



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
June 3rd, 2021 6:50pm Gather, 7:00 Start
Location: Zoom Conference Call**

Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:04

Quorum was present: Yes

13 Voting Board Members Present on Zoom: Carol O'Hare, Janet McElroy, Marian Sacco, Peggy Martin, Donna Dicker, Pat Toombs, Kathy Hansell, Barbara Palmer, Suman Ganapathy, Elizabeth Mandel, Janet Wright, Chris Hopwood, Joy Safakish.

No Non-voting members present on Zoom.

Approval of May 2021 minutes:

- Minutes approved as amended.

Announcements:

- Future board meetings will be held in person, location TBD.
- Pilgrim's Progress is organizing a meditation workshop June 13th with Ajahn Chandako at Morgan Hill House, 9:30 – 2:30.
- Leadership will have a new member gathering on August 5th location is Jackson Oaks Clubhouse, start time is 6:00pm. Leadership and membership members will be the only existing members in addition to the new members, Est 15 new members through 7-2019.
- August 14th is set for Board Retreat date, location to be announced.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

- May 2021 ending balance \$22,073.04. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.

Programs Report (Marian Sacco for Yvonne Randolph):

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

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell):

Membership report:

- Current membership total is 163. 91 current members have renewed for 2021-2022.
- Invoice #4 going out June 19th to those that have not yet renewed, and reminder is in the 2th Email Blast.
- Membership/Leadership will have a joint meeting June 17th to prepare for August 5th event.
- Need one more member for Membership to replace Linnie Lee.

- Membership/Hospitality have a live outdoor event June 6th.
 - Morgan Hill Cellars, Sunday June 6th, 12-2.
 - Update on pricing: five options for lunch from Trail Dust, cost per member will be \$15 plus \$2.50 for EventBrite charge. Branch will be kicking in a ticket for free glass of wine, wrapped dessert and lemonade or iced tea.
 - Officers need to be installed at June 6th meeting, Janet McElroy will officiate.

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

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

- Total \$19,119, \$18,299 donated from members, \$820 from non-members.

Update on WFR Prizes (Suman Ganapathy)

- 40 prizes in all, seemed to be very well received. Mostly gift cards from local merchants.

Final Run income/expense numbers will be out by June 15th. (Peggy Martin)

Need to pick a new date for WFR 2022, Elizabeth will put out some recommendations for that soon so we can pick a date before the July 4th parade.

Volunteers (Elizabeth Mandel)

Need for a signed Registry?

- Required by Santa Clara County for employers and their volunteers, and volunteer organizations for active volunteers.
- South Valley theater is using the SCC form, since they are actively rehearsing and putting on productions.
- AAUW is different, we do not have an active volunteer event until the WFR in 2022.

Discussion, there is a lot of work that goes into this, you have to follow up every two weeks for folks that are not vaccinated, or decline to say. Decision is to wait and see on filling out the form until we have an event with more non-members present, say September Membership Brunch.

Bylaws (Carol O'Hare):

National Election Results:

- It only took 3 days to reach the required quorum, usually it takes much longer.
- Julia Brown and Malinda Gaul were re-elected as board chair and vice chair, respectively, and Elizabeth Haynes and Joseph Bertolino will retain their board seats.
- AAUW's public policy priorities were approved by 92% of voters.
- The board-recommended ballot initiative to remove the college-degree membership requirement did not receive the two-thirds vote required to enact a Bylaws change. 63% of the voting membership voted in favor of this change, indicating a momentum shift toward a more inclusive membership.

California Results:

- Carol Holzgrafe was re-elected to State Director.

Advertising Coordinator job description is posted in Dropbox. Carol made a motion that Advertising Coordinator job description is approved. Motion passed unanimously.

Scholarships (Donna Dicker):

- Five qualified recipients applied. Two scholarships in the Re-Entry category were awarded. One scholarship for Adult Education (GED) going on to college was awarded.
- Winners of the Lauren Jenkins Medical and new Fritts Family STEM scholarships will be selected June 8th.

- Donation Policy Committee Meets on July 6th in Exit Realty Office. Members: Carol O'Hare, Peggy Martin, Marian Sacco, Elizabeth Mandel and Donna Dicker.
- There is an article in the Wildflower Newsletter with additional information on the winners.

Young Women Leaders (Joy Safakish):

Can book at CCC for non-profit rate for next large YWL Seminar. April 16th 2022 will be the next date scheduled.

Tech Trek (Joy Safakish):

Nothing to report.

New Business:

July 4th Parade "Honoring Our Heroes". (Marian Sacco)

- We have a trailer and a truck from Coleen, but we need folks to walk/ride on the truck and trick out the trailer with banners, etc.
- Will put a request for a project leader in the Email Blast, and ask about it at the Sunday party June 6th.

Newsletter Process Opening Discussion (Chris Hopwood,)

- 3 ways of communicating, Newsletter, Email Blast, New Member form.
 - Need a market research study to decide how these tools are used and how people use them and what is appropriate. Newsletter takes a lot of time and energy, is it worth it? Where do you get your info, word of mouth, Facebook, website, etc.
 - What are other branches doing?
- Bottom line, we just need to figure out what is best for us, if there's a good idea we could modify for our use.
- Chris will put together a small group of people to do market research, must be done in time for August Retreat discussion.

Santa Clara County IBC 2020-2021 Meeting May 17, 2021 (Marian Sacco)

- Minutes available for review on Dropbox.
- Program for all members will be in March, Topic is Title IV, What You Don't Know Can Hurt You.
 - 13 inter-branch councils, some pay taxes, some don't, need to have a legal way to manage our money and pay taxes or not.

Interest Groups: (Marian Sacco)

- Marissa Otto will be taking over the Out To Lunch Bunch group.
- Discussion on different groups we could add, Bridge, Gardening, etc.
- We need to look into developing a checklist for interest groups.

Events (Various):

- July 4th Parade "Honoring Our Heroes".
- Pilgrim's Progress is organizing a meditation workshop June 13th with Ajahn Chandako at Morgan Hill House.
- Board Retreat is August 14th, 9-1PM, location TBA.
- September 19th is Membership Brunch.
- December 5th Holiday Party, 40th anniversary of the Morgan Hill Branch, will be held at Gilroy City Hall Venue.

Adjourn (8:30)

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.