

Danville-Alamo AAUW Board Meeting Minutes for January 9, 2009

The following members were present:

Tena Gallagher, Pres.	Marian Bliss, Parliamentarian	Nancy Murray, Program Co-VP
Kathie Hixon, Co-President 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, Secretary, EYH	Barbara Critchlow, Women's History	Connie Cady, EF Co-VP
Pat DeRensis, , EYH	Susan Rogers, LAF Co-VP	

President Tena Gallagher called the Friday, January 9 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 December 5, 2008 board meeting were approved and accepted as corrected.

President (Tena Gallagher): Tena announced the recent death of Letitia Corum. She was the State AAUW CFO at the time of her death and past president of the Martinez AAUW chapter. Jo Harberson is organizing a scholarship fund in her name to which we might want to contribute. Then Tena called our attention to an upcoming seminar for SRVUSD middle school girls, *She's All That* on Saturday, February 7. This conference is sponsored by the Soroptimist Int'l of San Ramon, an organization for women in management and professions that seeks to advance the status of women. Since our organizations have similar interests it might be worthwhile for us to become acquainted with their programs or at least be aware of their activities.

Treasurer (Jacque Schubert): The balance sheet for December 31, 2008 was distributed showing total liabilities of \$20,137.72 (\$389.00 for dues assistance, \$10,056.19 for Scholarships and \$9,692.53 for Tech Trek). The total revenues for the 2008 Holiday Home Tour were \$16,225.00 and total expenses were \$702.01. Mary Hanson, who has a business background, has expressed an interest as our next treasurer.

Tech Trek (Bev Nidick): This year six girls are scheduled to attend Tech Trek camp at Sonoma State University (a new venue) and we are exploring the possibility of sending ten. The dates are June 21 to June 27. Forms will be sent the Danville-Alamo middle school math and science teachers.

Membership (Sharon Cohune): The Fall Membership Brunch Program is scheduled for Saturday, September 12 at Crow Canyon Country Club. Meantime Sharon has sent out ten new prospective membership packets, possibly as a result of a notice in the *Advocate* regarding their availability. We currently have 191 members. The upcoming new members' tea will be at Dianne Tinnes's home on Saturday, February 7.

National is developing an online dues processing and collecting program which is currently in a pilot stage. Jacque questioned the security of bank transfers and raised concern that national's database is only current up to February. This means that we would have to manage records on members who sign up after February. Currently we hold off sending in dues which were paid in January and February to National and State until March so members can receive a full year's membership. Marion moved that we not participate in this pilot program and it was seconded by Sharon and the motion passed. More information on this pilot program is available at

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/briefingPilotProgram_12028cfm.

Program (Nancy Murray and Carol Allen):

- *January 20:* Nancy reported that Joan Morris, the *Contra Costa Times* columnist has confirmed. After discussion of a conflict with the Obama inauguration it was still decided to continue with the present arrangement as the inauguration will be earlier in the day and we wish to keep general meeting on the third Tuesday of the month. It will be a no-charge dessert meeting at the Shadow Hills Cabana at 7:15.
- *February 17:* The EF joint-meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma and Pleasant Hill-AAUW is confirmed for 6:00 at Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Walnut Creek. Cost for dinner will be \$32.
- *March 21:* Ellen Tauscher will not be available in the foreseeable future. Since LAF plans to present a theatrical program on March 14, this program will be substituted for the previously planned general meeting.
- *April 21:* Loy Volkman, a virologist will be the featured speaker. This meeting will include a catered lunch at Shadow Hills. Erik's Deli is being considered as the caterer. An alternate plan offered by Barbara is to hold the meeting at her place in the Mercer Clubhouse, Walnut Creek with catering by Pomegranate Restaurant. Cost would be under \$15.00.
- *May 19:* The plans remain unchanged with Budd MacKenzie of Trust in Education (Afghanistan school building) as the speaker and the meeting will include dessert.

Nominating Committee: Marian Bliss and Pat DeRensis have been selected by the board. Anne Long, Bev Nidick, Jacque Schubert and Susan Terzuoli, alternate will be presented as nominees to the membership at the next general meeting on January 20.

Holiday Home Tour (Kathie Hixon): All went well. Four homes are already under consideration for next year. It was suggested that tickets include a statement that no children under 12 be admitted. Sale of senior- priced tickets was successful and will be continued. The HHT will also continue to be a *Shape the Future* event. This year attendees were invited to leave suggestions in a suggestion box and one was to have an evening session when the lights are most festive. This raises many concerns including safety and therefore, probably will not be offered.

Local Scholarship (Kathie Hixon): This program is opened to women who are college juniors and up through graduate school and who resided within SRVUSD as high school-aged girls. Publicity has been sent to local newspapers. Application deadline is April 6. Margaret Batesole and Phyllis Clark will review the applications. National has started a clearinghouse pilot program. Discussion as to whether we should participate was tabled. More information is available on

http://www.aauw.org/member_center/briefings/localScholarhips_121108.cfm

EF Garden Tour (Mary Mix): Everything is on schedule. Ten gardens have been considered.

LAF (Susan Rogers): The play *Twelve Angry Women* will not be performed. Instead Lynn Goodwin will direct a program of monologues of women speaking out. Performance is scheduled for Saturday evening at the Stone Valley Middle School in Alamo. Auditions are currently underway.

Advocate: January 15 is the deadline for submitting articles to the February issue.

Expand Your Horizons (Dora-Thea Porter): Dora-Thea and Pat will be attending the next EYH planning meeting at Sandia on January 13. Plans are to alert the math and science teachers in the SRVUSD Danville-Alamo area. They have had contact with our Trek Tech program and will be advised that brochures and informational packets are available in the offices of their middle school. The SRVUSD does not permit direct contacting of potential girls. Publicity will appear in local newspapers. All of this is handled by the EYH committee in Sandia and Lawrence Livermore Labs. Our branch has historically supplied the workshop monitors and will continue to do so this year.

Old Business: There has been no further news from the Walnut Creek branch regarding their future plans. We are continuing to send them copies of our newsletters.

New Business:

- **School Parcel Tax:** This measure was narrowly defeated in the last election. In order to place it on the upcoming ballot \$250,000 will need to be raised. The current tax is due to expire.
- **AAUW-Fremont:** This branch is having a series of discussions in January on *Three Cups of Tea*, the book about schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. Greg Mortenson, the author will be a featured guest on March 3. More information is available on their web site.
- **FYI—New Interest Group 2009-2010:** Mary Hanson is proposing a possible interest group especially geared for women involving financial literacy.

The meeting was adjourned at noon with some board members lunching at Pascal French Oven, Danville.

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

Future meetings:

March 6 April 3 May 1 June 5
Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter
Secretary