

AAUW Board Meeting — March 8, 2010

The following Board and Appointed members attended:

Kathie Hixon, Co-President	Mary Hanson, Treasurer	Loretta Altshuler, Program Co-VP
Marian Bliss, Co-President	Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary & EYH	Susan Terzuoli, Co-Chair LAF
Marcia Steinhardt, Co-Pres.Elect	Pat DeRensis, Membership Co-VP	Tena Gallagher, Parliamentarian
Bev Nidick, Tech Trek	Mary Mix, Co-Pres. Elect & Co-Chair EF	Jennifer Brandenburg, Local Scholarship
Karen Schlumpp, Mbrship Co-VP Elect	Jacque Schubert, EF Co-VP	Barbara Welch, LAF Co-VP
	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy	

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

Approval of Previous Minutes: The February 8, 2010 board meeting minutes were accepted and approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Hanson):

- Per the February 28, 2010 balance sheet, assets total \$30,432.23, including \$22,581.09 in checking, \$1,146.82 in savings and \$6,669.94 in a CD. See attached treasurer's reports for details.
- The balances in the Scholarship and Tech Trek funds were reviewed and after discussion it was moved, seconded by Jacque and passed that we have \$1,500 in reserve in the Tech Trek fund with the remaining balance of \$1,793.05 transferred to the Scholarship fund, which will have a total balance then of \$11,440.99.
- Tax returns have been submitted. The audit has been completed with recommendations for more transparency regarding fund raising activities and fund dispersal for Tech Trek, Local Scholarships, LAF and AAUW funds,
- The Audit Report was distributed and will be submitted for approval at the next Board Meeting after the Board has had a chance to review it.
- Mary is developing a monthly report to show our year-to-date incoming/outgoing financials and their percent of the budget in an excel format. This report would be sent to the board members on the weekend prior to a board meeting. For example, prior to the April 12 board meeting, the report would be e-mailed out on April 10 or 11.
- Arrangements need to be made to backup and store the financial data at a second location. Jacque will assist.

Membership (Pat DeRensis): Three women became members in February and March. Currently anyone joining at the end of March pays ½ of the National (\$24.50) and all of the state and local dues. Then according to the By-Laws full dues are due in July. After some discussion, it was recommended, a motion was made and passed to discount branch dues in line with National so that members who join between April through June would not pay dues again until July of the following year. Pat will deliver the checks to Mary Hanson who will send the appropriate amount to National.

Branch Programs (Loretta Altshuler):

- **International Program:** The International Program on Saturday, February 13 with the CEO of *Equal Access International*, Ronni Goldfarb was a success. About 25 members attended.

- **Wellness Panel for Women over 50:** This March 20 morning program is moving ahead. An e-blast was sent to the members. RSVPs are coming in slowly. There is a \$8.00 cover charge for light refreshments. As this is also a general meeting to elect next year's officers and nominees for appointed and administrative positions it is important to have a quorum. Board members were urged to make just one phone call to one member to encourage their attendance.

Expanding Your Horizons (Dora-Thea Porter): This event had 346 girls attending from a wide geographic area including Manteca, Vallejo and Roseville. Of the 26 girls who attended from Danville and Alamo, 3 came from Charlotte Wood, 6 from Los Cerros, 3 from Stone Valley, and 3 from Diablo Vista. These schools also participate in our Tech Trek program.

Garden Tour (Mary Mix): Mary has applied for insurance. Ticket sales are to start April 1. Prices are \$25 seniors, \$30 regular, and \$35 late fee. There are 8 gardens with 62 shifts. Seventy of the 100 docent slots have been filled. So things are looking good.

LAF (Susan Terzuoli and Barbara Welch): The LAF fund raiser this year will be a *Non-Event* solicitation letter titled *More Bang for Your Buck*. Letters should go out in the middle of March.

Local Scholarship (Jennifer Brandenburg): Applications are now available on our web site. The deadline for applying is April 5. The scholarship committee will decide on the number of recipients and the minimum scholarship will be \$1,000. Since the Installation of Officers is scheduled for June 4 we will invite the winners to attend. Thus far we have received one completed packet.

Tech Trek Update (Bev Nidick): There are 25 applications for ten slots. Plans are being formulated for a reunion of past California Tech Trekers going back to 1999 when the program was started. The reunion will be held during the State Convention in April.

Public Policy (Cynthia Savell): Cynthia shared information on reduced prices for magazine subscriptions available to AAUW members from *AAUW Magazinline*, an on-line subscription service. She informed us about US Senate Bill 182, the Paycheck Fairness Act, to amend the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to include also discrimination in wages based on sex. This is a followup on the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, the first bill signed into law by President Obama after he took office.

Inter-Branch Council Program (Tena Gallagher): Last month about 135 people attended *Roles Women Played in Contra Costa County*, a program presented at the new Lafayette library. It was a well received.

Parliamentarian (Tena Gallagher): Tena distributed a draft of the first 8 pages of the revised *Policies and Procedures Manual* for the Board to review. Jennifer had a number of suggestions and questions, some dealing with hardcopy and electronic handling of data and time frames for retaining data. This discussion will continue at future board meetings.

New Business: The Installation of Officers will be Friday, June 4 starting at 5:30 P.M. at Charlene Vorous's home. Gus Slavin will install the new board.

Old Business (Marian Bliss): Costs for volunteers to attend sessions at the State Convention will be discounted at \$160 instead of the regular fee of \$225. To avoid all charges, volunteers can attend meetings held during meals. The only cost would be the price of the meal. Details are being worked out.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:00 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, April 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, Danville.

Respectfully submitted by

Dora-Thea Porter,
Secretary