

## AAUW Board Meeting — March 11, 2011

### The following Board, Appointed and Administrative members attended:

Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President	Mary Mix, Co-President	Jacque Schubert, AAUW Funds Co-VP
Loretta Altshuler, Secretary	Karen Large, Program Co-VP	Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate Layout Editor
Alicia Jones, Local Scholarships Co-Chair	Pat Gross, Program Co-VP	Roseann Krane, Web Master
Barbara Welch, LAF Fund Co-VP	Mary Hanson, Treasurer	Dora-Thea Porter, Web Master
Cynthia Savell, Pubic Policy	Karen Schlumpp, Membership VP	Holly Sauer, Hospitality Co-Chair
JoAnne Dahlin, Expanding Your Horizons	Carol Kennedy, Walnut Creek Satellite Rep	Angela Domer, Board Member Nominee 2011-2012

**Call to Order and Announcements:** The meeting was called to order at 9:00 A.M. by Co-President Marcia Steinhardt at Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville. General announcements included the following:

- The Branch name change has officially been approved. An email was received from Carolyn Hayek, chair of the California Governance Committee of AAUW stating that our Branch is now called AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek.
- Results of the nominating committee executive officers for 2011-2012 is as follows:

Co Presidents: Robin Halloran, Roseann Krane  
President-Elect: Holly Sauer  
Program Co-Vice Presidents: Pat Gross, Karen Large, Norma Spencer  
Membership Vice President: Tena Gallagher  
AAUW Funds Vice President: Judith Finch  
Treasurer: Melissa Walsh  
Secretary: Angela Domer

The election will be held at the April Branch meeting on Saturday, April 2, 2011.

- The AAUW California Convention is being held on April 8-10, 2011 in Irvine. The theme is "*Bridging the Past, Present and Future: AAUW California Celebrates 90 Years.*" Registration deadline is March 20, 2011. Lily Ledbetter will speak at the convention on Sunday. Both Roseann Krane and Holly Sauer will attend from our Branch.
- We were encouraged to attend the General Meeting and program *Remember the Ladies* on Saturday, March 12, 2011 at Crow Canyon Country Club. There will be a vote on the By-Laws and Standing Rules.
- There are opportunities to volunteer to be part of the AAUW California Leadership Team for 2011-2012. Information was passed around for all to review and an application form was attached for anyone interested in a position. The deadline is June 10, 2011.
- Printed in the Danville Patch was an error in the education of a former Local scholarship recipient. She was concerned about the information and requested that it be removed which was done. However, there is a concern that we need to establish policies in the future to safeguard against these types of issues in the future. Mary Mix is going to chair a committee. Some potential volunteers were mentioned including Gail Clark and Judy Finch.

- After the May 13, 2011 Board meeting, Mary Mix and Marcia Steinhardt will be providing lunch as a thank you to all Board members who have volunteered this year. An RSVP will be requested.
- If you know of any homes that can be used for the Holiday Home Tour in December, contact Kathie Hixon.

**Approval of Previous Minutes (Loretta Altschuler):** The final draft February 11, 2010 Board meeting minutes were approved as e-mailed.

**Treasurer's Report (Mary Hanson):** Financial highlights were reviewed including Balance Sheet and Profit & Loss as of February 28, 2011. All detailed documents are attached.

- Per the February 2011 Balance Sheet, assets totaled \$39,922.19, including \$31,771.66 in checking and \$7,823.72 in savings. Profit and Loss as of February 2011 there are no inflows and outflows at \$9,600 to Tech Trek, \$250 to the Walnut Creek Library and \$239.32 for operating expenses.
- The 2011 Tech Trek Registration Payments for 12 girls has been made in the amount of \$9,600.
- There was discussion about how much money should be allocated for 2011 to Tech Trek and Local Scholarship especially if fundraising decreases in the future. Mary Hanson made a sign with two dollar amounts that were to be considered. Tech Trek at \$2,700 and Local Scholarship at \$12,660.
- Motion #1: A motion was made by Jacque Schubert with a second by Karen Large to fund one scholarship recipient and one Tech Trek recipient in the account. Allocate (\$1,000 + expenses) for \$1,500 to local scholarships and (\$800 + expenses) \$1,500 to Tech Trek as a reserve. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Motion #2: Background information (\$15,360 is available, \$600 is received from the parents for a total of \$15,960; it is suggested that \$1,500 remain in Tech Trek and \$1,500 in Local Scholarship so that \$13,000 be available for local scholarships.) Consequently, a motion was made by Mary Hansen with a second by Dora-Thea Porter to allocate \$13,000 to local scholarships. All were in favor and the motion passed.
- Savings and CD: Savings are to be placed in CD's in amounts determined by the Treasurer and approved by the Board. This project is on hold pending completion of new legal documents reflecting the Branch name change to Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek.

**Membership (Karen Schlumpp):** The Branch now has 269 members. As of February 1, 2011 the Branch had 265 members and four additional members were added in March.

**Public Policy (Cynthia Savell):** Sue Miller, AAUW CA Public Policy Director has urged AAUW California to support legislators to approve placing tax extensions on the June ballot. Major funding reductions are in the governor's budget particularly affecting women. The AAUW CA Board of Directors has approved a document authored by members: "*Position Paper on the 2011-2012 California Budget: Revenue, Reductions, and Reforms.*" This document expresses concerns about the state budget deficit and its impact on the AAUW Public Policy Priorities. Recommendations in this document include supporting a June ballot measure to extend the temporary state taxes instituted in 2009 and due to expire in June 2011, as well as reforms and potential new revenues that should be considered. If this extension is not placed on the ballot and approved by voters, education will be a target for even deeper cuts. AAUW members and friends need to immediately let all legislators know that we support placing the Extension of Temporary State Taxes on the June 2011 ballot. Getting this on the ballot will require the votes of some Republican legislators. The vote in the Legislature could take place as early as March 7th. We were all encouraged to send a message to our legislators now.

In addition, we were told to reference the March edition of the Advocate. Here is the most recent information about HR 3 being sent to the senate. HR3 would prohibit the use of federal funds to buy any health insurance that

includes abortion coverage even if those services are paid for with private money. Among its several restrictive provisions it would ban employers and the self-insured from buying private health insurance that covers abortion. It is an attack on Planned Parenthood who provides medical services to many who cannot get them by other means. Services from Planned Parenthood keep many off of the public health roster. Contact Feinstein or Boxer to voice your concerns over this proposed bill.

**EF (Jacque Schubert):** Jacque reported that our Branch is the second in the state for giving to the AAUW funds. The Santa Maria Branch is number one. We were reminded that other Branches fund fellowships in addition to scholarships, therefore, we should be considering the same. Both Jacque and Dianne Tinnes are busy working on the details of the 11th annual Garden Tour to be held on May 6 -7, 2011. Dora-Thea has done an excellent job designing the beautiful announcement and tickets. A limited number of these announcements due to extra costs for color printing are available for advertising. Tickets will be available April 1, 2011. There will be seven superb gardens for the public to tour. It is estimated that 90 volunteers are needed and we only have 60 volunteer docents come forward to date. Creative ways to get additional docents such as asking at the March *Remember the Ladies Program* and using spouses was considered. There will be an effort by all Head Docents to try to make individual contacts to recruit more volunteers. In addition, Jacque is helping to organize all docents by placing them in gardens. There have been many fine restaurants secured including Pascal French Oven, The Peasant and The Pear, Piatti, Maria Maria, and Basil Leaf. East Bay Floral will continue to sell tickets to this event. There are several Landscapers on the tour with very different styles.

**Programs (Karen Large, Pat Gross):** On March 12, 2011 a program titled "*Remember the Ladies*" honoring 100 years of the Women's right to vote in California will be held at the Crow Canyon Country Club in San Ramon. There are 80 seats available for this "sit down" event and 63 are confirmed. The cost will be \$26 per person but \$30 per person if paid at the door, and it will be a Shape the Future Event. A written program will be provided and a sample was shared. The program was extremely well done. Committee members were thanked for their contributions: Marcia Steinhardt, Tena Gallagher, Sharon Cohune, Karen Schlumpp, Norma Spencer, Carol Kennedy and Holly Sauer. The doors will open at 11:00 a.m. but the actual lunch will not begin until noon and the event is expected to be over by 3:00 p.m. at the latest. A short general meeting will be led by both Marcia Steinhardt and Mary Mix prior to lunch being served. The membership will be voting on the amended Branch By-Laws and Standing Rules. A local Council Woman and Jo Harberson will also speak to the group. Karen and Pat discussed some of the details of the event such as planning for eight tables with eight chairs and Sharon Cohune decorating the tables with flowers. In addition, Bev Watson wants to attend from Lake Tahoe.

**LAF(Barbara Welch):** The speaker for the Saturday, April 2, 2011 LAF program is Leslie F. Levy. She is a member of the law firm Dickson Levy Vinick Burrell Hyams. Leslie has been recognized as one of Northern California's super lawyers. She is the recipient of the Hastings College of the Law's Clara Foltz Award for distinguished service to women. She is a graduate of Hasting College of the Law and the University of California, Berkeley. The event will be held in the Community Room in the Mercer in Walnut Creek from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. There was concern over getting through a card key gate. The cost per person will be ten dollars. Money can be collected at the door or sent in advance. Wine and appetizers will be served. Susan Terzuoli is handling all the details of the event. A motion was made that the LAF program for April 2, 2011 be open to the public by Barbara Welch with a second from Pat Gross. All were in favor and the motion passed. Barbara Welch reported that the annual LAF fundraising letter was being mailed out to all Branch members today.

**Local Scholarship (Alicia Jones, Sonya Seyler):** A scholarship selection committee has been formed to include Alicia Jones, Sonya Seyler, Kathie Hixon, Carol Kennedy, and Marian Worrall. This committee will receive the scholarship applications and then make selections. The committee is awaiting applications as they have been slow to arrive. The committee is working on finding a date for the presentation of these scholarships probably in June. There are many challenges with finding a good date as some of our key committee members are not in town and they are also working around final exams of some of the possible recipients.

**EYH (JoAnne Dahlin):** The Expanding Your Horizons event at DVC was a big success. Thank you JoAnne Dahlin and Debi Stein for all your hard work. There were 148 volunteers and 24 from our Branch. The volunteers served in many roles including hall and classroom monitors and information assistants. In total there were 314 girls registered and 279 who actually attended. There were 21 girls who attended from Danville and

Alamo, two from Walnut Creek and 33 from San Ramon. In addition, to the 120 girls attending from Livermore, there were 53 from Pleasanton and the remaining students largely came from a variety of cities around the East Bay. All registration is now on line. This large number from Livermore was attributed to Lawrence Livermore Laboratory providing a bus for students attending from a low income school. Positive learning experiences were shared from those who were present during some of the very interesting presentations. All Board members agreed that we should continue to be involved in this event as it was extremely positive. This year there were no hard copy announcements given to the schools, but information about the event came via email to the science teachers. Alicia Jones offered to provide a contact, Stan, for next year to JoAnne as she has graciously volunteered to chair EYH for 2011-2012. Her Co-Chair will be Cheryl Kohleriter who volunteered at the meeting.

**Advocate (Cheryl Kohleriter):** Attached is an excellent proposal for the Advocate to become a quarterly publication instead of monthly as we have been providing to all Branch members. The detailed proposal recommends changing the newsletter from a monthly eight page publication to a quarterly 16 page paper. It would be necessary to double the size of the quarterly publication for three of the four issues to announce all the major events scheduled during each three month period. The fourth issue would be published in June and would be eight pages. Proposed issue dates are mid August, mid November, March and June to include major event announcements such as the membership brunch in September, the Holiday Home tour in December and the Garden Tour in May. Specifics on page allocation, mailings and distribution and web postings were discussed. A proposed monthly calendar of events is proposed to be mailed to the 30 members who receive the Advocate in the mail and do not use the web or email version. There is an approximate \$10 fee to receive the Advocate in the mail. This fee offsets the mail and printing costs. Approximately \$1,400 is received from advertisements placed in the Advocate. Karen Large who represents Programs was concerned about how publicity of monthly programs would be affected by a quarterly newsletter. Everyone suggested that members be careful to plan attendance at events. Karen Schlumpp shared that this year membership instituted a new procedure to contact all new members so they knew what was happening all year in direct emails independent of other Branch correspondence. All congratulated Cheryl on her outstanding work on the Advocate throughout the years. There was no vote on this proposal, but all were in agreement that it would be trial tested during 2011-2012.

**Tech Trek (Marcia Steinhardt for Helga Glasson and Luisa Hansen):** Marcia Steinhardt reported on the status of Tech Trek for Helga Glasson. There were 27 applicants nominated and 16 applications received. Interviews for the girls were held on March 16 - 17, 2011. Selections will be made following the interviews and a final list of attendees developed and sent by April 1, 2011. In addition, Marcia reported on the status for Luisa Hansen who said that the Tech Trek committee (Eugenie Rouse, Phyllis Sheller, and Luisa Hansen) interviewed girls from Walnut Creek Intermediate School and Foothill Middle School in Walnut Creek. Six girls were selected, and four will attend Sonoma State University and two the University of California at Davis (UCD). Luisa mailed the congratulations letter to the girls, together with the forms to be signed by their parents. All forms must be returned with a \$50 check. As agreed, the tuition for two girls attending to UCD will be paid by two members from Walnut Creek.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 10:50 A.M.

**Next Board Meeting:** Friday, April 8, 2011 at 9:00 A.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted by

Loretta Altshuler, Secretary