

AAUW Board Meeting -- Dec. 12, 2011

The following Board, Appointed and Administrative Members attended:

Roseann Krane, Co-Pres, Web Mstr, Advocate Co-Editor, E-Mail Mgr.	Holly Sauer, Pres. Elect, HHT Co-Chair	Norma Spencer, Program Co-VP
Karen Large, Program Co-VP	Tena Gallagher, Membership VP, IBC	Angela Domer, Rec. Secy.
Asha Bajaj, International Relations	Mary Ellen Blake, HHT Co-Chair	Marian Bliss, Directory Mgr.
Marilyn Bressler, Hospitality Co-Chair	Barbara Critchlow, Local Scholarship Co-Chair	Mary Granzotto, Event Publicity Chair
Pat Foster, Local Scholarship Co-Chair	Linda Reeve, Garden Tour Co-Chair	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy
Marcia Steinhart, Co-Parliamentarian		

Call to Order and Announcements: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 a.m. by Co-President, Roseann Krane. It was noted by Parliamentarian, Marcia Steinhart, that a quorum was present.

Approval of Minutes: Since there were no further corrections to the minutes, they were accepted as e-mailed by Rec. Secy. Angela Domer.

Treasurer's Report: Roseann had previously e-mailed Melissa's Treasurer's report and note giving current checking and saving balances (*copies attached to the official copy of minutes*). Report accepted as e-mailed.

Public Policy: Cynthia Savell:

- There is a plan in the works in Sacramento for a transitional Kindergarten designed for children not of age by December, who will benefit from skills necessary to enter next year's traditional Kindergarten. It will also help families who have not sent their children to preschool for financial reasons, to prepare their children with skills necessary for the fast paced traditional year of reading and math readiness. Each school district will prepare the necessary curriculum.
- The movies, "The Whistle Blower" and "Taken," are ones we might want to watch before we attend the Human Trafficking program on Jan. 29th.

Local Scholarships: Pat Foster, Barbara Critchlow:

- Mary Ellen will send a photo release form to Barbara to send to the three generation family of women who attended the HHT (Marian was able to take a picture of them) to use for future publicity/recruiting.
- Barbara stated they would like to include the Trittipio Scholarship a part of the regular local scholarships, but designate one person (in the science or medical field) to receive.

International Relations: Asha Bajaj: A fun cultural social event for couples is being planned for either Thursday, April 19th or Saturday, April 21st depending on availability of the venue (The Mercer).

Barbara will check with them. Holly volunteered to help with a small committee that will be established for the event. Asha will prepare an article for the Newsletter.

Hospitality: Marilyn Bressler: Our Holiday parties are getting so large, it is difficult to have them in a home. In next year's budget we need to look at the Chapter paying more for this event.

Garden Tour: Linda Reeve: We have 4 1/2 or 5 gardens (the half garden is a small one and is the only one in San Ramon). Progress is being made to secure more.

Expanding Your Horizons: JoAnn has e-mailed Roseann that she needs volunteers and will have information for Roseann to put in the Newsletter.

Publicity: Mary Granzotto: Thanks to all the help, publicity has been very effective.

Directory: Marian Bliss: Marian was encouraged to submit a request for reimbursement for the \$35 she paid personally for the additional printing on the back of the directory (incl. membership #'s). When accessing our national web site, this membership number is required. There will be an article in the January Newsletter about the Directory.

E-Mail: Roseann Krane: Comcast e-mails have been bouncing back due to an internal Comcast problem.

Web Site: Roseann Krane: Members are getting confused by the two sites: the old DA (Danville, Alamo) and the new DAW (Danville, Alamo, Walnut Creek). Roseann is looking for a server back-up and until she has it, we need to keep both sites.

Newsletter: Roseann Krane: Roseann will continue to be responsible for the Newsletter until a volunteer comes forward. Tena would like Roseann to mention the names of new members in our Newsletter and will send her the names. It was suggested that we have a brief "Highlights" section of upcoming events in the Newsletter.

Holiday Home Tour: Holly Sauer, Mary Ellen Blake: Holly will put out an article in the January "Advocate" with results. Preliminary results: sold 762 tickets (\$21,770 gross profit) with more senior tickets sold than "non-senior" tickets). There will be a learning session to obtain feedback, so send comments to Holly and Mary Ellen. Estimated Boutique sales results: Floral - \$700-\$800, Jewelry \$500 (Roseann), Jewelry (Marjorie - \$93), Art - (did not do as well). Holly suggested we have our future boutique as seasonally related as possible and put the price point down lower. Quilt Profit: \$850 (won by Mary Perez from San Lorenzo who bought the ticket at the preview party). We need a picture of Mary picking up the quilt to use for next year's publicity. **Food: Pat Foster** -- we received compliments galore. Leftover supplies should be used for future events.

Nominating: Holly Sauer: E mail vote is in the process to approve the nominating committee. Votes will be tallied by Marcia and Mary Dec. 20th (10% of total membership is required).

Interest Groups: Holly Sauer: Monthly calendar and group information are updated on line.

Membership: Tena Gallagher: We presently have 272 members, 5 in the process of becoming members, and 4 prospective members. Membership goal is 300.

IBC: Tena Gallager: Program on Human Trafficking on Sunday, Jan. 29th at the Lafayette Library from 2-4 p.m. Program is done in conjunction with Contra Costa County Commission for Women and the League of Women Voters. Roseann and Angela will check on using the Assistance League facility for future activities. We also need to check the Walnut Creek Senior Center.

Programs: Karen Large: Each sponsoring organization of the Seneca Falls Program will receive \$658.13. Based on this program, our Branch was a recipient of one of the nine new Mini Grants from AAUW-CA for \$250. AAUW member attendance was low at the event (50 to 55 of the 200 attendees). We need to look at Alternative payment methods for our events and to make it easier and quicker for new members to join. A committee will be formed called "Alternative Payment Methods" with Melissa and/or Jacque as possible chairs/members. Roseann will send them an e-mail. Roseann offered to serve on the committee and will further investigate Pay Pal. We can try it out with the March event with a goal of having an alternative payment method totally set up to use for the Garden Tour.

Miscellaneous/New Business:

- We change our raffle ticket prices from \$1.00 to a higher amount. Refer to HHT for follow up.
- Newsletter deadline for this month has been moved up to the 20th.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:07 a.m. Next meeting, Monday, Jan. 9th --9:30 to 11:30 (9:15 (arrival), 9:30 (meeting begins).