

AAUW Board Meeting — December 14, 2009

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	Mary Mix, Co-Pres. Elect & Co-Chair EF
Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President Elect	Pat DeRensis, Membership Co-VP	Jacque Schubert, EF Co-VP
Bev Nidick, Tech Trek	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy	Carla Pancheco, Walnut Creek Liaison
		Carol Kennedy, Walnut Creek Liaison

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

Announcements:

- The 2009-10 Roster which lists the elected board, appointed and administrative members was e-mailed along with the agenda for today's board meeting. Currently administrative appointees are non-voting members and this includes Kerry Montalvo (Database Manager), Karen Larkin (Directory Manager), Tena Gallagher (Parliamentarian), Debi Zauner (EYH Co-Chair), and Gus Slavin (International Relations). This can be changed if desired.
- Marian also mentioned that National is again having an Art Contest. Submissions can be made electronically of original art work in any medium beginning January 8. Details are available on www.aauw.org.
- San Ramon AAUW will present a program on women in film, "Dangerous Beauty" on January 23, 2010.
- The LAF Luncheon will be on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at Crow Canyon Country Club, Danville and will feature Michelle Henley, the LAF-supported plaintiff from Feather River Community College.
- AAUW-CA Convention will be Friday through Sunday, April 30 to May 2 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel and local AAUW branches are asked to assist.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The November 9, 2009 board meeting minutes were accepted and approved as e-mailed. The November 5, 2009 general meeting minutes were accepted and approved as amended.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Hanson): Funds total \$28,978.17. This includes \$21,179.89 in checking. The Holiday Home Tour receipts total \$19,690.00. Available equity is \$15,643.96. The Directory cost went \$440.72 over budget. The Walnut Creek and Danville-Alamo accounts will need to be consolidated once all of Walnut Creek's checks have cleared which will be sometime this spring. Our books will be audited during the first week in January. The audit committee includes Carole Allen, Shirley Halpenny, Jacque Schubert and Mary Hanson,. The complete Treasurer's Report for November 2009 is attached.

Membership (Pat DeRensis): The New Member Welcome Tea is scheduled for Saturday, January 9. This is an opportunity for informing new members about AAUW's philosophy, goals, and programs including funding for LAF, EF, Public Policy lobbying, etc. and State and National resources. Current board members attending the tea should plan to make brief statements about their roles. Welcome letters will be mailed to new members followed by telephone contact.

Program (Loretta Altshuler): Plans for the stem cell program on Tuesday, January 19 at Bridges Restaurant are on schedule. There will be a lead article in January's *Advocate* and an e-Blast to highlight the program. The deadline for mailing in the \$30 luncheon reservation is January 12 (one week before the event).

International Program: This is set for Saturday, February 13 at 9:30 A.M. and features Ronni Goldfarb, the CEO of Equal Access International. Ronni is a new member of our Branch and we need to be sensitive about any fund raising that might occur.

Educational Foundation (Jacque Schubert): EF is now under the AAUW Funds umbrella. Jacque reported on the October EF Fellows Luncheon which discussed two community actions grants—"Coach Like a Girl" and GEMMA (Santa Cruz County). The first grant seeks to increase the number of women coaches in after-school programs especially those aimed at low-income girls. The GEMMA project is geared towards providing job training and higher education for women released from prison. Jacque plans an article on Community Action Grants for the January *Advocate*.

Educational Foundation (Mary Mix): At previous Board Meetings we have discussed opening a Research and Projects Grant in Tena Gallagher's name. The application fee is \$5,000 and with an annual commitment of \$7,000 for 10 years to pay down the \$75,000 grant. We could solicit neighboring branches for donations. The garden tour proceeds can be directed also to this grant as well. Mary and Jacque will formalize the proposal to present at the January Board meeting.

LAF: Lynn Goodwin will hold auditions for *Voices Speak Out*, the theatrical presentation to benefit LAF which is scheduled for Friday, April 23. Montair School is another venue under consideration instead of St. Timothy's Episcopal Church because of lower cost.

Holiday Home Tour (Kathie Hixon): Proceeds totaled \$19,690 which includes receipts from Mary Mix's Quilt raffle. About 650 tickets were sold and approximately 1/3 were purchased by seniors at reduced prices. Future plans include keeping this price structure. Suggestions were made for tightening up docent duties.

Walnut Creek (Carla Pancheco): Tech Trek is funded by donation appeal letters to members, which has been mailed. This year Walnut Creek will continue to select girls independently of our program and is planning on six campers.

Public Policy (Cynthia Savell): Cynthia reported on the Health Reform Bill and the opposition by Senator Joe Lieberman and the pharmaceutical lobby. She also mentioned that nothing further has developed with the recently released Maria Shriver Report on women and the economy.

Tech Trek (Bev Nidick): Last year 25 girls were interviewed. Bev would like to reduce this number by asking the science and math teachers at each of our four middle schools to request that teachers limit their selection to five girls for each school. This would make for a total of 20 candidates to be interviewed.

New Business: None.

Old Business: None.

Mary Hanson moved we adjourn. It was second and passed. The meeting adjourned at 9:00.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, January 11 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted by

Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary