



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

Meeting was called to order by Suman Ganapathy at 7:01

Quorum was present: Yes

Eleven board members present via Zoom: Suman Ganapathy, Kathy Hansell, Pat Toombs, Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel, Kresse Boursier, Janet McElroy, Peggy Martin, Jenny Redfern, Joy Safakish, Amy Whelan.

Non-board members via zoom: Mary Cox, Joan Sullivan, both representing Donna Dicker from Scholarships. Susan Rife joined late. Carol Holzgrafe joined late.

Approval of November 2021 Board Meeting minutes:

- Minutes approved as amended.

Announcements:

- December 5th Anniversary/Holiday Party, starts at 11:00. Currently we have 83 members and guests signed up. Elizabeth and Kresse will send out an email stating that proof of vaccination will be required, mask up when not eating or drinking.
- Allocations to National. Sending \$10,000 check to National, note will be included that the check is supposed to be used for 2021-year credit towards 2021 5-Star Branch Award.
- Next Newsletter –please send anything that needs to be in the next newsletter to Kresse B.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

- November 2021 ending balance \$21,934.91. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.
- Audio system was purchased for \$257.80.
- Two groups requested AAUW to join as a member: MH Downtown Association, cost is \$250-\$1,000. MH Historical Society, \$150. Item tabled, we need to have this on the agenda before it can be discussed, held for January 2022 meeting.

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph, not present):

No Report.

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell):

Membership report:

- February 16th 2022 will be our New Members Wine and Whine, we're going to 88 Keys, they are closing the restaurant for us. Appetizers provided, no-host bar. Vaccines will be required.
- Will order 200 new AAUW note cards ordered for thank you notes, etc.

2022 Wildflower Run Update (Joy Safakish):

Update:

- November 18th first WFR meeting, 23 in attendance.
- Storage locker trip planned for next week to retrieve needed items.
- Committees are doing OK, but we need two more people for the In-kind sponsorship group.
- Next meeting is December 17th at Wan Chen's home.
- Marketing will be the major focus for the next month or so.

Corporate Sponsorship (Amy Whelan):

- About \$8,200 in the bank so far, promises to get to about \$15,000. Focusing on new sponsors.

Community Grants (Susan Rife):

All Community Grant recipients notified on Giving Tuesday. They received 11 applications, and 10 were funded.

Bylaws (Carol O'Hare):

Update on Interest Group Coordinator position:

- Interest Group Coordinator description is on Dropbox.
- Carol O'Hare made a motion to approve the description as listed. It passed unanimously.

Scholarships (Donna Dicker, not present):

No Report.

Donna is resigning as scholarship chair as of December 31st 2021, still looking for a replacement.

Public Policy (Jenny Redfern):

No major Updates.

Margaret McCann will be putting out weekly announcements to the branch about climate change, things happening, what they can do about it.

Leadership (Janet McElroy):

No Update.

Board Business – Approve toys for Cecelia's Closet (Suman Ganapathy):

We have a request for funding from Cecelia's Closet for some educational projects. Lots of discussion, let's try to support Cecelia by buying educational toys and books for her projects. We will put notices in the email blast so that the membership knows about the request. A barrel will be left in front of Suman's home to collect the toys and books.

Tech Trek (Joy Safakish):

Tech Trek Committee has met, six returning members and two new ones. Using high school former Tech Trekkers to help with interviews, should make the girls more comfortable.

Looks like we will have in-person Tech Trek camps at several college campuses in California. Stanford still doesn't have a camp director, must have one to hold the camp. We may be sending our kids to other camps if Stanford isn't available. Availability for our girls at those locations would be based on money and branch participation. We should have a good reputation in both areas, details to follow in early January.

We know the per-camper donation level will go up, expected to be about \$1,500 per camper, has been \$800 in the past.

A new charter school in Morgan Hill, Voices Academy, will have a 7th grade class starting in fall of 2022. Possibly we should include them. They are a county charter school, not a Morgan Hill City Charter school, so they would not technically qualify for inclusion. Decision to be made later.

Save the Date Notices:

- December 5th Holiday Party, 40th anniversary of the Morgan Hill Branch, will be held at Gilroy City Hall Venue.
- Wine and Whine December, will be held at Tessy Albin's house on Tuesday, December 14th. Spouses invited, more info to follow.
- South Valley Symphony Concert will be held on December 11th.

Adjourn (8:45)

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.