

Danville Alamo AAUW
Board Meeting

Date: April 4, 2008

Members Present

Tena Gallagher	President
Marcia Steinhardt	Membership Co-Vice President
Mary Mix	EF Co-Vice President, Event Publicity
Marian Bliss	Secretary
Marjorie Christensen	Editor
Dora-Thea Porter	Advocate Editor
Kathie Hixon	Co Chair Local Scholarships
Caroline Sanchez	Co Chair Local Scholarships
Cynthia Savell	Public Policy

The meeting was called to order at 9:30 AM, on April 4, 2008, by President Tena Gallagher at the Shadow Hills Cabana, Danville, Ca.

Tena thanked Roseann Krane and Barbara Nexen for the wonderful soup and salad dinner they organized for our March 19 program. Additionally, she thanked Barbara Nexen for making and transporting the soup and for bringing all dishware and flatware used to serve dinner.

Minutes: Marian Bliss

- Minutes from the March 7, 2007 Board of Director's Meeting were e-mailed to board members. Hard copies were made available at the April 4 meeting for member review. There were no corrections so the minutes were approved as distributed.
- Minutes from the March 18, 2007 General Meeting were e-mailed to board members. Hard copies were made available at the April 4 meeting for member review. There were no corrections so the minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurers Report: Tena Gallagher

- Jacque Schubert, Treasurer was not at the meeting, so there was no Treasurer's Report.

Membership: Marcia Stienhardt

- The Danville Alamo AAUW Branch now has 190 members.
- The branch earned three free national memberships as a result of participation in the Shape the Future program. They must be claimed before June 1, 2008. A motion was made by Marcia Stienhart to give those memberships to the three oldest members on the Dues Assistance list. There was a second and the motion passed.
- The 2008 Membership brunch will be September 6, 2008 at Crow Canyon Country Club.

Program:

- The next program will be Elaine Reisart speaking about art on May 21, at 12:00 Noon at Crow Canyon Country Club. The cost of attending this program is \$17.00 which includes lunch.
- There was a brief discussion about the possibility of purchasing a projector for use by program speakers. The general consensus was not to purchase a projector at this time.
- The nominating committee is still working on getting a volunteer to be Program Co-chair.

Expanding Your Horizons: Dora-Thea Porter

- This year's Expanding Your Horizons program was very successful. It was held at the new Diablo Valley College Campus in San Ramon. About 300 girls participated. It was considered to be a very positive experience for those participants. Pictures of the event are on the Danville Alamo Website.

EF, Garden Tour: Mary Mix

- Mary brought 2008 Garden Tour brochures and tickets to sell to board members. She said the gardens are all looking very good. They anticipate a successful event based on inclusion of those gardens.
- Mary mentioned the need for member assistance on the days of the tour.
- They are continuing to work on plans for next year's Garden Tour and have 5 gardens committed to participate at this time.

Public Policy: Cynthia Savell

- Current LAF issues include equal pay as well as other sex discrimination issues impacting women.
- Cynthia Savell discussed Equal Pay Day to be April 22. She encouraged all to contact Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein about this issue. Cynthia's article in the April 2008 Advocate provides more information.

Local Scholarships: Kathy Hixon, Caroline Sanchez

- After reviewing Treasurer Jacque Schubert's "AAUW Danville-Alamo Branch Local Scholarship & Tech Trek History & Financials" there was a thorough discussion about the possibility of transferring some money from the Tech Trek funds to Local Scholarship. A motion was made by Kathie Hixon, seconded, and passed to move \$2,000 from Tech Trek to Local Scholarships and to retain \$2,000 in the Local Scholarship funds for future years. The result of this action will reduce the balance in the Tech Trek funds from \$3,620 to \$1,620 and increase the balance in the Local Scholarship funds from \$8,221 to \$10,220. This year we have spent \$4,630 to send six girls to Tech Trek and have held \$1,600 in reserve for future attendees. Local Scholarship will have \$8,221.00 for scholarships this year and will have \$2,000 in reserve for future scholarships.
- Kathie announced they have scholarship applications from highly qualified candidates. Their selection committee composed of Elaine Reisert, Tena Gallagher, Kathie Hixon, Caroline Sanchez and alternate Pat Wheeler will meet during the last week of April to select scholarship winners.

Tech Trek: Tena Gallagher

- Neither Bev Nidick or Charyl Kohleriter were able to attend today's meeting.
- Tena announced they interviewed 19 girls and selected 6 girls we will sponsor at this year's Tech Trek to held at Mills College. The girls selected are Claire Glowniak from Stone Valley; Denisa Vlasache and Torry Bushboom from Los Cerros; Ashlyn Goerz from Diable Vista; and Allison Bayliss and Sydnee Corey from Charlotte Wood.

Old Business: Tena Gallagher

- Tena announced that expenses incurred by sending three people to the State Convention will be more than expected. Those attending donated items for a gift basket sold via a silent auction.

New Business: Tena Gallagher

- Tena introduced the following upcoming events: Installation Party to be Tuesday, June 17, 5:30PM; San Ramon EF Garage Sale May 17; Danville – Alamo Branch 40th Anniversary party, suggested date is Saturday June 13, 2009; Danville – Alamo Branch Summer Social to be in August, date not yet finalized; District Leadership Training Saturday, May 17, Martinez.
- Carolyn Sanchez reminded us that Judy Pochini, a former branch member and author of "Frittata Affair, Adventures in Four-Star Dining at Home" will present a cooking demonstration on Monday, April 14, at the Shadow Hills Cabana.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 AM.

Respectfully Submitted:

Marian Bliss, Treasurer

The next meeting will be Friday, May 2, 2008 at the Shadow Hills Cabana