

Danville-Alamo AAUW Board Meeting Minutes for April 7, 2009

The following members were present:

Tena Gallagher, President	Kathie Hixon, Co-President Elect	Jacque Schubert, Treasurer
Marian Bliss, Parliamentarian	Dora-Thea Porter, Sec'y, EYH	Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate
Pat DeRensis, , EYH	Carole Allen, Program Co-VP	Nancy Murray, Program Co-VP
Bev Nidick, Tech Trek	Connie Cady, EF Co-VP	Barbara Critchlow, Women's History
Susan Terzuoli, LAF Play	Caroline Sanchez, LAF Play	
<i>Walnut Creek AAUW Guests: Carla Pancheco & Mimi Knox</i>		

President Tena Gallagher called the Friday, April 7, 2009 board meeting to order at 9:30 at the Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.

Secretary (Dora-Thea Porter): The minutes of the March 6, 2009 board meeting were approved and accepted as e-mailed.

Treasurer: The March Profit & Loss Statement and the March 31, 2009 Balance Sheet are appended. Tech Trek spent \$4,300 for 6 girls to attend Sonoma State University and \$1,400 for 2 girls to attend Fresno State University plus \$56 for 8 stuffed souvenir teddy bears with the SSU or FSU logo. This left the Tech Trek account with \$3,844 plus \$400 more anticipated from each parents' \$50.00 contribution. It was proposed that \$3,000 be transferred to Local Scholarship. Marion moved and Dora-Thea seconded to transfer \$3,000 to the Scholarship Fund. The motion passed.

Membership (Pat DeRensis): Currently we have 203 members and are coordinating 4 databases. It was proposed that cell phones be listed in the directory. Kathy and Marian will include a letter with the dues applications. The dues are unchanged and are renewable in May. We have \$389 available for dues assistance. Beginning April 1, \$46 of the dues sent to National will be tax deductible as they are now a 501(c)3 organization. A deposit has been sent to the Crow Canyon Country Club to reserve it for the September 12 fall membership brunch.

Walnut Creek Guest Speaker (Carla Pancheco & Mimi Knox): Their branch has 60 members with 20 who are active. This branch has been exploring the possibility of becoming a satellite of OML or our branch. They plan to make a decision and vote by May 1 in order to expedite State and National requirements. This is an old branch with a strong presence in Walnut Creek which they want to maintain. Their focus is on Tech Trek and EF as is ours. OML is more interested in promoting the Sister-to-Sister program. Walnut Creek would add their funds and dues to ours. They are also responsible for 25% of a \$75,000 Rita Wustner grant.

After Carla and Mimi Knox left we discussed their proposal and raised these concerns.

- We would incur additional expenses re: insurance, *Advocate* mailings, etc. which may not be covered by their dues and the transferred funds.
- Their Tech program may limit the number of girls we can send from our branch.
- Our Danville-Alamo identity may become diluted.

Jacques moved, Kathy seconded and the motion was passed to accept Walnut Creek as a potential satellite.

Program (Nancy Murray and Carole Allen):

- *April 21:* The Sunrise Bistro will cater this luncheon featuring Penny Warner. Our branch will cover half the food expense (\$7.50). The slate of officers will be presented to the members for their vote as well as a proposal that we, as a branch, endorse Measure C (SRVUSD parcel tax) in the up-coming election.
- *May 28:* This evening meeting will feature Budd MacKenzie of *Trust in Education* (Afghanistan school building). We plan to make this an open-to-the-public meeting and a “shape-the-future” event.

Nominating Committee (Marian Bliss): The members of the nominating committee were Marian Bliss, Anne Long, Jacque Schubert, Pat DeRensis, and Bev Nidick. This is the slate to be voted on at the April 21 general meeting

Co-Presidents: Kathie Hixon & Marian Bliss	Co-Presidents-Elect: Mary Mix & Marcia Steinhardt	Parliamentarian: Tena Gallagher
Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Barbara Critchlow & Pat DeRensis	EF Co-Vice Presidents: Mary Mix & Jacque Schubert	Treasurer: Mary Hanson
Program Co-Vice Presidents: Loretta Altschuler & Robin Halloron	Secretary: Dora-Thea Porter	LAF Vice President: To be determined

EF Garden Tour (Connie Cady): We have a total of 8 gardens with 6 of 8 head docents selected. Given that extensive nature of this year’s Garden Tour, we will need many volunteer docents and refreshment donations.

LAF Theater Program (Susan Terzuoli): The response from the membership was excellent with 80 attendees raising \$800 and \$300 in additional contributions. Our annual contribution to LAF of \$1,600 includes \$500 from previous donations. Also a benefactor paid for the venue resulting in no costs to our branch.

Tech Trek (Bev Nidick): Of the 39 applications sent out, 21 girls applied. Twelve were interviewed and eight selected. They are from the following middle schools. Two girls will be going to Fresno State:

Diablo Vista Lily Wissinger Alex Greb	Charlotte Wood Maryn Martens Morganne Whaley	Los Cerros Ashley Tringali	Stone Valley Gretchen Mendel Haley Watson (Fresno) Regan Curtis (Fresno)
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AAUW Bylaw Change (Tena): National is proposing that AAUW membership be opened to everyone regardless of gender and educational background as long as they support our goals. The argument is to eliminate discrimination and be consistent with our goals of pay equity and expanded LAF support in all work settings and not just limited to academia. Marian will represent our branch at the June National convention.

The 40th Anniversary “Oktoberfest” Celebration (Kathy): The event is planned for October 10. A deposit has been sent to the Danville Committee Center, the venue. Committees need to be organized for food, entertainment, decorations, tickets, etc. It was suggested that we might features some monologues from the *LAF Women Speak Out* theatrical presentation.

Old Business:

- **Installation Party:** The date and time is June 9, 5:30 at the home of Mary Mix. Logistics for food, etc. need to be worked out. Dora-Thea will write up the program.
- **4th July Float:** This year's theme for the Danville parade is *Celebrating Our Youth*. Kathy Hixon, proposed we have an entry in the parade in order to increase public awareness of our organization. Pat DeRensis will check if we can use her 1964 convertible as an entry. The motion was tabled until the May meeting.

New Business:

- **2009 State Convention San Diego:** Mary Mix, incoming co-president-elect will be joining Marion Bliss and Kathy Hixon, incoming co-presidents at the state convention later this month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Next Board Meeting: May 1 at 9:15, Shadow Hills Cabaña, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.

Future meetings: June 5

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter
Secretary