

AAUW Board Meeting — February 8, 2010

The following Board and Appointed members attended:

Kathie Hixon, Co-President	Mary Hanson, Treasurer	Robin Halloran, Program Co-VP
Marian Bliss, Co-President	Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary & EYH	Susan Terzuoli, Co-Chair LAF
Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President Elect	Barbara Critchlow, Membership Co-VP	Tena Gallagher, Parliamentarian
Bev Nidick, Tech Trek	Mary Mix, Co-Pres. Elect & Co-Chair EF	Carla Pancheco, Walnut Creek Liaison
Carol Kennedy, Walnut Creek Liaison		

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 P.M. by Co-President Marian Bliss at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, Danville.

Announcements:

- Marian thanked Tena for her efforts in making the Holiday Home Tour such a great success.
- Marian reiterated that our branch directory is to be used only for AAUW business as specified in the standing rules which is published in the directory.
- Concord AAUW is using a speaker series as a fund raiser. More information is available on their web site.
- Karyn Wolff is interested in facilitating on a joint AAUW-AARP project on long-term care and her name has been submitted to Kimmell Watson, Business Development Manager, AAUW, Washington, D.C.
- The Alamo Improvement Association, which provides community information, requested updated information on our branch. This was provided by Marian. Tena has contacted them about including us under “Community Resources” on their web site.
- The 30th Annual PTA Advocacy Day Trip is February 17 and they will bus to Sacramento. The San Ramon Council of PTAs has registration information available on their web site.
- AAUW has released its report on the Obama administration’s first year and the AAUW action fund *Congressional Voting Record*. This is also available on their web site.
- Claudia Nemir, one of our past presidents, will receive an award from the CCC Commission for Women and will be honored at the 2010 Women’s Hall of Fame Awards Dinner on March 18 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Concord. See www.womenscommission.com
- The January 23 fund raiser held by San Ramon AAUW was a sell-out. A film was shown on women, *Dangerous Beauty*, and was held at the Front Row Theater, Dougherty Station Community Center. Proceeds go to AAUW’s Educational Opportunities Fund.
- The second annual International Women’s Day Event on March 4 at 7:30 P.M. features a film based on the best-seller, *Half the Sky* by Nicholas Kristof. It can be seen at Walnut Creek, Dublin and Blackhawk theaters. This is a special one-night presentation sponsored by CARE and deals with world-wide poverty, oppression and violence against women.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The January 11, 2010 board meeting minutes were accepted and approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer’s Report (Mary Hanson): Funds total \$38,843.53, including \$30,998.60 in checking, \$1,146.78 in savings and \$6,663.77 in a CD which will mature next week. It was decided to roll it over. See attached treasurer’s reports for details. The 2011 National Convention will be in June in Washington D.C. and we need to budget a travel allowance of \$1,500 to \$2,000 for the President-Elect to attend. Mary also mentioned that she can receive material via fax at (925) 930-3974.

Membership (Barbara Critchlow): We have 25 new members. We plan to have available newsletters and prospective membership packets at the up-coming *Expanding Your Horizons* event on February 27.

Branch Programs (Robin Hallorn):

- **Stem Cell Program:** This was held at Bridges Restaurant on Tuesday, January 19 with Drs. Birgit Schulte and Melanie Brandabur. Turnout was excellent.

- **International Program:** The International Program is this coming Saturday, February 13 at 9:30 A.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña with the CEO of *Equal Access International*, Ronni Goldfarb, who is also a new member of our branch. A light no-fee brunch precedes the program.
- **Wellness Panel for Women over 50:** On March 20 at 9:30 A.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña we have a program dealing with health issues in women over 50 and will feature Sondra Altman, M.D. on menopause, Linda Michaelis, RD on nutrition and Asha Bajaj on osteoporosis. There is a \$8.00 cover charge for light refreshments. This is also a general meeting to elect next year's officers and nominees for appointed and administrative positions.

EF-DKG Program: The meeting is at Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek on Tuesday, February 16 beginning at 5:30 P.M. with featured speaker Dr. Bethany Goldblum, an Educational Fellowship recipient with a doctorate in nuclear engineering from UC-Berkeley. Cost is \$33.50.

Inter-Branch Council Program (Tena Gallagher): This no-charge IBC event is scheduled for Sunday, February 21 from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. at the new Lafayette Library and will feature Beverly Lane, Karen Terhune, Tracy Parent and Catherine Accardi discussing the *Roles Women Played in Contra Costa County*. This will be followed by a docent tour of the new facility.

Garden Tour, Installation, and EF (Mary Mix):

- The up-coming May Garden Tour will have 8 gardens. Connie Cady will design and print the tickets.
- The installation meeting will be on Friday, June 4 at Charlene Vorous' home beginning at 5:30 P.M.
- A motion was made by Mary and seconded by Barbara Critchlow that we undertake a Research and Projects Grant with an annual commitment of \$7,000 for 10 years. The motion passed.

Expanding Your Horizons (Dora-Thea Porter): Recruiting workshop monitors has been slow and several volunteers who had signed up have had to cancel for various reasons. We may contact San Ramon AAUW for possible recruits.

LAF (Susan Terzuoli): Auditions were held. However it is likely that a fund raiser will be selected other than a theatrical presentation. Under consideration is a solicitation letter.

Walnut Creek (Carla Panheco): They are ready to close their bank account and transfer \$5,991.85 to our branch.

Parliamentarian (Tena Gallagher): A meeting is scheduled for February 16 to continue work on the Policy and Procedure Document which is likely to be 30+ pages. When completed it will go to the board for review and approval. It includes position descriptions for all board positions.

Local Scholarship (Kathie Hixon for Jennifer Brandenburg and Beth Clark): The Bylaws and Policy Procedure committee continues to work on the Policy and Procedures document. The next meeting is scheduled for February 16. (NOTE: It has been rescheduled to March 3). The Local Scholarship policy written by Jennifer Brandenburg will be reviewed at that meeting. She was unable to attend the board meeting, however she provided Kathie a written report. Jennifer recommended that Beth Clark (Co-Chair), Jennifer Brandenburg (Co-Chair), Kathie Hixon, Jeanne Chiodo, and Alicia Jones serve on the scholarship committee this year. Tena volunteered to be an alternate. A motion was made by Robin that we accept the committee as recommended by Jennifer with the addition of Tena as an alternate. It was seconded by Marcia. The motion passed. Application information for 2010 is available on our web site. The deadline for submission is April 5.

Tech Trek Update (Bev Nidick): There are 25 nominations with 8 slots reserved at Sonoma State University. We can have 2 additional slots at Fresno State. Funds can be split between Local Scholarship and Tech Trek. Mary Hanson moved, Robin Halloran seconded and the motion passed that we send 10 girls to Tech Trek this year. IBC is planning a State-wide reunion of Tech Trekkers at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel on May 2 during the AAUW-CA convention.

New Business: Marcia Steinhardt handed out a position description for Hospitality Chair, a new proposed post for which we have a candidate. One of the duties would be organizing the preparation of items, including refreshments for branch events.

Old Business: Mary Mix handed out the proposed 2010-2011 slate of officers and nominees for appointed and administrative positions.

AAUW-CA Convention: On-line registration will be available in March. Fees are \$225 for early registration and \$275 after April 1. Volunteers, working 6 hours, will pay \$160 and volunteers not attending sessions will not be charged.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 9:30 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, March 8 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted by
Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary