

AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
January 2, 2020 6:45 pm
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center, Meeting room 1

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Quorum was present

In attendance: (Board Members): Coleen Colwell, Maggie Leininger, Elizabeth Mandel, Kathy Hansell, Barbara Palmer, Deb Buchanan, Tessy Albin, Donna Dicker, Joy Safakish, Sherrie Wren, Marian Sacco, Carol O'Hare.

Members: Jenny Redfern, Mary Cox, Joan Ensign,

Agenda and Announcements:

A few items added to agenda under other business

Kim Churches from AAUW National sent Maggie a Thank You for our large branch donation, and personally called her.

December minutes approved as revised.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

Beginning balance is \$22,508.32 ending balance \$22,853.32

Holiday party was the last large expenditure, came close to breaking even: \$2,011 income and \$2,079 in expenses; entered under hospitality

There was a leftover small expenditure for summer barbeque.

Membership VP Kathy Hansell is concerned about a missing line item of \$700 for membership;

Tessy will correct for February meeting/also small membership expense for nametags

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

January program is David Bratman, titled the Forgotten Women of Middle Earth

February is Speech Trek

March is Dr. Craig Clements on Fire Weather/ City is also participating

Discussion about possible June program and potential for program near anniversary of Women's Suffrage on 8/26

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell and Sherrie Wren):

Wine and Whine New Member get together is 4/15/20. Linnie Lee is also working on this event

Currently 173 members

One potential new member from December wine and whine

Kathy reiterated concern about missing Membership line item in budget

WFR Update (Deb Buchanan):

Work is well underway, no issues to report

6 runners so far are signed up

Carol O'Hare reminded everyone that the Wildflower Fund Member Giving Campaign is underway, and she encourages all to email a contribution or bring a check to February Board meeting

WFR Sponsor (Barbara Palmer):

WFR Sponsor team is doing an excellent job

So far, \$8,550 in sponsorships is in hand, with \$3,000 more promised

Members and Board Members are encouraged to get the word out

Barbara has two women for the team to collect gift cards and needs one more volunteer

Specialized Bikes has been contacted, and there is a glimmer of hope they may contribute

T-shirts will be ordered the end of January, so larger sponsors need to get their contributions in soon in order to appear on the back of the t-shirt

Committee meeting in two weeks

Scholarships (Donna Dicker):

Scholarship season is underway—January to March

Members and Board are encouraged to get the word out to the community about scholarship opportunities

A flyer about scholarships is being created to hand out and post, as Gavilan will not allow publicity through official channels

A Morgan Hill connection is required for deferred and re-entry scholarships, but not for the Lauren Jenkins Scholarship

Please send ideas to Donna to publicize scholarship opportunities; she is willing to deliver flyers

Ideas presented include: Deb posting flyer at SJSU, set up a table on campus at Gavilan, contact search websites which collect information about all scholarships, update Branch website for easy one click location of application

Thank you to Donna for taking over scholarships and doing a great job

AAUW Branch Associate Proposal (Jenny Redfern):

Full report and detailed proposal is in drop box

Much discussion and amending of document occurred to arrive at a decision

Salient changes include:

Rather than amending bylaws, a change or addendum to policies and procedures will be made

Directory will be titled "Branch Directory" rather than member and associate's directory

Under Branch Associates may:

Strike the line stating Attend Special Events such as...

Add the detail that listing for Associates in directory will have the member number field left blank

Under Restrictions on Branch Associates:

Strike the line serve as a leader of a committee

Add another line stating Serve as an appointed Board Member

Under where do we go from here:

The last line is changed to 2 points

The By-Laws committee will presents the proposed Policy and Procedure changes to the Board at February meeting

The Board will then inform the membership of the approved changes

Kathy Hansell moved that the Branch Associate proposal as amended per discussion be approved

Sherrie Wren seconded the motion

The vote in favor was unanimous

Other Business

Marian Sacco reported that there was no update on the application she submitted for grant funds from the County.

Discussion on attempting to get better coordination and communication protocol between community groups, City Council, and the Chamber of Commerce

Marion presented interesting examples of ways to raise awareness of women's issues: examples of playing cards and a small trivia book

Discussion continued on a program for Women's Week, August 2020

Jenny Redfern announced that there is a Women's March in San Jose 1/18/20; check newsletter for details and carpooling

A position for Publicity for Morgan Hill Branch is available

Meeting adjourned 8:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Colwell

Secretary