

**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
February 6th, 2020 6:45pm
Morgan Hill Centennial Recreation Center, Meeting Room 1**

Meeting was called to order at: 6:59pm

Quorum was present: Yes

13 Voting Board Members in Attendance: Carol O'Hare, Barbara Palmer, Kathy Hansell, Yvonne Randolph, Christine Hopwood, Donna Dicker, Joy Safakish, Jan Bergkamp, Peggy Martin, Janet Wright, Maggie Leininger, Marian Sacco, Sherri Wren, Elizabeth Mandel,

Non-voting Members: Mary Cox, Suman Ganapathy, Janet McElroy, Jenny Redfern, Margaret McCann, Pat Toombs, Elsa Walton

Other visitors present: Mary Patterson and Wendy Sullivan from MHUSD, Chris Ghione form City of MH, Sarah Nicolson for League of Women Voters

Corrections to January minutes:

- Correction requested by Carol O'Hare, added herself and Chris Hopwood as attending the January meeting.

Agenda and Announcements:

- Judy Kinker's husband Karl died, earlier this week. Private ceremony, invitation only.
- Census info session at Gavilan passed out by Jenny Redfern, potential opportunity for us to get more scholarship applicants.
- Patty Crone had a stroke, coming home on Sunday.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

- Given by Maggie L, quiet month, ending balance \$21,270.40.
- \$700 reinstated for membership, it was missing in the last financial statement.

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

- January speaker was David Bratman, first time he'd given the Women and Tolkien speech.
- Did get a couple of folks interested in AAUW membership, info given out.
- February is Speech Trek.
- March still Dr. Craig Clements on Fire Weather assuming he gets back from Australia.

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell and Sherrie Wren):

- 3 new members, Kim Gardiner, Ric Smith, Donna Ruebusch.
- New Member Wine and Whine date is 4-15-20, location is Morgan Hill House (Villa Mira Monte).
- Suman G asked if weekly email blasts could mention that men can join too.
- Total membership 174.

2020 Wildflower Run Update (Deb Buchanan):

- Given by Maggie L, all is good, 89 registrations so far.
- Found a power cord for small PA system, so don't have to buy a new one.

- Elizabeth M added that CRC is going to be putting up large WFR poster with CRC logo, this is a new opportunity for us. Special flyers for CRC as well.
- Maggie L presented at MHUSD on 2-5-20, we have a MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) with them, so we can advertise through their online methods and put up banners on school property.

2020 Wild Flower Run Sponsors Report (Barbara Palmer):

- \$22,400 so far, 4 brand new sponsors this year.
- \$1,000 from Rene Spring and Mark Hoffman, new sponsors
- Large Sponsor summary: 1 \$2,500 sponsor, 11 \$1,000 sponsors, 1 \$1,500 so far.
- Expecting \$2,500 more, conservatively.
- 8 paid booths so far.
- 6 goodie bag items so far.
- Carol O says 13.3% of all members have made a donation to the Wildflower Run.

California Convention, Subsidizing Convention Costs (Carol O'Hare, Peggy Martin):

- Estimated costs are \$700, if you share a room.
- Wants to encourage new members to go.
- Tessy Albin and Carol Holzgrafe, two of our members, are participating in workshops.
- Discussion on \$1,000 from budget available for stipends, not a set amount for everyone, but broken down by need and attendance
- Saturday gala will honor the top 10 California branches contributing to AAUW Fund, our branch should be one of them.
- Carol O'Hare made a motion for stipends: **"I move that the branch subsidize attendees to the AAUW California convention using \$1000 from AAUW branch operating funds, max of \$200 per person, and that interested persons should submit an application to Peggy Martin."** Method to be determined to ensure attendance, timing, etc. Kathy Hansel seconds. No discussion.
- **Vote Taken: Passed unanimously.**
- Barbara P wants something put in the email blast asking members to just attend the banquet, less expensive than entire event.

Young Women Leaders Update (Margaret McCann):

- YWL doing both a YWL conference and an Earth Day conference.
- They are collaborating with City of Morgan Hill on April 18th.
- Plans are in the works for exact projects and workshops they will be doing; food waste, fashion and thrifting, eating locally, Ag tech, etc.
- Lilly (member of YWL) is working with Marty Cheek for a series of articles.
- Joy S is passing out assignments to the girls in YWL.
- Applied for 10K grant from Silicon Valley Energy, will learn if they got it by 2-16-20.

Speech Trek Update (Margaret McCann):

- Have 5 applicants, 3 are YWL, 3 from Sobrato and 2 from Oakwood. Last year we had 9 applicants.
- Joanne Rooney is the chair of Speech Trek.
- Need judges for speeches, 2-25-20. Need timer and a few folks for videographers. This is important, the video is what we send to state.

Tech Trek Update (Joy Safakish):

- Have 26 applications from local schools.
- High point is that Britton is totally involved, much better than past years.
- Jackson Academy, got 6 applications.
- San Martin Guinn, deadline is extended for them, may or may not get applications.

Nominations 2020/2021 Slate (Peggy Martin):

- President - Marian Sacco
- President Elect - Suman Ganapathy
- V.P. of Programs - Yvonne Randolph
- Co-VPs of Membership - Kathy Hansell and Sherrie Wren
- Treasurer - Tessy Albin
- Secretary - Pat Toombs
- AAUW Funds - Peggy Martin
- Concerns about timeline for voting and publication, Carol O is working with Peggy M to work this out.
- Mary C, we need a publicity person, we still don't have one.
- Elizabeth M, we need a communications committee to coordinate all our various publicity items, newsletter, social media, etc. TOPIC FOR BOARD RETREAT.

Measure I Board Vote On Measure I Support (Maggie Leininger):

- Wendy Sullivan, Mary Patterson from MHUSD school board talking about Measure I. Purpose is to get AAUW support for passage. Past Measure G is almost all spent, need more money to continue facility and other upgrades. Measure I is for \$900,000,000.00, (900 million) sellable over the course of 20 years. Estimated expense is supposed to be capped at \$60 per 100,000 in property value (starts at \$47), so a \$500,000 house will be charged \$300 in additional property taxes. Pay money annually for at least 20 years, up to 30.
- Trade classes build out individual to each school.
- No salary increases.
- Carol O stated that bylaws permit AAUW Morgan Hill Branch to support passage of Measure I. Kathy Hansel made a motion: **"I move that the AAUW Morgan Hill Branch endorse Measure I."** Carol O'Hare seconds.
- Discussion: Various, back and forth, discussion on how money is allocated to schools, etc., lots we don't know about this measure, etc.
- **Vote taken, 10 for. 4 opposed. Motion passed.**
- Recommended to put a link to the Measure I website from our email blast.

Bylaws Branch Associate Proposal (Carol O'Hare)

- Bylaws presented a report on this, included in drop box.
- The \$50 fee was supported by a list of 5 reasons included in the report.
- "The Bylaws Committee made a motion (Carol O'Hare) **"The Bylaws Committee moves that the Branch Associate fee be set at \$50."** No second needed, motion if coming from a committee.
- Discussion: Various opinions, for and and against. It was mentioned that this decision should be taken to the membership, not just a decision made by the board. Questions about operating costs and how this proposal would affect our expenses.
- **This proposal is placed on hold, and will be taken up again during the March board meeting.**

Other Business (Various):

- Summer BBQ: Mary C This is the last time the Cox's will be hosting. New Date is Saturday August 1, 2020.

- Santa Clara Chorale Concert: Janet W SCCC is giving a concert based on women's movement and featuring music by women composers. March 14th 2020.
- Chris Ghione from City of Morgan Hill, talking about Measure A on the ballot. City of MH has some financial expenses coming up. \$7M in unfunded needs: Police officers, another fire station, road improvement. Not asking for support, just wants to bring attention to this Measure, and let people know what the Measure covers. MH has a very low tax basis, lowest in Santa Clara County, plus losses from state funding and loss of redevelopment funding.
- Sarah Nicolson, League of Women Voters: Polling places replaced with voting centers, Morgan Hill has 5 of them. Registered voters can vote by mail, or go to the new voting centers. You can go to a different voting center other than where you live.

Adjourn (9:01)

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, acting Secretary for Coleen Colwell.