



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
January 6, 2022 6:50pm Gather, 7:00 Start
Location: Zoom Conference Call**

Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:00

Quorum was present: Yes

Board members present via Zoom: Suman Ganapathy, Marian Sacco, Kathy Hansell, Pat Toombs, Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Elizabeth Mandel, Krisse Boursier, Yvonne Randolph, Janet McElroy, Peggy Martin, Amy Whelan, Sherrie Wren, Jenny Redfern. Tessy Albin, Janet Wright.

Non-board members via zoom: Tammy Parker, Barbara Palmer, Joan Sullivan

Approval of December 2021 Board Meeting minutes:

- Minutes approved as amended.

Announcements:

- Krisse B: January Wine and Whine, going to be a Zoom meeting. General trivia night. January 19th, 5:30 – 7:00.
- Krisse B: Next Newsletter dates: Due February 16th for March-April 2022. Also need to find a separate copy editor for the newsletter that isn't Krisse B, concerned about burning her out.
- Suman G: Yearly calendar dates needed: Suman wants to have a calendar that lists major dates for branch activities, not just activities. Things like scholarship application due dates, July 4th submission due dates, etc. Suman will be looking for one. Discussion on location of calendar (website) and upkeep responsibilities.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

December 2021 ending balance \$2,229.91, change in fiscal year so far is a little over \$3. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.

Two groups requested AAUW to join as a member:

- MH Downtown Association, cost is \$250-\$1,000.
- MH Historical Society, \$150.

Motion made by Elizabeth M to not financially support (pay for a membership) to either organization, seconded by Carol O. Discussion. We have several members that are also members of the historical society. Motion is passed by a majority; we will not pay for a membership to either group at this time.

Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):

December Program, only 10 members joined the Zoom presentation live, but over 400 watched it by the next day through Facebook.

January Program:

- January 25, 7-9pm.
- Jennifer Dore will give a Zoom presentation on the use of micro-dosing of psychedelic drugs in psychotherapy. Discussion on effects and risks for patients.
- Oregon approved this use in 2020, California is supposed to have a similar measure on the ballot in 2022.

February Program:

- February 22, 7-9pm.
- Zoom presentation by Mark Knowles, an internationally recognized choreographer and dance historian. He will talk about how American tap dancing evolved from other dances from Africa, Ireland, England and India.

5-Star Requirements of Mission-based Programs:

- Due to Covid we will only be doing Zoom Presentations through June, nothing live.
- We need only one more Mission-based program before May to qualify.
- We need to up our game for these presentations, both live and on Facebook:
 - We need to make sure that our speakers know about AAUW, our mission, etc.
 - We need to have an AAUW background for the Zoom speakers.
 - Something (music, video, etc.) playing in the background while folks are joining the meeting, before the speaker officially starts. Looks more professional, easier to edit for Facebook later.
 - An interactive format might make people feel more engaged and encourage them to come live rather than watching later.
- Yvonne is looking for guidance on a future program on diversity, seeking input on what we're looking for to satisfy the 5-Star branch requirements.

Zoom Account for the Branch. Do we want to get another account? Yvonne has a special Zoom account for Programs that she uses for programs, it cost about \$600 a year, this is her personal account, we do not reimburse her for that. Do we try to only use the program account, or do we need more accounts to cover the book groups, other interest groups, Tech Trek, Membership, Leadership, etc. After discussion it's decided that we do not need another account, the program Zoom account will allow up to 100 meeting per month. If we use the current calendar to book Zoom meetings for all Branch activities effectively, we will not trip over double-booked meetings.

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell and Sherrie Wren):

Membership report:

- We have 163 current members.
- Membership cycle: We will be changing our renewal drive to start closer to May, rather than starting in March. Much easier and most members wait until May to renew anyway.
- Soliciting board feedback on original plan for February 16th 2022 New Members Wine and Whine. We're supposed to be going to 88 Keys, they are closing the restaurant for us. Appetizers provided, no-host bar. Vaccines will be required. Decision made to push out the New Members W&W to March 16th.
- January 7th membership meeting is cancelled.

2022 Wildflower Run Update (Joy Safakish and Janet Wright):

Update:

- Next meeting is January 13th at Wan Chen's home.
- Things are on target, medals, packet pickup is on target, etc.
- We need a replacement for Vicky Reader, current MIM Chair.
- 59 runner sign ups so far, this is average for us.

Corporate Sponsorship (Amy Whelan):

- About \$19,200 in the bank so far.
- About \$6 thousand more in promised funds.

Wildflower Fund Campaign (Carol O'Hare) - \$3,380 so far, 10% of the members have donated.

Inter-Branch Counsel Update on March 19 Title IX Event (Marian Sacco):

Danielle Slaton is moderator of the Title IX Panel to be held on Zoom. Possible live meeting at the San Jose Branch house. In discussions with young women, most of them don't know anything about title IX, or what it means.

Bylaws (Carol O'Hare):

Memorial donations for Judy Garrett. \$473 has been donated so far by friends of Judy, most of them are not AAUW members. Do we want to set up a scholarship, or a program about financial literacy, etc. Set for further discussion at a later board meeting date.

Scholarships (Donna Dicker):

Donna will be remaining on as scholarship chair through June of 2022 to cover the 21-22 scholarship season, instead of leaving in December 2021 as previously stated. A search is ongoing for a replacement for her.

Updates:

- 21 scholarships awarded for the 2021-22 year, 18 of these have submitted verification and have received their funds.
- The high school scholarship committee and the Keeping in Touch grant committee are beginning the process of reviewing applications and selecting the winners for the 2022-2023 academic year.

Public Policy (Jenny Redfern):

Updates:

- Candidate Forum, AAUW will be co-sponsoring this with Leadership MH. Forum date has been moved to March 24th to accommodate the March 17th filing deadline for the Santa Clara County District 1 Supervisor race.
- San Martin Neighborhood Alliance wants to run a forum for District 1 Supervisor as well, looking for help with that.
- October 18th is being reserved as the date for another candidate and issue forum leading up to the November elections.
- Discussion on Leadership Morgan Hill Lobby Day would count as a 5-Star approved program, it is in March. We might want to participate in that with Leadership MH.
- Discussion on working with Zoe Lofgren's group about a possible 5-Star approved program.

Leadership (Janet McElroy):

5-Star Plan for 2022:

- June application planned for 5-Star Branch submission. Progress is going well; we still have a few items open that need to be resolved:
 - Need one Public Policy Program (working on scheduling with Jenny R).
 - Branch Government succession and strategic plan needs to be in place.
 - Need one more mission-based program.

Branch Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair Position (Marian Sacco):

Three Co-Chairs are: Janet McElroy, Kathy Napoli and Sousan Manteghi-Safakish.

This is a Board advisory position, not a voting position.

Tech Trek (Krisse Boursier for Joy Safakish):

There is a candidate to take over the Stanford camp director position, so it looks like we will have a camp at Stanford, which will mean we will be able to send our 8 candidates to this camp, we don't have to go elsewhere.

No final amount set for camper donation level, we expect it to be between \$1,000 and \$1,05 per camper.

Board Business (Marian Sacco):

Retreat Refresh Retreat, 2 hours.

- Working on the Board Strategic and Succession Plans.
- Date is set for February 10th 4-6pm. Pat will not be able to attend, so someone is needed to take notes.

Save the Date Notices:

- Judy Garrett Memorial 1-29.
- Next board meeting is February 3rd.
- New Member Wine and Whine is moved to March.
- Title IX IBC Presentation 3-19.
- Wildflower Run 3-27.

Adjourn (8:57)

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.