



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

**Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:20**

**Quorum was present: Yes**

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

No Non-voting members present on Zoom.

**Approval of April 2021 minutes:**

- Minutes approved as written.

**Announcements:**

- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade "Honoring Our Heroes". Deadline for registration is May 14<sup>th</sup>, \$30.
- Pilgrim's Progress is organizing a meditation workshop June 13<sup>th</sup> with Ajahn Chandako at Morgan Hill House, 9:30 – 2:30.
- August 14<sup>th</sup> is set for Board Retreat date, location to be announced.

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

- April 2021 ending balance \$21,663.58. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.

**Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):**

April Program Review:

- Earth Day program was Citizen's Climate Lobby (Margaret McCann). No report.
- Fire Safe. by Dr. Clements on April 27<sup>th</sup>. Program changed to giving a lot more information on how to protect your own property.

Programs is taking the summer off. Next program is Women's Week, Week of August 22d.

- Highlight local women overcoming adversity. – i.e., a local blind real estate agent.
- AAUW MH needs to focus on local women. Women running local non-profits, acting as volunteers, etc.

**Membership Report (Sherrie Wren and Kathy Hansell):**

Membership report:

- Current membership total is 163. 69 (includes 4 new ones) current members have renewed for 2021-2022.

- Reminder to renew will be in email blast once a month through November. Same for individual emails invoicing members that have not yet renewed.
- Some members still don't know that dues are now \$107, not \$104.
- Membership/Hospitality announced a live outdoor event June 6<sup>th</sup>, insurance has been obtained.
  - Morgan Hill Cellars, Sunday June 6<sup>th</sup>, 12-2.
  - Options for lunch from Trail Dust, cost will range from \$10 - \$13, but the charge to all members will be \$10 per lunch, and the branch will make up the difference. Water will be provided, we need to buy our own wine from Morgan Hill Cellars.
  - We're cleared for 100 attendees, we have 163 members. Guests welcome, space permitting.
  - Covid Vaccination required.

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

Accounting of final Run income numbers will be done by the end of May by Peggy Martin. An article in the next newsletter about Peggy's father celebrating his 100 birthday at the end of March, he will be in the WFR t-shirt.

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

- Total \$18,000 donated so far, way above goal, mostly due to a few very generous members. About 50% of membership has donated.
- Letters went out in April to members that have not donated, got about \$250 from that.

Update on WFR Team and Meeting (Elizabeth Mandel):

- We have many members that registered teams, that doesn't show in member donations. Final "Thank-You" listing of sponsors includes this.
- We still need to get a date for the 2022 WFR.
- Pat Toombs will talk to Deb Buchanan about being the Run Director next year.

Update on WFR Prizes (Marian Sacco)

- Most prizes have been given out by Marian and Suman.
- Venue for selection of Grand Prize was the AAUW bench on at Morgan Hill House, pictures are great.

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

- Total from corporate sponsors is still \$20,150.00.
- Elizabeth Mandel designed a Thank You card for sponsors, 22 mailed out.
- Transition from Barbara Palmer to Any Whelan for 2022 Sponsor Committee Chair has been completed.

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

- Voting for AAUW National and California elected positions started in April, National voting goes to May 17, California voting stops on May 7th.
- A branch-wide Q&A meeting on Tuesday April 6<sup>th</sup> regarding this vote was held, only 5 members showed up.
- Addendum 6, Scholarships and Grants, changes made in several grants.
  - Carol made a motion requesting board approval of addendum 6, part two, passed unanimously. Specifics found on Dropbox.
- Weekly Email Manager job description has been completed.
  - Carol made a motion requesting board approval, passed unanimously. Specifics found on Dropbox.

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

The Snively family wants to make an additional donation to their existing scholarship in Margie's name. Need to establish some parameters and ongoing management of these types of scholarships. This will happen more often in the future, so we need to have a plan in place for how we do this.

Discussion about demand for a scholarship donation (specific contribution process) where there is no fund set up vs when we do have a fund already in place, need to be careful of 501c (3) rules. We need to have a smaller group set up to discuss further and work out the details. Carol O'Hare, Peggy Martin, Marian Sacco Elizabeth Mandel and Donna Dicker were suggested as members.

### **Young Women Leaders (Joy Safakish):**

Updates:

- Thanks to Peggy, Elizabeth, Marian and Yvonne helped out with the technical details and the YWL members themselves for their panel forum for discussion. Zoom is difficult to use in panel discussions, everyone wants to be in-person. The girls did a great job with the technology and the 6 panel topics.

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

- All 12 applicants got their applications in on time.
- When is Fall membership brunch? It gets mentioned in their interviews because we expect them to be there. We expect it to be live, need to set a date. September 19<sup>th</sup> for Sunday looks good, will check with Morgan Hill Cellars.

### **New Business:**

July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade "Honoring Our Heroes". (Marian Sacco)

- Deadline for registration is May 14<sup>th</sup>. Are we doing it or not? Discussion, decision made put in \$30 fee now, decide later if we're going to actually have something in the parade.

Fall Lunch Date (Marian Sacco)

- September 19<sup>th</sup> for Sunday looks good, will check with Morgan Hill Cellars.

Dropbox Process (Pat Toombs)

- Each board member is responsible for loading their own information into Dropbox under the appropriate month if needed. Minutes and Agenda are loaded by the secretary. If a report has a lot of details, it is recommended that it be uploaded so that it can be seen ahead of time by board members.
- Issues related to billing due to storage space have been fixed, it was caused by videos that have been since moved.

Star Branch Requirements (Marian Sacco)

- Team leader needed
- Nationals has a video on how to get stars. Goal is 5 stars. If we want to highlight what we do for national recognition, we need to get working on it.

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

- June 3rd is next board meeting.
- July 4<sup>th</sup> Parade "Honoring Our Heroes".
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- Fall Membership Brunch set for September 19<sup>th</sup> if cleared with Hospitality and Morgan Hill Cellars.

**Adjourn (9:10)**

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