

AAUW Morgan Hill Branch

Board Meeting Minutes April 6, 2023

The meeting was called to order by president, Suman Ganapathy, at 7:06pm.

A quorum was present.

9 Board members present: Suman Ganapathy, Carol O'Hare, Barbara Palmer, Janet McElroy, Krisse Boursier, Stacy Moeder, Marian Sacco, Janet Wright

Via Zoom: Peggy Martin, Sherrie Wren, Nancy Altman

Non-Board members present: Sousan Safakish, Carol Holzgrafe, AAUW CA director

- Suman presented norms, standards of behavior for board and other meetings: Empathy, kindness, appreciate differences, share time, challenge past assumptions. Topics that arise but are "off topic" will be captured for further discussion.

- March board meeting minutes approved as presented.

- Financial Report: Tessy Albin

The operating account has a balance of \$17,500. Rental for tables and chairs for the May 6 lunch will be \$640.

- Membership: Barbara Palmer and Sherrie Wren

New member Wine & Whine is April 19 at the MH House at Villa Mira Monte. Invitations to 30 new members have been mailed. Krisse is collecting RSVPs. Current membership is now 187; five more since the Wildflower Run.

- Bylaws: Carol O'Hare

A quorum of members, 16.1%, voted to elect the slate of officers and approve amendments to the bylaws. The newsletter article will include a link to the changes in bylaws.

- Leadership Development: Marian Sacco
 - The 5-Star program application will be completed and submitted.
 - Newer members will be invited to attend board meetings to introduce them to observe how the branch operates.
 - Opportunities for engagement: Board members will be asked what attributes and skill sets are needed for each position. This information is needed will be used before seeking members for unfilled positions.
- Public Policy: Report on Lobby Week from Susan Rife was uploaded to Google Drive.

- Wildflower Run: Janet Wright

There were 1200 registrations, the maximum. The Wrap-up meeting reports total 22 pages.

- New this year: Roadshow (renamed course entertainment), Kids zone at Finish Fest, school competition ("Runner Ducky"), all successful. The parking lot was well organized. and there was improved safety on the course.
- Expenses were much higher, including additional police officer and tee shirts cost. Financial report will be available at May board meeting.
- Sponsors: \$32,000
- Member donations: \$15,000. Letters will be mailed to non-donor members in April

Scholarships: Stacy Moeder

High school scholarships and Keeping in Touch grants have been decided. Stem and healthcare awards are still to come. A candidate to attend NCCWSL candidate has been selected.

Newsletter: Krisse Boursier

Krisse is stepping down to focus on other branch responsibilities. Starting with the May/June newsletter, Julie Singh will do layout, Carol will be copy editor, and Chris Hopwood will post the blogs (This will be Chris's last issue.)

Tech Trek: Krisse (see report in Google drive)

- 11 students have been selected: five will go to Sonoma camp, 4 to Fresno, 2 virtual. Two alternates selected. The schools represented are: Britton Middle School, Jackson Academy of Math & Music, Martin Murphy Middle School, Morgan Hill Charter School, San Martin/ Gwinn, and Voices Academy.
- The Ice cream social for campers and parents is June 4 at San Jose branch headquarters.
- Krisse and Monica McClintock will be dorm moms at the June Sonoma camp.
- Monterey Bay is being considered for future camp location.

Leadership Morgan Hill: Krisse

The class project is artwork on the gazebo at Community Park/Magical Bridge.

Young Women Leaders: Report submitted by Bobbie Erb (see Google drive). Conference registration is 15 + 11 YWL members.

Programs: Nancy Altman

- April 22 Earth Day Festival, organized by Margaret McCann and Margo Hinnenkamp
- May 5-6 Red Dress Exhibit at MH Library organized by DEI committee
- May 6 Spring Lunch and installation of Officers, announcement of AAUW Honorees
- May 23 Follow-up to January program on Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women
- June 10 Meditation workshop coordinated by Pilgrim's Process interest group

CEDAW (Convention on Elimination of Discrimination against Women)

The board approved sending a letter to the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors in favor of their adoption of the CEDAW ordinance. (Carol O'Hare, Sousan Safakish)

Suman submitted the application for AAUW CA Branch Activity Award on DEI programming by the March 15 deadline.

AAUW CA report: Carol Holzgrafe, state director

Ideas and suggestions from branch support webinar will be posted on AAUW CA website. The annual state conference, Academy AAUWards Event will be April 22 via Zoom.

The branch will participate in the 4th of July parade. Cost is \$50

Marian will bring snacks for May meeting.

There will be a post-June board meeting dinner out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol O'Hare, acting secretary



