

AAUW Board Meeting -- Jan. 9, 2012

The following Board, Appointed and Administrative Members attended:

Roseann Krane, Co-Pres, Web Mstr, Advocate Co-Editor, E-Mail Mgr.	Robin Halloran, Co-Pres.	Holly Sauer, Pres. Elect, HHT Co-Chair
Karen Large, Program Co-VP	Angela Domer, Rec. Sec'y.	Mary Ellen Blake, HHT Co-Chair
Marian Bliss, Directory Mgr.	Joan Conley, Public Policy	JoAnn Dahlin, EYH
Mary Granzotto, Publicity Chair	Kathie Hixon, Corr. Sec'y.	Pat Foster, Local Scholarships
Judith Finch, AAUW Funds V.P.	Linda Reeve, Garden Tour Co-Chair	Marcia Steinhart, Parliamentarian
Asha Basha, International Relations Co-Chair	Caroline Sanchez, Women's History	Pat Gross, Program Co-VP
Cynthia Savell, Public Policy		

Call to Order and Announcements: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Co-President Robin Halloran. It was noted a quorum was not yet established.

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

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

Programs: Karen Large, Pat Gross:

- Jan. 29th IBC Program on Human Trafficking will be crowded, so please arrive on time.
- Feb. 7th Annual Fellow Speaker Program at Scott's -- money due by Jan. 31st. We just received word that the speaker for this program, Yaldo Asmatey, is ill with Neck Cancer. We are working with the State Coordinator seeking a replacement speaker.
- Work is progressing on our March 24th Programs committee event, "Autumn Gem."
- Angela submitted the guidelines to Karen for using the Assistance League facility for possible future events.

HHT: Holly Sauer, Mary Ellen Blake: Holly thanked everyone for helping to make this an outstanding event. We sold 766 tickets and made \$21,890.00 on ticket sales (40% of which were sold by East Bay Flowers), we made \$800 on the quilt, \$540 on the preview party, and \$1317 on Boutique sales for a total of \$24,547.00. There will be a wrap session on Jan. 17th at Holly's. Submit vouchers to Melissa if you spent any money on HHT and also submit a summary to Holly for her report. (*summary report attached to official copy of minutes*).

With the late arrival of a few members, a quorum was established at this point.

She's All That: Holly Sauer: This is the flagship program of the Soroptimists of San Ramon Valley to be held Feb. 11th at San Ramon Valley High School. It is a one day conference for middle school girls and their parents and its purpose is to provide education in a fun, casual format with a key-note speaker and

workshops. They have requested our help by hosting an expo table with information about our Branch, stuffing tote bags the day before and providing support throughout the day of the event. Tena will set up the AAUW information table. Karen and Kathie offered their help.

AAUW Funds: Judith Finch: Roseann had e-mailed Judith's corrected Interim report (*copy attached to official copy of minutes*).

- Concern was expressed regarding how we get the information from National as to the amount donated directly to them from our members. Judith will contact them for further information.
- We will be asking different Branches to contribute to the Tena Gallagher R&P Fund.
- Judith would like to send thank you's via e-mail to those of us who contributed in response to the solicitation letter. This would save approximately \$50 in cost. It was decided an e-mail thank you would be adequate; however, a written thank you note for donating one's personal time and effort might be more appropriate and a general acknowledgment in our Newsletter should be a "given." It was decided the committee chairperson or program chair would have the option to choose.

Advertising: Robin reported Carole told her she has had no success getting business sponsors. Carole will do research as to how other organizations do this. Holly suggested she contact Junior League.

Corresponding Secretary: Kathie Hixon: Cards sent to: Charlene Vorous (get well), Bobby Brenner (get well), Agnes Gordon (loss of husband), Sally Jess (thinking of you), and Elizabeth Williams (thinking of you).

Directory: Marian Bliss: Completed, mailed, and applause given to Marian.

Publicity: Mary Granzotto: Will do a "Save the Date" very soon for our Garden Tour. We need the information from the Alternative Funds Committee. Holly told us the last meeting of this committee was cancelled. She needs a volunteer to investigate Pay Pal.

Expanding Your Horizons: JoAnn Dahlin: Volunteers are needed for the Saturday, Feb. 25th career conference for 6th to 9th grade girls being held at the DVC San Ramon Campus from 9:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Call JoAnn or Cheryl if you can help either in the morning or the afternoon. We will be working on better publicity for the event. JoAnn gave information to Mary and Mary will check with Susan Springer.

Garden Tour: Linda Reeve: We have four beautiful gardens, but she and Pat would like to get six or seven total. She has numerous calls out to landscapers, but people seem reluctant to spend the extra money on their gardens this year. It was suggested they contact the local Garden Clubs. Several of our board members are in local garden clubs. She is going to see two gardens tomorrow, both of which are off Crow Canyon Road and she was concerned about our limits as to how far we will travel on the tour. Crow Canyon Road is certainly acceptable, especially if we have several gardens in the same geographical area. Pass on all suggestions to Linda.

Hospitality: Robin passed on Marilyn's information that a successful cookie exchange had been held. If your Hospitality Group has had no events, call or e-mail the Group Host and offer your help.

International Relations: Asha: A themed cultural party is planned for members and guests Saturday, April 21st at the Mercer in Walnut Creek. We plan to have ethnic food, music, and educational speakers (from our own ranks).

Local Scholarships: Pat Foster: No report.

Parliamentarian: Marcia Steinhart:

- Nominating Committee: The following branch members have been unanimously approved by an e-mail vote (104 yes, 0 no) to serve on our 2012 Nominating Committee: Carol Allen, Asha Bajaj, Bev Nidick, Susan Terzuoli, and Rita Wustner.
- Policies and Procedures: Duties and Responsibilities of Elected positions have been completed and the committee is now working on appointed positions. Committee will meet again in two weeks.
- Alternate Funds Committee: By next month we need a presentation of possibilities and a vote if this is to be in place for our Garden Tour. Holly will work on it.

Public Policy: Joan Conley, Cynthia Savell:

- Cynthia briefed us on the e-mail from AAUW California - "First Saturday Morning - January, 2012" (*copy attached to official copy of minutes*). She stressed the need to call the Governor (916) 445-2841 to tell him we support continued funding for the commission on the Status of Women. She also passed around a copy of the "AAUW Washington Update." (*copy attached to official copy of minutes*).
- At the next meeting she is hoping to have the Economic Policies Institute published list of the Top 10 Lies about Social Security.
- F.B.I. has removed the word "forcible" as part of the definition of "rape." The new definition of rape now includes rape committed against men and includes a broader range of sexual acts. This helps more people to be included in qualifying for federal funds for help in their condition.
- AAUW supports the right of every woman to safe, accessible, affordable and comprehensive family planning and reproductive health services.
- There is a national action plan for Womens Peace and Security aimed at strengthening gender violence prevention.
- Though the unemployment rate is dropping, more men are being hired than women. AAUW believes that to promote economic recovery, the President and Congress must focus on creating jobs, training our workers and ensuring the jobs are good ones and pay equitably .

In order for us to be better informed on issues, we need website links to full statements and details. Asha asked Cynthia if she could publish some Action Items in our Newsletters.

Joan gave us a summary of deadline dates for CA legislative actions and summarized what the implications on our entire state would be with the possible cut of three days from our school calendar. There are 89 propositions already filed that have to be looked over. Joan will submit information for our next Newsletter.

Tech Trek: Roseann told us Tech Trek needs grant writers. Helga is working at the state level for Tech Trek.

New Business:

- **Installation:** A place needs to be selected first and we need to find out if there are any pressing situations before a date can be chosen. Robin will get back to Installation committee.

- Convention Display: Karen will provide information as to what we should publicize on the tri fold. Holly will work with Karen and Dora-Thea.
- Convention Fund Raiser: We should work on lowering costs for "our" chapter events. Decision for convention fund raiser was delayed pending further discussion.
- Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund: Participate since we already budgeted \$50.
- Minutes for February Meeting: Angela will be unable to attend the February meeting so she asked for a volunteer. It is usually the job of the Corresponding Secretary, but Kathie will not be at the meeting either. Angela told us Loretta Altshuler (last year's Recording Secretary) volunteered if no one else did. Since no one else volunteered, Loretta will substitute for Angela.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 11:32 a.m. Next meeting, Monday, Feb. 13th -- 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. (9:15 arrival), 9:30 (meeting begins).

Angela Domer, Recording Secretary