



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
September 2d, 2021 6:50pm Gather, 7:00 Start
Location: Zoom Conference Call**

Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:09

Quorum was present: Yes

14 Voting Board Members Present on Zoom: Krisse Boursier, Peggy Martin, Yvonne Randolph, Tessy Albin, Carol O'Hare, Janet McElroy, Marian Sacco, Donna Dicker, Pat Toombs, Jenny Redfern, Elizabeth Mandel, Janet Wright, Sherrie Wren, Suman Ganapathy for a few moments.

Non-voting members present on Zoom: Barbara Palmer

Approval of June 2021 Board Meeting minutes:

- Minutes approved as amended.

Approval of August 2021 Board Retreat minutes:

- Minutes approved as amended.

Announcements:

- Marian Sacco: September 19th Member Brunch: Will be held at Morgan Hill House outside, Betto's Bistro is providing food. \$25 per person, includes food and drinks. Tech Trek attendees and scholarship winners and their parents or guardians do not pay, everyone else does. 11:30am start time, food at 12, goes until 2pm. RSVP required. We are requiring that all attendees be vaccinated, including the Tech Trek and Scholarship winners.
- Amy Whelan: Looking for additional WFR Sponsors Committee members, notices in both newsletter and email blast

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

- Budget for 2021-2022 distributed, looks good a bit conservative on income due to uncertainties for earnings. See budget for additional details. Motion made by Carol O'Hare to approve budget, seconded by Donna Dicker. Motion passed unanimously.
- Question asked about the PA system, we need to have someone do some research first. Ric Smith or Peter Mandel will check it out. Will try the current system at the September Membership Brunch, and plan on buying another one before the holiday party.
- August 2021 ending balance \$22,145.93. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

- Next program September 28th, Zoom meeting. Expert on animal cognition, discussion on canine communications.
- October Program on 26th, meeting will be Jennifer Juray, discussion on treatment on using psychedelics for treating stress and other psychological issues.
- Discussion on getting a team together for publicity on our programs. We have \$1,000 set aside for use.
- Review of August 23rd program for Women's Week. Several discussion and panel topics happened:
 - Powerful Women Panel 8-26, Granada Theater 6pm
 - Panel good, local members made the discussion very relevant.
 - Opinions were very forthright, information very useful.
- Phone tree that was used to generate publicity, it seemed that didn't make any difference. Turns out not everyone made their calls, some sent emails.
- Will email our same list about the September 28th program.

Membership Report (Sherrie Wren):

Membership report:

- Current membership total is 162. Went over a list of members that have not renewed that Sherrie needs help with, offers to help made.
- Membership meeting that was going to be on the 3rd is postponed due to Covid.
- Marian Sacco: MH Chamber of Commerce event on September 16th features local non-profit groups, membership needs to represent AAUW. Table, membership materials, etc.

2022 Wildflower Run Update (Suman):

New 2022 Wildflower Run Co-Directors are Joy Safakish and Janet Wright.

- In the process of confirming WFR chair positions.
- WFR T-shirt contest ends September 15th.

Allocations Update (Elizabeth Mandel)

We gave out \$50,900 for the 2020-2021 year, meeting was in early July.

- See Allocations Presentation for additional details.
- Elizabeth Mandel moved to approve the 2020-2021 allocations as presented, no second needed. Motion passed unanimously.

Leadership (Janet McElroy)

- Very successful new member party on August 7th.
- New cooking group interest group starting that is chaired by a new member, Bonnie Fishman.
- Tammy Parker has been chosen to be our Leadership Morgan Hill representative out of four submissions.

Working on Five-Star program for national. Five areas of achievement, we're good on four of them, need to get some additional programs that are based on AAUW missions for the fifth one.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/initiatives/5-star-program/>

Scholarships (Donna Dicker):

Donna Dicker announced that she is resigning as Scholarship Coordinator as of 12-31-2021. No replacement has been named at this time, though a couple of recommendations were made. The plan is for the chairpersons of the various scholarship committees to take back the duties of the coordinator until such time

as a replacement(s) have been named. They will review the 2021 scholarship season and discuss plans for the 2021-2022 academic year.

- Seven of this year's twenty-one scholarship winners have submitted their Verification of Enrollments and have been sent their awards from the ISPF Funds as of this date.

Young Women Leaders (Marian Sacco):

- Need a person to help Mary Patterson with YWL. Discussion, will put a call out on email blast for help. Leadership team will get involved if no other person is identified, but a recommendation was made.

Tech Trek (Marian Sacco):

Joy Safakish is looking for someone to help her with Tech Trek. Krisse Boursier said she'd be interested.

August Board Retreat Review (Marian Sacco)

- Margo H is the chair of our 40th branch anniversary celebration, being held in conjunction with our holiday party in December.
- Marian S is working on a title IX project with state, if you have any input or ideas for her, please contact her.

Newsletter (Krisse Boursier)

Chris has serious health issues and needs to step down from newsletter chair. Krisse B will be taking over as newsletter layout chair.

- First version of the revised Newsletter layout was just released to major praise. Great layout, links to articles make it easier to use on a phone.
- Suman Ganapathy and Elizabeth Mandel are still involved in layout, graphics, etc.

Recommended that we move weekly email blast to MailerLite (an email program we already pay for and use for the newsletter), will work with Monica M and Darcy F to make that happen.

Save the Date Notices:

- September 19th is Membership Brunch.
- October 2d, another women's march to show support for women's rights. Please contact Jenny Redfern for additional information.
- October 7th next board meeting at CRC
- December 5th Holiday Party, 40th anniversary of the Morgan Hill Branch, will be held at Gilroy City Hall Venue.

Adjourn (9:00)

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.