is \$35,000!  
\$1,000 and \$2,500 sponsors donations are due by 1/7/20 so that they can include logo on the t-shirt and publicity materials.  
Next meeting 12/12/19.  
Elizabeth brought WFR "save the date" cards to distribute to the public.

AAUW Community Associate (Jenny Redfern):

Full report in dropbox  
The nationwide vote to allow non-degreed members failed

To explore ways of taking advantage of local women interested in our branch, Jenny is exploring a proposal for a Community Associate category (not calling member)  
This is proposed for an adult who supports our mission/goals and wishes to participate in MH Branch.

Associates would pay a non-tax-deductible fee, which would allow participation in branch activities and allow the associate to contribute to running WFR. Those with college degrees will not be eligible.

Reasons in favor of allowing community associate participation:

- Increase participation/ leverage skills and expertise of community members
- Recognize that times have changed
- Allow associates to have access to interest groups, newsletter, events
- Allows Morgan Hill to support the change that AAUW National is encouraging, to encourage inclusivity

Restrictions/drawbacks:

- Cannot be considered a member of State or National AAUW
- Cannot serve on Board or lead a Committee, cannot assume fiduciary responsibility
- Could potentially compromise mentoring support
- Concern about creating a two-tiered branch
- A change in MH Policies and Procedure must be approved by AAUW National, although changes to Policies & Procedures only require board approval.

Approval and further discussion is on hold until after Committee revisits questions brought up by the board.

Tech Trek (Joy Safakish):

Tech Trek Update: On 11/2/19 meeting occurred re Camp Curie

This year we would like to request that parents' sign a memorandum of commitment, requesting acknowledgement of dates of expected future expected participation in AAUW functions.

8 campers will be selected for 2020. Date: July 5-11, 2020. Pat Ivester will be Director.

Joy has a budget statement showing that each year costs go up. Deficit is made up by corporate sponsors and donations.

Cost will most likely increase by \$200 for next year. The program is looking for corporate sponsors to supply some much needed cash to be used for equipment and program materials.

Leadership Morgan Hill (Peggy Martin):

Two candidates sponsored by AAUW have been approved: Susan Oldham-Fritz and Patrice Lyn. Another AAUW member, Darcy Foster, is participating as well

Updating Information (Maggie Leininger):

Maggie is working on updating the website

Other Business

Susan Rife presented about Community Action Grants

Five grant requests are in hand, only one week until deadline: Britton Middle School, Jackson Academy for Math and Music, Learning and Loving Center, BookSmart Community Advantage, Community Solutions

Expecting 3 more: Discovery Counseling, San Martin Gwinn school, Boys and Girls Clubs

Elizabeth Mandel is taking orders for WFR sweatshirt.

Sweatshirts for WFR will be navy blue, hoody no zipper, \$25 to order, due 11/15/19, should take 2-3 weeks to come in

WFR kick-off meeting 11/14/19 Margaret McCann's house, 7 pm

Meeting adjourned 8:58 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Coleen Colwell  
Secretary