



**AAUW Morgan Hill
Board Meeting Minutes October 7, 2021**

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

Quorum was present: 11

Voting Board Members Present on Zoom: Marian Sacco, Suman Ganapathy, Sherrie Wren, Yvonne Randolph, Carol O'Hare, Kresse Boursier, Janet McElroy, Donna Dicker, Jenny Redfern, Elizabeth Mandel, Joy Safakish.

Non-voting member present on Zoom: Susan Rife

Approval of September 2021 Board Meeting minutes:

- Minutes approved as amended.

Announcements:

- Doris Fredericks' husband died of breakthrough Covid 19 after three weeks in the hospital while they were on vacation in Vancouver. Marian will get a wreath for her from the branch.
- October 2 San Jose March for Reproductive Rights. Seven branch members attended. As many as 1000 participated.
- October 12 AAUW CA webinar on publicity "Beyond the Newsletter" Need to pre-register.
- AAUW Fund virtual events with fellowship and grant recipients Oct 23, 30, Nov 7. Details will be in weekly email. Need to register.
- October 9 Renaming of MH library for Steve Tate at 10:30am.
- October 9 South Valley Symphony, 7:30 at Advent Lutheran Church.

Treasurer's Report:

- September 2021 ending balance \$22,852.95. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.
- Funds for 40th anniversary not yet allocated.

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

- September 28 Review. Expert on animal cognition, discussion on canine communications. 15 were present on webinar plus more on Facebook. Yvonne will edit video before posting.
- October 26: Janice Nimura, author of The Doctors Blackwell, book about Elizabeth and Emily Blackwell, first women physicians in the US. Program would need to be pre-recorded as author lives in NY.
- Publicity needed to promote regular 4th Tuesday programs. Also promote to view after the fact.
- November program: Revive and Restore, an organization with focus on genetic rescue of endangered and extinct species.

Membership Report (Sherrie Wren):

- 161 members, 5 not renewed. Board members will contact. Oct 31 is deadline before dropped by national.
- Sherrie has contacted 3 women from chamber mixer, no responses as yet.

2022 Wildflower Run Update (Joy Safakish):

- First Run meeting on Nov 18. Janet Wright is co-chair.
- T-shirt design selected: red shirt with colorful blue and yellow design.
- Run registration prices will remain the same as pre-pandemic except family rate will increase to same as group. Registration will open soon.
- Committee chair positions nearly all filled.
- Valley Water truck may not be available. Contract still to be signed with SVE for timing.
- Run will be in-person, not virtual.

Community Grants Update (Susan Rife)

- Website page updated.
- Last year's recipients have been notified, also attempting to get new applicants.
- Nov 15 application deadline. \$7000 allocated.

Leadership Development (Janet McElroy)

- Working on Five-Star program for national. We're good on four areas of achievement, need to have 4 programs that are based on AAUW missions for the fifth one. Possibly AAUW Fund speaker. Also need diversity chair.
- Helped Amy Whelan find 3 additional members for her sponsor committee.
- Next leadership meeting is Fri, Oct 15.

Scholarships (Donna Dicker):

- Final report will be presented at Nov board meeting.

Tech Trek and Young Women Leaders (Joy Safakish):

- YWL Mary Patterson needs co leader to replace Joy, possibly Donna Ruebusch.
- Yvonne has suggestion for doctor with interest on how climate change affects women's reproductive health
- Tech Trek: Oct 26 state-wide branch coordinator meeting to review 2021 virtual camps and plans for 2022. Don't know what campus will replace Stanford. TT campers helping Suman with International Day
- New TT state program director is Karen Manelis.

Morgan Hill Community Foundation Philanthropy Honoree (Jenny Redfern)

- Congratulations to Joy Safakish, who has been selected as the 2021 honoree.
- Nov 12 dinner both in-person at community center and virtual.

Newsletter – Next Steps (Krisse Boursier, Suman Ganapathy)

- Krisse will be managing editor and do layout and blog.
- Elizabeth will help with blog, and look for additional person to learn to do blogs.
- Sherrie offered to be copy editor.
- Elizabeth recommended using MailerLite for both newsletter and weekly email. Better than Mail Chimp, more flexible. Could also be used for list of non-members for information on programs.

Wine and Whine (Krisse)

- November event will be indoors at 88 Keys.
- Vaccinations will be required at indoor events. Need statement with that information.

Diversity Group Branch/CA/National

- Branch needs Diversity, Equity and Inclusion chair.
- Job description available on state and national websites. Leadership will develop plan to fill position.
- Patrice Lyn serves on state diversity committee.

IBC Update(Marian)

- March 19 Title IX program: What you don't know can hurt you.
- Title 9 has 4 pillars: Sports, sexual harassment, education, long term effects.
- Program location in San Jose TBD.

Dementia program (Marian)

- Dementia-Friendly South County: Dementia Awareness & Response Event Oct 28 Zoom webinar.

Save the Date Notices:

- October 20 Wine and Whine.
- November 4 Board Meeting.
- November 12 Morgan Hill Community Foundation Philanthropy Gala.
- December 5 holiday party and 40th anniversary celebration.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:04pm

Respectfully Submitted,

**Carol O'Hare
Acting Secretary**