

AAUW DECEMBER 3, 2012 BOARD MEETING

The following Board, Appointed and Administrative members attended:

Holly Sauer – President	Loretta Altshuler – Co-President Elect
Karen Large – Co-President Elect	Carol Gerich – Programs Co-Vice President
Lynn Dodge – Programs Co-Vice President	Callie Gilbert – Secretary
Liz Williams – Membership Co-Vice President	Tena Gallagher-Membership Co-Vice President
Mary Ellen Blake – HHT Co-Chair	Roseann Krane-Funds Vice President
Lynn Goodwin-Local Scholarships Chair	Cynthia Savell-Women’s Issues Chair
Pat Foster-Circulation Manager	Alicia Jones-International Relations Chair
Bev Nidick-Parliamentarian	

Call to Order and Announcements: The meeting was called to order at 9:40 am by President Holly Sauer. A quorum was confirmed. Thanks were extended to Tena Gallagher, Judy Lauper and Liz Williams for organizing the Joan Buchanan night. Alicia Jones indicated that she had feedback regarding the last Tech Trek. She will pass this along to Helga Glasson. Roseann Krane will need a copy as well as she is the AAUW CA IBC Liaison.

Approval of Minutes: The November 5, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer: Holly presented the current Treasurer’s Report on behalf of Melissa Walsh. Melissa will need e-mail approval to pay amounts billed from the board members responsible for the expense. Bills may be mailed directly to Melissa. As of Dec 2, the checking account has \$23,909.82 with one check for the directory printing outstanding for \$568.89. Net in the account is \$23,340.93 plus \$7,837.71 in savings = \$31,178.64 total cash on hand. Melissa can’t confirm the HHT deposits are correct since she doesn’t yet have the backup paperwork to support what’s shown on the bank statement. Lynn Dodge had a question about the \$194.81 Net Program Balance. Holly suggested that she contact Melissa with any questions.

Holiday Home Tour: Mary Ellen Blake reported that as of December 2nd, 497 tickets had been sold, which is 99 less than last year. There was a late start with homes. Ads are in the paper and the weather forecast is good. Additional docents are needed. Since 2 of the homes have model trains, volunteer husbands are needed to be train conductors. Refreshments are getting organized. Holly thanked Mary Ellen and she was given a round of applause.

Programs: Carol Gerich reported a 20% response rate for the program survey. The results indicated that respondents preferred women speakers and topics pertaining to women, women’s issues, health and fitness. A subset also wanted scientific issues. Finance and politics were not popular topics. Cost was not a problem for the respondents. There was no consensus regarding time or day. Carol stated that October is not a good month because people travel.

She also stated that there is a tendency within this branch to RSVP at the last minute, which creates a reservation deadline problem. The next speaker is a dynamic woman scientist who will be speaking on January 17th at the San Ramon Community Center. Reservations are not required for this event. The speaker is not charging a fee. Carol has offered her an honorarium.

Holiday Party: Holly stated that Angela Domer and Judy Lauper have been working on the holiday party. An announcement went out in the Advocate and an e-mail blast will be going out. Carpooling is recommended as street parking is limited.

AAUW Funds: Roseann Krane stated that donations are up from last year. The committee consisting of Jacque Schubert, Pat DeRensis and Roseann met in order to allocate funds totaling \$34,000. Roseann reported on the budget and how the funds were allocated. Loretta asked what happens if a designated grant (such as the one we established in Tena's name) doesn't meet its goal on time. Roseann stated that other branches could help. Tena Gallagher stated that we should solicit people in our area to apply for grants. Roseann will ask Mary Granzanto to get information out to the community.

Expanding Your Horizons: Holly reported on behalf of Pam Burdusis and Iris Stone. They have 17 volunteers but more are needed. There was discussion regarding connecting with Helga Glasson and getting the word out to science teachers.

International: Alicia Jones stated that she is working on the 'who', 'when' and 'where' for the International event. She has 3 ideas for presenters that would involve African women's issues. Discussion ensued regarding when to hold the event. The branch events calendar was discussed in order to avoid scheduling conflicts. Lynn Dodge stated that program chairs needed to get together and coordinate events. Roseann stated that this has been done in the past. Regarding food for the event, Holly suggested combining this event with a potluck provided by the International Gourmet Group. The dates of April 11th or 13th are being considered. Carol Gerich suggested that Alicia talk with Lynn Dodge who has researched locations.

New Business: Cynthia Savell expressed concern about Medicare being affected by the 'fiscal cliff' and hoped for a resolution.

Bev Nidick and Robin Halloran along with a committee are working on the by-law changes which will need to be voted on by the board and then the membership. Regarding the 2 year maximum term stated in the by-laws, Loretta asked if an exception could be made. Holly stated that changing the 2 year maximum to 3 years would require a board and membership vote, as would asking for an exception. Loretta stated that if someone really wants to stay on, they should be allowed to. Holly stated that anyone from the board can propose changes to the by-laws and should contact Robin or Bev.

Roseann thanked Holly for all the work she did regarding the tax issue. Roseann informed the board that a new letter has been received from the IRS regarding a tax issue. Holly explained that it appears to be related to an effort about 10 years ago to establish a 501©(3) tax entity for special projects. Holly is researching and will keep the board informed.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Callie Gilbert
Secretary