

Danville-Alamo AAUW Board Meeting Minutes for February 6, 2009

The following members were present:

Tena Gallagher, President	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy	Nancy Murray, Program Co-VP
Kathie Hixon, Co-Pres. Elect	Sharon Cohune, Membership VP	Carole Allen, Program Co-VP
Jacque Schubert, Treasurer	Bev Nidick, Tech Trek Coordinator	Mary Mix, EF Co-VP
Dora-Thea Porter, Sec'y, EYH	Barbara Critchlow, Women's History	Connie Cady, EF Co-VP
Pat DeRensis, EYH	Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate	Susan Terzuoli, LAF Play

President Tena Gallagher called the Friday, February 6, 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 January 9, 2009 board meeting were approved and accepted as e-mailed.

Treasurer (Jacque Schubert): The balance sheet and profit/loss statement for January 31, 2009 were distributed and are attached. Liabilities for Scholarships (\$9,963.69) and Tech Trek (\$9,600.03) were equally divided and include the prior year's seed money. The total assets are \$35,040.40. Jacque moved, Connie seconded and the motion passed unanimously that we contribute \$50.00 to the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund that has over 300 ongoing projects in developing countries.

Lynn Goodwin, a member who is directing the monologues for the LAF fund raiser, has written a book for caregivers, *You Want Me To Do What?* Lynn is interested in having a business card size ad in the *Advocate* for several months and has inquired about the cost. Jacques proposed, it was seconded and unanimously passed that the usual advertising fee be waived in view of Lynn's extensive work on the upcoming LAF project.

Membership (Sharon Cohune): The new membership tea is scheduled for tomorrow, February 7 and will be hosted by Dianne Tinnis. Twenty-seven members plan to attend including three new members. Sharon moved, Cheryl seconded and the motion passed unanimously that Pat DeRensis be Membership Co-Chair for the remainder of the year. This position has stood vacant and Sharon has carried the entire program alone.

Program (Nancy Murray and Carole Allen):

- *February 17:* The EF meeting will be at Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Walnut Creek. A DVD will be available of the six speakers heard at last October's Northern CA EF luncheon.
- *March 14:* An evening of monologues entitled *Women Speak Out* will be presented as an LAF fund raiser instead of the previously planned Ellen Tauscher meeting as she is unavailable.
- *April 21:* Loy Volkman, a virologist will be the featured speaker at the Mercer Clubhouse, Walnut Creek with catering by Sunrise Restaurant. Carole will ascertain her visual aid equipment needs, particularly since this venue does not have darkening facilities.
- *May 19:* This is a planned dessert meeting with speaker, Budd MacKenzie of *Trust in Education* (Afghanistan school building).

Public Policy (Cynthia Savell): The board enthusiastically welcomed back Cynthia. She is pleased with Obama's science committee choices as well as his signing the Lilly Ledbetter Equal Pay Act.

Nominating Committee (Tena Gallagher for Marian Bliss): The slate is

President: Kathie Hixon & Marian Bliss	President-Elect: Open	Program VP: Loretta Alschuler & TBA	Membership VP: Barbara Critchlow & Pat DeRensis
EF VP: Mary Mix & Jacques Schubert	Secretary: Dora-Thea Porter	Treasurer: Mary Hanson	Parliamentarian: Tena Gallagher

Dora-Thea moved, Barbara seconded and the motion passed unanimously that the annual general meeting for voting on this slate be moved from March to April since the slate will first appear in the March *Advocate* and a theatrical fund raiser for LAF has already been planned for the March meeting.

EYH (Dora-Thea Porter): Registration packets have been distributed to the SRVUSD middle schools and some private schools in Danville and Alamo. Students can also register online at www.tveyh.org. Potential workshop monitors are being contacted and another meeting with LLL-Sandia is planned for this coming Tuesday.

Educational Foundation Endowment Funds (Mary Mix and Connie Cady): A new fund is planned to honor Letitia Corum, the late AAUW State CFO and past president of the AAUW-Martinez. Dora-Thea suggested we might explore the possibility of post-humorously honoring Marian Wickline by establishing a scholarship fund in her name. She was a former active AAUW Danville-Alamo member, on the Town of Danville's first Planning Commission, and a chemist.

EF Garden Tour (Mary Mix): Seven gardens have been selected and arrangements for food service, tickets, publicity, head docents and docents are being worked out. Senior pricing will be offered and tickets will become available in April.

LAF Theater Program (Susan Terzuoli and Cynthia Savell): Several venues are under consideration including Montair Elementary School. This program replaces the earlier one which considered performing the play *Twelve Angry Women*. A start time of 8:00 p.m. was suggested. Publicity needs to be arranged. Lynn Goodwin has been rehearsing the cast for several evenings per week already.

Tech Trek (Bev Nidick): The deadline for teachers to submit nominees is February 15. At least six girls will be selected and given application forms to attend the camp at Sonoma State University. If ten girls are selected, the additional girls may go to CA State Fresno. However, Bev will review their program first before sending any attendees there.

Advocate (Cheryl Kohleriter): February 15 is the deadline for submitting articles for the March issue.

Old Business: There are no further developments to report on the Walnut Creek branch situation.

New Business:

- **Installation Party:** It is set for June 16. A special recognition is planned for Janis Balaban, who is a 50-year member of AAUW.
- **Third Cinema Group (Kathie Hixon):** A new cinema group has been organized. The first meeting is scheduled for March 6 at 7:30 at the home of Harlean L'Engle,

- **The 40th Anniversary “Oktoberfest” Celebration (Kathie Hixon and Cheryl Kohleriter):** The venue will be in the Valley Oak room at the Danville Community Center on October 10. Kathie and Cheryl are exploring options for catering, decorations, etc. Chris Winter is gathering material on our branch’s history. Dora-Thea offered to work with her on developing a power point presentation.
- **A Documentary Film (Tena Gallagher):** *A Powerful Noise* is a documentary film about three different women, one in Viet Nam, another in Bosnia, and a third in Mali and their impact on their communities. This film will be shown one day only, on March 5 at 8:00. It is an *International Women’s Day* event. Members expressed interest in attending the Walnut Creek showing, possibly combining it with dinner.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Next Board Meeting: March 6 at 9:15, Shadow Hills Cabaña, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.

Future meetings:

April 3

May 1

June 5

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter
Secretary