

AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
March, 2020 6:45 pm

Meeting called to order at 7:01 pm

Quorum was present

In attendance: (Board Members): Coleen Colwell, Maggie Leininger, Elizabeth Mandel, Kathy Hansell, Barbara Palmer, Deb Buchanan, Tessy Albin, Donna Dicker, Jan Bergkamp, Sherrie Wren, Peggy Martin, Yvonne Randolph, Marian Sacco, Chris Hopwood, Carol O'Hare.

Members: Jenny Redfern, Joanne Rooney, Suman Ganapathy

Agenda and Announcements:

AAUWCA Convention announcement: 3/20 is deadline to reserve a room for AAUW State Convention.

Mary Cox has Poppy Jasper tickets for sale for April 3rd shows.

Morgan Hill Playhouse is focusing this season on women

Donna Dicker has developed a flyer for scholarships, extending application deadline to 6/3/20.

Jenny announced upcoming South Valley Symphony event.

Gilroy Hot Springs scheduling special talks and tours

February Minutes approved.

Unfinished Business/Bylaws and Branch Associates

Maggie met with Jenny Redfern and Carol O'Hare to discuss the Branch Associate position. It was decided to begin the process again with a poll of the general membership to see if there is interest throughout the branch to form a Branch Associate position. If the branch is amenable to a BA position, the committee will move forward. If there is no interest in this position, the position will not be created. The following steps will be made in order to put to rest any open motions that are still on record:

- Carol will make a motion to rescind last month's \$25 dues motion
- Maggie will rescind motion to create Branch Associate position
- Committee will hold an information night for the membership, talk further about any proposal, conduct a straw poll, and then decide how to proceed.

Carol put together bylaws for meetings in DropBox, addendum 5, Guidelines for Branch Meetings

Unfinished Business/ Branch Associates

Carol O'Hare made a motion "the Bylaws Committee move to withdraw motion made at February meeting regarding Branch Associate fee."

- Motion passed unanimously

Maggie moved and Peggy seconded, motion to rescind the motion made at the January 2020 Board meeting, authorizing the creation of a Branch Associate position in the Branch."

- Motion passed unanimously

Finance/Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

Treasurer's full report is in Dropbox

One new membership renewal.

Beginning balance is \$21,270.40, ending balance \$21,173.03

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

Next scheduled program is Fire Weather 3/24, but it is uncertain/if public library and other public offices close due to Covid-19

Email blast discussed to detail precautions library is taking for cleanliness, but decision was made to allow the disclosure to come from the official organization rather than the Branch

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell and Sherrie Wren):

Kathy: Currently 174 members

Wine and Whine New Member get together is 4/15/20 at Hiram Morgan Hill House – Kathy asked that we encourage guests to attend. Branch is paying for appetizers and Guglielmo winery is donating wine for the event.

Sherrie: She is updating database for membership. Check for the little blue box, verify email accuracy

WFR Update (Deb Buchanan):

Everything is going well

332 runners registered/ ahead of the past three years

At this time no plans to cancel the event due to virus concerns

SVE timing company made suggestions for ways to handle virus concerns

Peggy will call State tomorrow to check about liability concerns with the virus.

Some suggestions were to clean tables, place hand sanitizer near food, perhaps postpone not cancel if possible

Deb will follow Committee's suggestions

WFR Sponsor (Barbara Palmer):

Barbara received a call from Sherry Dublin, Director of Employment Engagement at CDK Industries. She was impressed, heard about event from a San Jose employee, likes to reward groups such as ours, heard it was our 37th annual event, and offered \$1000 sponsorship
So far \$29,500 in sponsorship donations, some new names, more paying booths this year

Wildflower Fund(Carol O'Hare):

37 members have made a donation to the fund, 11 sponsors. This is 21.3% of our membership, and last year 62% donated. Carol encourages all to donate

Young Women Leaders Update (Peggy Martin):

Waiting for the \$1,500 grant from Santa Clara County, it is coming but getting it was challenging
\$10,000 from Clean Energy/ Help with climate change aspect

Group has their own website, youngwomenleaders.org

Speech Trek Update (Joanne Rooney):

Joanne is looking for feedback on how to improve the recruiting process.

Initially sent emails to teachers (also translated into Spanish) for distribution to students.

Only 3 entrants/ 2 from YWL and 1 from Sobrato/ 2 Oakwood students dropped out the day of the event.

GUSD rejected request to publicize, MHUSD will promote

Board and others felt the question/topic was difficult, we plan to give feedback to State about the relevancy of topics. Topics need to be relatable.

Joanne supplied links to articles but it really didn't work

Toastmasters members were very helpful though.

WFR Booth (Marian Sacco):

A booth funded by a grant Marian applied for from Santa Clara Office of Women's Policy

The \$1000 grant covers an opportunity to promote their mission: Women's Equality 2020, Educating and Engaging about Suffrage and Equality

Not much is widely known about the facts and history of Women's Suffrage.

Message of the booth will be celebrating 100 years of women's right to vote and educate young and old on what was accomplished.

Marian's team will decide on the design/ Cinda Meister from BookSmart will bring relevant books/ there will be a free gift, trivia questions, voter registration, scholarship information, a list of coming events

Meeting Monday at noon at Exit Realty for all interested

Other Business (Elizabeth Mandel and Maggie Leininger):

No table will be provided for Heather Orosco's Communications and Marketing book.

Social Media: Lori Mains is trying to use social media to engage support for the WFR in the public and through members

Don't just "like" it, share it/ focus right now on WFR

A Communications/Marketing Committee could share thoughts and ideas for how to use social media to promote our mission and boost membership

A unified, cohesive structure is helpful

Tentative Board Retreat 7/25

Meeting adjourned 8:56 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Coleen Colwell

Secretary