



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
April 1, 2021 6:50pm Gather, 7:00 Start
Location: Zoom Conference Call**

Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:01

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, Kathy Hansel, Joy Safakish, Barbara Palmer, Maggie Leininger, Kim Gardener.

2 Non-voting member present on Zoom: Lori Mains, Margaret McCann.

Approval of March 2021 minutes:

- Minutes approved as written.

Announcements:

- Update on MH City Council (Suman Ganapathy)
 - City Council City of Morgan Hill resolution against hate and violence including the January 6, 2021 Riots at the United States Capitol Building in Washington DC. Was passed at the last MH City Council meeting.
- AAUW California State meeting April 17th (Marian Sacco)
 - 4 hours, Zoom meeting, register on line.
- Young Women Leaders Event and Update (Joy Safakish)
 - Presenting YWL speaker series 6 different panels, April 17-18, 2021.
 - Sunday Email blast for more info.
 - Panel topics are aimed at 6th grade through HS and college.
 - YWL's website will still share our space with our branch and the WFR. Elizabeth Mandel worked with the girls to train them on website upkeep.
- Announcement about RV Ordinance (Pat Toombs)
 - Request to have members of AAUW send letters of support to the SCC Board of Supervisors on the RV Ordinance. Pat Toombs will be point of contact for questions.
- July 4th Announcement (Carol O'Hare)
 - Morgan Hill has announced they will have a July 4th parade. May 14th is registration date for \$30 pricing, goes up after that. "Honoring our Heroes" is the theme.
- Vote on slate of officers (Carol O'Hare)
 - Slate of officers elected, all on call voted yes.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

- March 2021 ending balance \$20,945.58. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

April Program Schedule:

- Thursday April 22 Earth Day Program, Citizen's Climate Lobby, see below.
- Next Programs
 - Fire Safe. by Dr. Clements on April 27th. Want the speech to be 50/50 on how Wildfires start and spread, and how homeowners can protect their property.
 - Women's Week is week of August 22d. Opportunity for AAUW to let the community know everything we do. More info to come.

Citizen's Climate Lobby (Margaret McCann, Joy Safakish)

- Margaret and Joy want to have a Zoom meeting on Earth Day, April 22 promoting the Citizen's Climate Lobby.
- Request to have AAUW co-sponsor the event. Motion made by Elizabeth to co-sponsor this program with CCL, the use of our name, no money. Seconded by Suman. Discussion. Legislation about carbon output going to congress, this Zoom meeting is to bring attention to the topic, needs to be a balanced discussion. Motion passed, unanimous.

Membership Report (Sherrie Wren and Kathy Hansel):

Membership report:

- Current membership total is 160, 3 new members. 32 current members have renewed for 2021-2022.
- Reminder to renew will be in email blast once a month through November. Ditto for an individual email invoicing members that have not yet renewed.
- Membership/Hospitality announce a live outdoor event June 6th.
 - Morgan Hill Cellars, Sunday June 6th.
 - Only if State of CA lifts Covid Restrictions, we have to get an insurance certificate for that.
- Linnie Lee (moved to Atlanta in December) wants to make sure we all know how much she misses us. She has joined AAUW Atlanta GA.

2021 Wildflower Run Update (Pat Toombs, Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel):

Announcement of a Thank You plaque given to Elizabeth Mandel for her work on the 2021 Run by the 2021 Run Team (Pat Toombs).

WFR Membership Giving Campaign report (Carol O'Hare):

- Total \$18,009 donated so far, way above goal. Less than 46% of membership has donated. 8 members gave 65% of the total.
- Elizabeth is putting the list of member donors on our website.
- Letters are going out in May to members that have not donated.

Update on WFR Team and Meeting (Elizabeth Mandel):

- Final Registration is 335.
- Runner registration is around \$11,322.
- Final wrap-up 2021 WFR meeting is April 8th.
- Four banners that were up have been taken down.
- Final 8 packets are at BookSmart, will be taken back next week.

Update on WFR Prizes (Suman Ganapathy)

- Prizes is final item. Getting people to register on Facebook and submit things to Janet Wright by April 5th.
- Morgan Hill Life will publish a final article on the run.
- Venue for selection of Grand Prize will be the AAUW bench on at Morgan Hill House.
- Many multiple entries for other drawings, all prizes should be purchased and given out by April 15th.
- Most prizes are \$20-\$50. \$10 for the early bird ones.

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

- Total from corporate sponsors is \$20,150.00.
- Transition from Barbara Palmer to Any Whelan for 2022 Sponsor Committee Chair is underway.
- Joan Ensign is resigning from team, probably need to get a few new members.

Bylaws (Carol O'Hare):

- Addendum 6, Scholarships and Grants, changes made in several grants.
 - Carol requested board approval of addendum 6, part one, passed unanimously. Specifics found on Dropbox.
- Webmaster job description has been completed.
 - Carol requested board approval, passed unanimously. Specifics found on Dropbox.
- National will hold a Zoom meeting to discuss the vote to change membership degree requirement. This would be a change in bylaws, required a 2/3 vote of quorum of National. National voting on this starts April 7th.
 - A very good webinar on the topic is available on the National website.
 - Proposing a branch-wide Q&A meeting on Tuesday April 6th regarding this vote to discuss this further.
 - Both sides will be presented.
 - Board agrees as a unanimous entity that we support this proposal for "open membership". We will lead with this on our branch-wide meeting on April 6th. Marian made a motion that we put together a MH board recommendation of the National position that we change our bylaws to reflect open membership. Carol Seconds. Passed Unanimously.
 - Discussion on a phone tree for contacting members about vote.
 - Interest groups can reach out to members.

Scholarships (Donna Dicker):

Updates:

- HS committee is interviewing candidates starting April 9th.
- Flyers about the Re-Entry and STEM Scholarships are available to members, just contact Donna for hard or soft copies.

Tech Trek (Joy Safakish):

Updates:

- Committee has 13 applications so far for 12 slots. Application closes April 2.
- Interviews are next week.

- When is Fall membership brunch? Are we having it? It gets mentioned in their interviews because we expect them to be there. We will plan on having it at some point, either Zoom or live. Late September timeframe.

Allocations Update (Elizabeth Mandel):

Proposal to give money to Gavilan to support their homeless and almost-homeless student population.

- \$5,000 given to the Gavilan Emergency Fund that is administered by the Gavilan Alumni Association.
 - 18% dropped out last fall, single parents, other students.
 - Need money for food, transportation, rent. Money allocated based on need.
 - Existing fund has \$25,000 in it, so additional 5K would really help.
- Tell Gilroy AAUW that we're doing this donation.

Motion made by Elizabeth to give \$5,000.00 to the Gavilan Emergency Fund. No second needed, motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

Defer to May meeting:

- Newsletter Process
- Dropbox Process
- Star Branch Requirements

Events (Various):

- May 6th is next board meeting.

Adjourn (9:07)

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.