



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2022 6:50pm Gather, 7:00 Start  
Location: CRC with Zoom connection available**

**Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:03**

**Quorum was present: Yes**

Board members present live: Suman Ganapathy, Marian Sacco, Pat Toombs, Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Elizabeth Mandel, Krisse Boursier, Janet McElroy, Jenny Redfern, Tessy Albin, Janet Wright, Joy Safakish

Board members present via Zoom: Kathy Hansell, Yvonne Randolph, Sherrie Wren (joined late), Peggy Martin (left early).

Non-board members present live: Margaret McCann.

Non-board members via zoom: Joan Sullivan.

**Approval of February 2022 Board Meeting minutes and Summary of Climate Change Motion:**

- Minutes and Summary approved as amended.

**Announcements:**

- New member W&W March 16<sup>th</sup> at 88 Keys, 5:30 to 7. Appetizers provided, no-host bar. Vaccines will be required.
- Member wine glasses remaining to be picked up, remainders will be brought at new members W&W.
- May Installation event will be at MH cellars from 11-2 on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- MH Winery Gift - discussion on gift card purchase for Mary Claire and her husband to thank them for all their assistance over the years at MH Cellars, suggested \$100 gift card. Motion by Donna D. to purchase \$100 gift certificate to a Madera restaurant (where Mary Claire is moving to). Seconded by Suman G. Approved unanimously.
- Suman gave tickets to a play she and her husband cannot attend to Jenny Redfern.

**Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):**

February 2022 ending balance operating account is \$19,126.36. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.

- CRC Rental: We will now start having CRC room charges for our board meetings, starting with this meeting.

### **Programs Report (Yvonne Randolph):**

March Program, Title IX:

- March 19<sup>TH</sup>, 7-9pm, put on by AAUW Morgan Hill and the Inter-Branch Counsel.
- One of the panelists, Dr. Akilah R. Carter-Francique, is an Associate Professor in the Department of African American Studies and the Executive Director for San Jose State University Institute for the Study of Sport, Society, and Social Change.
- This counts towards our Five Star Branch Program requirement.
- The Program will be held on March 19<sup>th</sup> through a webinar and Facebook Live. It will be recorded and presented again in June for the actual 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Title IX.
- Additional media support through MH Life and Gilroy Life.

April Program is in development.

### **Membership Report (Kathy Hansell and Sherrie Wren):**

Membership report:

- Sherrie attended the National training for their new membership website, won't have access for 3-4 weeks and has to go to another training before she can have access. Very disappointing.
- We have 163 current members, 4 new ones, total 167. Problem with some of the checks not reflecting the increased National dues (\$7), so the branch will be paying for that for the new members that have already paid, estimate 2-3.
- Discussion on inviting Carmen Garcia and Dr. Akilah R. Carter-Francique (doing the Title IX Presentation on March 19<sup>th</sup>), to the New Members W&W, both live in Morgan Hill.

Dues Update:

- New dues for nationals have increased by \$7.

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

Update (Janet Wright):

- Final meetings are March 10th and 24<sup>th</sup> at Wan Chen's home.
- Carmen Garcia, Superintendent of MHUSD, will be attending.
- Janet Wright attended the recent MHUSD meeting and talked about the run, discount codes, etc.
- Nine booths so far, expecting three-four more.
- Goodie bags are doing OK, working on getting additional items for them.
- 356 registered runners so far.

Wildflower Fund Campaign (Carol O'Hare)

- \$7,000.00 so far, 35% of the members have donated.
- Expecting a total of \$13,000.00, a few additional donations are expected.
- Email postings will be every other week.

Publicity (Elizabeth Mandel)

- Focus on runners in the WFR MH and Gilroy Life March and 16<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>.

- Good rhythm on the social media aspects, but still working on continuing interest by runners that have already purchased their registrations, posting from that area is down.
- Article in MH times this week.

**Climate Action (Margaret McCann, Margo Hinnenkamp):**

Plans in Progress for Community Earth Day Festival, April 24th:

- The \$900 approved by the board for CA to rent the Community Center outside area turns out not to include the entire area, the additional space costs another \$300. Margaret discussed this additional fee with the City of Morgan Hill, they agreed to waive the fee, allowing us to rent the entire space, and advertise the Climate Change event on their websites and signs.
- Non-Profit is free, \$50 for all commercial booths. Many other for-profits considering attending.

**Nomination Committee (Peggy Martin):**

Update on slate of proposed officers for 2022-2023:

- Nancy Altman will be Co-VP Programs with Wan Chen.
- Working on President-elect.

**Scholarships (Donna Dicker):**

Updates:

Keeping in Touch awarded total of 15 grants to former scholarship winners. Three were for \$750 each, the rest were for \$500 each.

The High School committee awarded six scholarships of \$1000 each, and one scholarship of \$750. Two winners have been active in Young Women leaders and one was a former TT girl. The deadline for Central HS seniors to apply for a scholarship has been moved to May 1<sup>st</sup>.

The scholarship group established new deadlines for winners to submit required documentation to claim their awards. October 31<sup>st</sup> for the Fall, and February 15<sup>th</sup> for the Spring.

**Public Policy (Jenny Redfern):**

Updates:

- Candidate Forum for the Santa Clara County District 1 Supervisor race. AAUW will be co-sponsoring this with Leadership MH. Forum date is April 13<sup>th</sup>, 7-9pm. Current discussions are on-going about moderators, process for introductions, etc.
  - Jenny would like to have a few folks available at the event to help sign up new voters for the June 6<sup>th</sup> primary.
- Lobby Week is April 11-15<sup>th</sup>.
- Other plans are in the works for additional dates for public discussions on various issues on the November ballot. Tentative dates could be September 15<sup>th</sup> or October 20<sup>th</sup>. Additional information will be shared at the next board meeting.

**Leadership (Janet McElroy):**

5-Star Plan for 2022, application submission planned for June.

### **Tech Trek (Joy Safakish):**

Update:

- Branch packet from State received, Morgan Hill branch has signed the Memorandum of Understanding. Our Branch plans to send 18 campers to 2022 Virtual camp, 18 campers at \$500 each is \$9,000.00
- Committee is structured differently this year with 3 School Liaisons, Krisse, Heather and Joy, along with 17 helpers. There are 29 student applicants.
- This summer there will be no residential camp. The max capacity for the virtual camp is around 1,000 campers, so there should be room for all those who want to attend virtual camps. It is expected that a few families will cancel, since they prefer a residential setting.
- Current TT schedule is behind, due to State issues. The State's late start in the TT process this year has caused the schedule to be behind. Even though essays are calendared for review next week and interviews for March 17,18 & 19, there isn't a rapid turnaround of electronic paperwork, so it may be TT applicants helping at the Wildflower Run, not TT Attendees. Final interviews may have to be scheduled in early April.

### **Young Women Leaders (Mary Patterson):**

Current Plans for YWL:

- Involvement in Climate Action Fair, teaching kids, doing demonstrations, etc.
- Community clean up event, no date set.
- Leadership event for middle school girls, hoping to hold this at Britton Middle School.
- Struggling with membership and recruitment, have 8-9 regular members, 16 on roster.
- Mary is looking for leadership help with YWLs, Suman mentioned we may have some new members that would be interested.

### **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion (Janet McElroy):**

Currently a program is set up for May 24<sup>th</sup> at the Morgan Hill House. Topic is the meaning of diversity. Discussion on switching to Library as the location, since the library is open, and the meeting is open to the public.

### **Board Business (Marian Sacco):**

Tabled for next board meeting in April due to time constraints.

### **Save the Date Notices:**

- New Member Wine and Whine March 16<sup>th</sup>.
- Title IX IBC Presentation March 19<sup>th</sup>.
- Wildflower Run March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Next Board meeting is April 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **Adjourn (9:05)**

**Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.**