

AAUW Board Meeting — November 12, 2010

The following Board, Appointed and Administrative members attended:

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| Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President | Pat Gross, Program Co-VP | Dianne Tinnes, AAUW Funds Co-VP |
| Loretta Altshuler, Secretary | Karen Large, Program Co-VP | Susan Terzuoli, LAF Fund Co-VP |
| Robin Halloran, Holiday Home Tour | Alicia Jones, Local Scholarships Co-Chair | Barbara Welch, LAF Fund Co-VP |
| Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate Editor | Sonya Seyler, Local Scholarships Co-Chair | Gus Slavin, International Relations |
| Cynthia Savell, Public Policy | Marian Bliss, Parliamentarian | Tena Gallagher, Event Publicity |
| Sharon Cohune, Hospitality Co-Chair | Carol Kennedy, Walnut Creek Satellite Rep | |

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:

- Branch name change was approved by the membership. Vote distribution was 120 in favor and 6 opposed.
- A Nominating Committee for the Branch Board 2011 - 2012 was selected and includes the following nominees: Karen Abu-Hamdeh, Gail Clark, Kathie Hixon, Karen Large and Kerry Montalvo. These nominees will be approved by the general membership at the Branch Holiday Party on December 11, 2010. A motion to approve these nominees was made by Dianne Tinnes with a second by Alicia Jones. All Board members were in favor of passing this motion so it was unanimously approved. *Addendum to the minutes per the request of Mary Mix. Karen Large will not be able to serve on the nominating committee, and she has been replaced by Caroline Sanchez.*
- Laurel Harken has resigned as Membership Co-VP. Karen Schlumpp will assume all responsibilities for this position.
- The annual Branch Holiday Party will be held at the home of Carol Highton on Saturday, December 11, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. All members attending are requested to bring an appetizer.
- On November 20, 2010: A free public workshop titled *Woman to Woman: Planning Your Secure Future* is planned. It is sponsored by AARP and AAUW and the presentation will focus on long term life care planning with experts from senior community resources, housing, finance, healthcare and legal. It will be held at the Campbell Community Center, Roosevelt Room, Building Q 1 W. Campbell, CA. Information and questions can be directed to Eva Levine at plenaris@yahoo.com.
- On Saturday, January 29, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Santa Clara University a special fundraiser and program is being held to benefit LAF. Stanford Psychologist, Dr. Laraine Zappert will describe the current status of professional women in the workplace and how harassment and discrimination affect women today. You will have an opportunity to ask questions and make a donation to support the work of LAF. All donations are optional.
- Safeway will not support the Branch for e-script any longer.
- Next Board meeting will be held on Friday December 3, 2010 due to the Holiday Home Tour.
- Mary and Marcia are on the 2011 - 2012 nominating committee for IBC, and they are still looking for individuals willing to hold board positions for next year. They are also looking for members interested in helping with programs.

Approval of Previous Minutes (Loretta Altshuler): The October 8, 2010 Board meeting minutes were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report (Marcia Steinhardt for Mary Hanson):

- Unreconciled checking balance \$20,497.
- Savings \$7,823.
- CD/Savings - On Line Banking is in process and documents are being collected.
- Profit and Loss for events: Brunch made \$219.50; and lost \$24 for Financial Literacy.
- All Board members were reminded to watch their expenses and use your budget as a reference.
- All deposits given to the Treasurer are to be documented. The correct Deposit Form should be used when giving checks or payments for reimbursements. All names must match check numbers and all totals should be accurate.

Holiday Home Tour (Robin Halloran and Marcia Steinhardt): Holiday home tour tickets are now on sale. Robin suggested that if anyone is attending an event that they take the quilt to show and sell raffle tickets. The raffle is set at a \$1.00 per ticket or six for \$5.00. The cost of the Holiday Home tour ticket is \$30 per person if postmarked by December 3rd and \$35 after this date. The cost is \$25 for seniors 65 or older and no children under the age of 12 are allowed on the tour. There are five homes on the tour and everything is on schedule. It was discussed how to purchase a ticket by either going to East Bay Floral Company, calling Ingrid or emailing our AAUW Web Site. All of this information is found on the red invitation. Sharon wanted some red invitations for the hospitality house functions. An email should be sent to either Robin or Tena Gallagher if you give out or drop the red invitations off so we do not duplicate where these are being taken for distribution. Tickets will be on sale at all homes. Tena wanted people to purchase tickets in advance. All proceeds from the tour go toward the AAUW's local scholarships and Tech Trek Science Camp for middle school girls. Marcia proposed that we establish a voting position for the existing Holiday Home Tour Administrative position. If passed by a Board motion this new position will require a bylaws change. There was considerable discussion among the Board members. Generally, there were two prominent positions. One where some Board members felt that the current Administrative position was responsible for raising a considerable amount of money for scholarships and therefore should be a voting member of the Board. Secondly, others felt that once the Holiday Home tour was over then the Board member did not have to attend meetings, thus their assignment was over so by not being a voting Board member, they had more flexibility to attend or participate as their time allowed. Consequently, a motion was made by Pat Gross to recommend to the membership that the Branch bylaws state that the Holiday Home Tour has one vote. A second was made by Cheryl Kohleriter. The majority of the Board was in favor of passage, however, one member was opposed. The motion passed.

International (Gus Slavin): On November 17, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. in the Shadow Hills Cabana Jo Harberson will speak about the Virginia Gildersleeve Foundation which helps to provide funding for projects benefiting women and girls in need throughout countries all over the world. She has returned from a trip to Cuba and will speak at the International program about her experiences. The program is titled Virginia Gildersleeve Fund and AAUW Cuba delegation. Board members who offered to bring salads was reviewed. Desserts will also be provided. Members will not be charged to attend this event.

Membership (Marcia Steinhardt for Karen Schlumpp): The Branch now has 262 members and 28 new members this year.

Directory (Marian Bliss): The Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch 2010 - 2011 Membership Directory was sent out on Monday, November 8, 2010 to all members. A 25% discount for printing these Directories was given by Diablo Printing. The cost to print all Directories was \$465.86. In addition, ads published in the Directory and Advocate were sold for \$1,240. The Board recognized the professional job and added information found within the first several pages. We all thanked Marian for her efforts.

Programs (Karen Large, Pat Gross): A tour of the new Walnut Creek Library will follow a program by women's self defense expert Pedro Bernardy on January 6, 2011 at the Walnut Creek Library. The program is expected to start about 10:00 a.m. and light refreshments will be served. Comfortable clothes should be worn by attendees. The cost of the event is not yet determined. Tena Gallagher stated that some members are concerned about charging for general meetings so the cost of the program should be considered. The speaker plans to donate his time. The cost of the room is \$65 per hour. The room capacity is for 150 people. This was important because all general meetings are open to the public. It is estimated that 1.5 hours will be spent on the presentation and around 11:30 a.m. mini tours of the library will be conducted. The EF program scheduled for February 22, 2011 at Scotts Restaurant in Walnut Creek will feature Tam Ma. She is a National AAUW EF scholarship recipient. This program will be co-hosted by Delta Kappa Gamma. 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. Costs for this event have not yet been determined.

LAF(Susan Terzuoli, Barbara Welch): Barbara updated the Board on the LAF finances. At this time they have received \$2,880. Also she was able to get Wells Fargo Bank to refund the \$72 past due. In addition, there is \$410.32 in reserve. Susan discussed plans for the April spring program. The Oakland Women's Law Firm of Dickson Levy Vinick Burrell Hyams LLP is going to provide a speaker. Two resumes were circulated for possible speakers. One attorney had a background as a Civil Rights Lawyer and the other is an Employment Litigator. Susan and Barbara will let us know which speaker will be selected. Susan passed around a survey sheet to get ideas about the best time and venue for this event in April. Options included week day afternoon, Saturday or Saturday night. Also there was some discussion about a speaker and dinner at Oak Hill Park in Danville with and without a silent auction. Once she compiles the survey results she will let us know what has been selected. The AAUW Concord Branch had expressed in interest in working with us on this program, however at this time they have not responded.

EF (Dianne Tinnes): The continuing discussion from the last Board meeting was focused around combining EF and LAF into one AAUW Funds voting Branch Board position. This proposed new elected and voting position would be called the AAUW Funds Vice President with their primary function to be Treasurer of the AAUW Funds. Additional duties include writing newsletter articles, fund raising letters and educating the Branch about AAUW funds. An additional position to be filled by two individuals is Garden Tour Co-Chair. It was proposed that this is to be an appointed position with one vote between the two individuals. It was noted that any changes to our Branch organization would require a change to the bylaws and policies and procedures documentation. Both positions are responsible for raising large sums of capital so it was felt that they should have the right to be involved in the decision making process of the Board. Attached is a proposed position description for the AAUW Funds Vice President and Garden Tour Co-Chair. The new AAUW funds position will be elected by the membership and have one vote. If this new position is approved, the existing LAF position on the Board would be eliminated because it would be included under the umbrella of the new AAUW Funds position. Before a motion was made to vote on this it was clarified that if we voted to establish the AAUW Funds position with one vote, we would also be voting to establish a separate appointed Garden Tour position with one vote. All money raised by the Garden Tour will be allocated among the various National AAUW Funds including Legal Advocacy Fund. Consequently, Dianne recommended the following: "To conform to the recent change by AAUW National to place both the Educational Foundation and the Legal Advocacy Fund under one umbrella group called the AAUW Funds, we recommend to the membership combining the Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch's EF -VP and LAF VP into one position called AAUW Funds Vice President." Cheryl Kohleriter made the motion with a second by Cynthia Savell. All were in favor and the motion passed.

Public Policy (Cynthia Savell): National and state budget concerns continue to be an issue at the top of the list of areas needing to be resolved. We continue to struggle with tax revenue from sales or income tax. There are just so many budget problems. Additional issues which continue to be of concern include state public school education especially K2 through higher education, child care, and the Paycheck Fairness Act. On November 15, 2010 the Paycheck Fairness Act should be decided and if you have not called your senator you should do so soon to voice your position. On the last page of the AAUW California Perspective Fall 2010, Volume 67, Number 4 Issue, is an *Every Member Survey - AAUW Ca Biennial Public Policy Action Priorities, 2011 - 2013*. All members were encouraged to complete the survey and send it in by December 1, 2010. The President's Women's Scientific Education group has stated that many technically trained persons are returning to

their country of citizenship after completing an education in the US. This is leaving our country with a gap in highly skilled potential technical and scientific employees.

Final Note: Sara Eagling's son passed away and a service for those wishing to attend is being held in Danville at 11:00 a.m. Our deepest sympathy was extended to her.

Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 10:40 A.M.

Next Board Meeting: Friday, December 3, 2010 at 9:00 A.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted by

Loretta Altshuler, Secretary