



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 4, 2021 6:50pm Gather, 7:00 Start  
Location: Zoom Conference Call**

**Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:02**

**Quorum was present: Yes**

17 Voting Board Members Present on Zoom: Carol O'Hare, Amy Whelan, Sherrie Wren, Janet McElroy, Elizabeth Mandel, Marian Sacco, Suman Ganapathy, Peggy Martin, Donna Dicker, Yvonne Randolph, Pat Toombs, Tessy Albin, Maggie Leininger, Kathy Hansell, Joy Safakish, Barbara Palmer, Janet Wright.

1 Non-voting member present on Zoom: Joanne Rooney.

**Approval of February 2021 minutes:**

- Minutes approved as written.

**Approval of Additional Board Actions Regarding Nominations for the 2021/22 Officer Election:**

- Action approved as written.

**Announcements:**

- Update on AAUW Letter to MH City Council (Suman)
  - Suman reported that at the March 3rd City Council meeting "A resolution of the City Council of the City of Morgan Hill condemning all forms of hate and violence including the January 6, 2021 Riots at the United States Capitol Building in Washington DC" was moved out of the consent calendar by councilmember Gino Borgioli. It was initially added at the end of the evening's agenda for discussion. However, after receiving many requests from the public, a vote was taken to postpone the agenda item to the next city council meeting, to be placed during a more conducive time for public comment and discussion.
- March is Women's Month (Marian Sacco)
- AAUW California State meeting April 17th (Marian Sacco)
  - 4 hours, Zoom meeting, register on line.
- IBC Financial Meeting by Zoom was held February 18th (Marian Sacco)
  - Meeting held for treasurers about financials and taxes for council.

**Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):**

- February 2021 ending balance \$21,398.58. Income was \$25 from branch membership dues. Expenses were \$135.05 for web hosting and storage unit expense.

### **Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):**

March Program Schedule:

- Tuesday March 16<sup>th</sup>., 7-9PM, on Zoom. Ultra Marathoner Dr. Stephanie Marie Howe, topic is "Nutrition for optimal health & performance throughout life".
- In addition, information on different topics will be sent to AAUW members and registered runners for the next four weeks:
  - March 7: Training Plans
  - March 14: Nutrition Post Workout
  - March 21: Setting Race and Training Goals During the Pandemic
  - March 28: Mindfulness
- Hopefully Stephanie will mention her talks on her Facebook page, she has over 20,000 followers. Great advertising for the run. Yvonne is checking with her.

### **Membership Report (Sherrie Wren and Kathy Hansel):**

Membership report (Sherrie Wren):

- Current membership total is 155.
- 2021-2022 Price is going up to \$107 from \$104, (\$3 increase from National). New pricing is National (62\$), State (\$20), and Branch (\$25).
- New offer from National, Lifetime membership upgrade, Cost is \$1180, which covers only National dues. After March 15 2021 price goes up to \$1200. Members would still have to pay the \$20 state and \$25 branch dues annually. Email about this will be put into the email blast for this week.
- Kathy Hansel talked to Linnie Lee, they are living in a gated community in Atlanta with 11 houses, Linnie is in charge of beautification. Linnie is doing well, she's glad to be near family.

Discussion on possible membership party later in 2021, yes, definitely, we want to do something live. May or June might be a good time, need to check on rules for outside gatherings, most people are more comfortable outside.

- Set up something outside, and if people want to come they will. Some form of party, we could have our officer installation as well. We will bring our own food (or have it provided), maybe at Morgan Hill Cellars. Setting a date now, May 23<sup>rd</sup>? Hospitality will talk with MH Cellars and see what's available. More information to follow.

### **2021 Wildflower Run Update (Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel):**

WFR Membership Giving Campaign report given by Carol O'Hare:

- Total \$10,759 donated so far, about 66% of goal, less than 33% of membership has donated. 74% of board members have made a contribution.
- Letters are going out in April to members that have not donated.
- Half the folks who are eligible have asked for 2020 t-shirts.

Update on WFR Team and Meeting by Elizabeth Mandel:

- Registration is at 222 right now, we're ahead of previous years, but don't expect to have that last huge increase during the last two weeks before the run as usual.
- Runner registration is around \$8,026 so far, that includes money for mailing as well.
- Team concept is working well.
- Next WFR meeting is March 11th.
- Four banners have been put up in high-traffic areas around town.
- Weekly challenges to keep folks interested.

- Prizes are coming along, we expect to have about 50 prizes, but we may decrease that. Suman has been doing so much work on those,
- Elizabeth wrote an article that will be published in MH and Gilroy Life next week.
- Emails going out, next week is final registration if you want to guarantee your packet is delivered by the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Discussion about ways to promote the run through social media, what local members can do.

### **2021 Wildflower Run Sponsors Report (Barbara Palmer, Amy Whelan):**

Barbara on numbers:

- Total from corporate sponsors so far is \$17,100.00, things have been very slow in coming in. We know we have another 7 checks committed to coming in, worth \$3,000.00, so she'll keep checking the PO box!
- Sponsor meeting on March 8<sup>th</sup> is cancelled, all potential sponsors have been contacted. Many sponsors won't give us a straight answer, yes or no.
- Rosy from Rosy's on the Beach is giving us a check for \$500 plus lunch cards. This is big, she's the only restaurant to donate this year.

Any Whelan on Videos:

- All sponsor videos are posted, may have a few more coming in.

### **Bylaws (Carol O'Hare):**

National Board of Directors wants to eliminate the college degree requirements for membership in AAUW.

Stated rationale is that the organization should be more inclusive.

- National voting on this change starts April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- National will hold a Zoom meeting to discuss the vote, date and time to be announced.
- A very good webinar on the topic is available on the National website, we will find it and put the link on our website.
- Proposing a branch-wide meeting on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> regarding this vote to discuss this further.

### **Scholarships (Donna Dicker):**

Recent changes in scholarships:

- KIT Committee selected five winners in February. Winners are covered in the last Wildflower.
- HS Committee are reviewing applications from Live Oak and Sobrato, interviews will follow.
- Applications for the Re-entry scholarship and the new Adult Ed scholarship are due on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Chair Vicky Reader has added Karen MacDonald, Kelly King and Patrice Lyn to her committee. Winners will be announced by May 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Application deadline for STEM scholarships (Fritts Family and Lauren Jenkins) is June 1st, winner selected by June 30.
- Flyers will be in Run packets with scholarship information. Other flyers are available, if you know of places where they could be posted please contact Donna.

### **Tech Trek (Joy Safakish):**

- Virtual Tech Trek camp got a \$24,000 grant from Qualcomm, they are also providing the kits for the robotics training.
- Jackson Academy and San Martin-Gwinn don't seem to be interested, no response to emails or calls.
- Schools starting later in March, maybe this will get folks going on applications.
- Margaret McCann is a new Tech Trek committee member.

### **Public Policy (Maggie Leininger)**

- Lobby day for NGOs (Non-Government Organizations)
- on-Government Organizations) is March 24<sup>th</sup>
- The March 24<sup>th</sup> date symbolizes how far into the next year women must work to earn what men earned in the previous year. Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap.
- Discussion on where to place a banner talking about equal pay, problem with getting permission from the city. Maybe at the Farmer's Market.
- Carol is going to talk with Marty Cheek about a short article in MH Life about Equal Pay Day.

### **Speech Trek (Joanne Rooney):**

- Speech Trek Contest was February 23<sup>rd</sup>, all five contestants were from Oakwood, there were three winners. Not a single public school participant.
- Kudos to Joanne, the event went off without a hitch, we have a great candidate to send to state finals.
- 15 volunteers in all, there's a lot of effort involved, maybe will get a few new members!
- Joanne will be stepping down at the Speech Trek Coordinator, she'll stay on in a support role, but will not do this next year. This affects allocation funding, if Joanne leaves, and we're no longer getting any interest from public schools, why are we doing this?

### **IBC Update (Marian Sacco)**

- Marian is the treasurer of our local IBC. An IBC Financial Meeting was held over Zoom on February 18<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was held for IBC treasurers to discuss financials, fund raising and taxes for the various IBC groups, the desire is to get all California IBCs more aligned. All 13 IBCs were represented, follow up meeting set for next month.

### **Events (Various):**

- March 24<sup>th</sup> is Equal Pay Day.
- April 1st is next board meeting.

### **New Business:**

No other business.

### **Adjourn (9:05)**

**Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.**