



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch
Board Meeting Minutes
May 5th 2022 6:50pm Gather, 7:00 Start
Location: CRC with Zoom connection available**

Meeting was called to order by Marian Sacco at 7:01pm.

Quorum was present: Yes

Board members present live: Suman Ganapathy, Amy Whelan, Marian Sacco, Pat Toombs, Carol O'Hare, Donna Dicker, Krisse Boursier, Sherrie Wren, Janet McElroy, Janet Wright.

Board members present via Zoom: Kathy Hansell, Joy Safakish, Peggy Martin, Tessy Albin.

Non-board members present live: Jan Conrey, Stacy Moeder, Joan Ensign.

Non-board members via zoom: Margaret McCann.

Approval of April 2022 Board Meeting minutes:

- Minutes approved as amended.

Announcements:

- Installation Luncheon is Saturday May 7th, 11:00am, Morgan Hill Cellars, 42 people registered so far.
- AAUW California State Annual Meeting (Adventures in AAUW Land):
 - Many excellent speeches from leaders and local politicians.
 - Plan is to have this meeting online in the future.
 - Speeches are recorded for later access.
- Interest Group Coordinator position has been filled by Jan Conrey.
 - Full job description is on our website.
 - Act as liaison as needed between the interest groups and the board.

Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):

March 2022 ending balance operating account is \$18,874.15. See Treasurer's Spreadsheet for additional details.

Programs Report (Janet McElroy):

May Program, May 24th:

DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) program, "The Meaning of Diversity: More Than Race Or Color".

- May 24th at 7:00pm at the MH Library.

Membership Report (Kathy Hansell and Sherrie Wren):

Membership report:

- 173 members in May.

Update on National Membership program situation:

- New membership software program is a pre-packaged program, they are continuing to update it.
- Online meetings are continuing, things are getting better.
- We hope things will be straightened out by May 31st, do not pay dues online until Sherrie tells us to, or you can give her a check for \$112 and she will hold it and submit it for you when the system is working.

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

Update (Janet Wright):

- 2023 Race date is March 26th, 2023.
- List of improvements for 2023.
- Considering trying to add additional sources of volunteers.
- Will explore using a different timing company other than SVE, working with Charles Weston and Morgan Hill 4th of July Marathon.

Wildflower Fund Campaign (Carol O'Hare)

- \$18,546 so far, 53% of the members have donated.
- 76 Letters have been sent out to members that have not yet donated, so far have collected over \$300.

Communication (Marian Sacco):

Weekly Email Blast:

Due to issues with the submission to our weekly email blast, the following rules will be fully enforced:

- Word length is 75 words, total. If a submission is longer than 75 words, it will be returned to sender for corrections and resubmission. Links don't have a word length maximum, so if you have a long topic, try to use a link to access the additional details and just put the highlights in the 75 words printed in the email blast.

Our current advertising rate is \$150 for annual advertising in all newsletters and email blasts. Discussion on raising the rates, decision made to keep them the same and try to increase number of advertisers.

Joanne Rooney is our current advertising chair, she will be moving to Petaluma so we need to find a replacement for her.

By Laws (Carol O'Hare):

Newsletter Editor Job Description discussion:

- Broken down into three parts; Managing, Copy and Layout. Currently all three are held by Krisse Boursier. Goal is to find someone to help Krisse and/or take over one section from her.

Motion made by Carol O'Hare to approve the Newsletter Editor Job Description. No second needed, motion approved.

Voting:

- National voting, emails are going out to members with directions.
- The proposed slate of officers for 2022-2023 for our branch was approved by the MH membership.

Scholarships (Donna Dicker):

Updates:

- Stacy Moeder will be taking over Scholarship Chair position from Donna Dicker, effective July 1st.
- 4 of the high school scholarship winners will be at our installation luncheon.
- The Donations committee met at 6 pm prior to the board meeting to discuss the branch donation policy and the request of Margie's Snively's family to contribute to her high school leadership scholarship. Donna Dicker will be contacting the family to obtain specific details about their proposed donation and report back to the board.

Public Policy (Jenny Redfern):

Update: April 13 District 1 Supervisor Candidates Forum:

- All five candidates – Rossi, Fedor, Khamis, Constantine, Arenas – participated in the forum for more than two hours.
- Approximately 60 people attended in person. The forum was live-broadcast on the City Council channel.
- These five candidates will be on the June 7 primary election ballot. If all candidates get less than 50% of the votes, the top two candidates will have a run-off on the November ballot.
- Yvonne Randolph and Jenny Redfern took the lead on preparing the Leadership Morgan Hill team on how to prepare and run a candidate forum:
 - How to solicit and gather questions from the public, engage with high school social studies teachers, organize the schedule for the evening, engage with all candidates, etc.

Update: Lobby Day:

- Led by Connie Rogers, AAUW Gilroy, Connie plus Sandra Makela (Gilroy), Yvonne Randolph and Jenny Redfern.
- All zoomed with Miles Horton, Robert Rivas's Legislative Director on 4/22. Miles was not familiar with AAUW, so he was brought up to speed and then lobbied him on AB 92 Child Care Family Fees and AB 1666 Protection for Reproductive Health Providers and Patients. Rivas will support both bills.
- Miles requested letters of support from AAUW MH on two other bills, discussion to be held about this after we know if AAUW state will be taking a position on either one.

A Public Policy document has been made for our website, Political vs Partisan. Will be added under the "Advocacy" tab.

Leadership (Janet McElroy):

Next Leadership meeting is Friday May 6th.

Tech Trek (Krisse Boursier and Joy Safakish):

Update:

- We have 18 campers selected to attend the 2022 virtual camp. Spilt between June and July sessions. Cost is 18 campers at \$500 each, \$9,000.00. The campers represent a wide selection of local schools.
- Tech Trek is using new software, "Campsite". Looks very good, we are transitioning to that.
- Kits for virtual camp should be received a few days before each camp starts.
- Roster of 18 for the fall luncheon, expense and time needs to be managed.

Newsletter (Krisse Boursier):

- Due date for article info into the July Newsletter is June 15th.

Board Business (Suman Ganapathy):

- Retreat Planning:
 - Date: July 9th, Planned for 10-3, with a break for lunch.
 - Location will be outside of Tessy's office, on-site restaurant can serve lunch.
- Incoming and outgoing chairs/officers should connect beforehand.
- June Board Meeting is June 2d, Board meeting is one hour starting at 6 followed by dinner. Two topics for discussion, Women's Week (3rd week in August, August 23rd is our date) and July 4th parade.
- August, no board meeting, maybe a new member event, maybe August 4th, will check with membership.
- September 1st will be first board meeting of the 2022/2023 year.

Save the Date Notices:

- Wine and Whine May 18th, Chaco's.
- Lunch for New Officers (Spring Lunch) May 7th.

Adjourn (8:50)

Respectfully Submitted by Pat Toombs, Secretary.