

AAUW Planning Meeting — June 20, 2009

The meeting began at 9:15 at Kathie Hixon's home. The following Board members attended:

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| Marian Bliss, Co-President | Kathie Hixon, Co-President | Mary Mix, Co-President Elect & EF |
| Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President Elect | Loretta Altshuler, Program Co-VP | Barbara Critchlow, Mbrship Co-VP |
| Jacque Schubert, EF Co-VP | Susan Terzuoli, LAF Co-VP | Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary & EYH |
| Mary Hanson, Treasurer | Tena Gallagher, Parliamentarian | Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate Layout |
| Debi Zauner, EYH Math & Science | Cynthia Savell, Public Policy | Jennifer Brandenburg, Local Scholarship |
| Beth Clark, Local Scholarship | Caroline Sanchez, Women's History | Carla Pancheco, Walnut Creek Liason |
| Carol Kennedy, Walnut Creek Liason | | |

Marian Bliss presided over the first half of the meeting.

Future Board Meetings: Past monthly board meetings have been held in the morning on the first Friday of the month. Due to some board members' job commitments, meetings for the coming 2009-2010 year will be in the evening (7:00 P.M.) on the second Monday of the month. The first meeting will be August 10. Location will continue to be at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, 1001 El Capitan.

Membership (Barbara): The membership brunch is planned for Saturday, September 12 at the Crow Canyon Country Club with guest speaker, Diane Dwyer, NBC weekend anchor and reporter. She will cover the current state of journalism, reporter risks, and personal family-career balancing techniques. Marcia will assist with the logistics of setting up special interest and informational tables. Cost is expected to be similar to last year. A new members mentoring sign-up sheet was sent around to the group.

Program (Loretta for Robin Halloron): Programs being planned include a November 5th dinner meeting at Pascals on Women's Art and Spirituality and a January 19th lunch at Bridges (cost \$25) on stem cell research. March is Women's History month and the general meeting is planned for a Saturday afternoon with the Pleasanton-Livermore branches possibly at the Livermore Library. The group expressed reservations about this venue because of travel distance for our branch and our Walnut Creek satellite. Suggestions were made for disseminating program information to our members in addition to the monthly events calendar listed in the *Advocate* and on our web site. New members could be telephoned. Gus and Asha are working on the April international program.

Educational Foundation (Jacque and Mary): The May garden tour was a success and plans for 2010 are moving forward. Previews of potential gardens are being scheduled. We would like to set up a fund to honor a member. Marian will check on procedures. Rita Wustner, a member of the Walnut Creek branch, has a grant to which we will continue to contribute.

Legal Advocacy Fund (Susan): Barbara Welch will be co-chair. She is a new member from Palo Alto. Plans are for a fund raiser with Lynn Goodwin, possibly another theatrical event.

Expanding Your Horizons (Dora-Thea): Debi Zauner will co-chair. The Sandia-Livermore organizers will be contacted in August. Informational material and monitor sign-up sheets will be available at the September membership brunch.

Treasurer (Mary): The fiscal year runs from 7/1 to 6/30. Mary is getting information from Jacque. LAF and EF are dedicated funds. Fixed expenses include insurance. Operating income is received from membership dues (\$21) and advertisements. Jacque and Mary will host a budget planning meeting in July. The date and place will be announced later this month.

Kathie Hixon presided over the second half of the meeting.

Women's History (Caroline): In the past, Caroline wrote articles on prominent women in history for the *Advocate*. She is interested in featuring articles on local women who have contributed to our community and requested names of possible subjects.

Privacy Issues: Given concerns over identity theft, one of our members who is an attorney recommended that members' individual photos be removed from the web site. Individual photos will still be in the Directory. Roseann removed the individual photos from the web site. Also the attorney member highly recommended that we request written permission from owners of

homes and gardens when featuring photos of their places on our web site. Mary Mix will work with her to design an appropriate web publication request.

The Advocate (Cheryl): Cheryl is revising the format of the newsletter using *InDesign* instead of *Word* as the software. Space will be reserved for Walnut Creek activities. Space is not a limitation for the online edition but it is for the hard copy. The current size of four 8 ½ x 11 sheets weighs 1 oz. and goes for 44¢ first-class postage. The cost of 2 oz. is 61¢. We included a question about a subscription fee for mailed hard copies in the membership renewal form and are awaiting the responses. Additional pages would allow for more coverage of branch programs and special interest groups. The monthly deadline of the 15th for submission of articles will have to be more strictly observed if issues are to appear by the first of the month.

Parliamentarian (Tena): It is time to review *Policies, Procedures* and *By-Laws*. A committee was formed with Jennifer, Carla, Marian and Tena. The 2010 State Convention will be from April 30 to May 2 at the San Ramon Marriott Hotel.

Public Policy (Cynthia): Judge Sonia Sotomayor's confirmation hearings are set to begin July 13 and Cynthia will e-mail us the results as they become available.

Holiday Home Tour (Tena and Kathie): Three houses have been selected and we need 2 or 3 more. Margaret Knopf is planning refreshments. Tickets will be as previously priced — \$25 (senior), \$30 (regular) and \$35 (late).

International Relations (Tena for Gus): Gus is working with AAUW-CA on a possible international relations program for the State Convention. She and Asha will celebrate international month with a speaker for our general April meeting.

40th Anniversary Celebration (Cheryl and Kathie): Tena requested the names for a VIP invitation list, which would include political figures, past AAUW branch presidents, State AAUW officials, etc. Mary is working on the invitations. Dora-Thea is preparing a power point presentation. The caterer has been selected. Costs are being budgeted for and the tentative ticket price is set at \$30. Suggestions were requested concerning music for the reception, whether live or recorded and in keeping with the Oktoberfest theme.

July 4th Parade (Kathie): This was briefly discussed. We plan to include Tech Trekers. The entry fee is \$70 payable to the Kiwanis. Other costs are for signs and Mardi Gras bead handouts. Pat DeRensis is providing use of her 1966 convertible for the float.

Walnut Creek (Carla): On June 6 the Walnut Creek branch voted to become a satellite of our branch. They will petition the AAUW-CA at the July meeting to approve the disbandment. After this is approved by the State AAUW, the request will be sent to National to act upon at their September meeting. Marian and Kathie plan to meet with Walnut Creek Branch members on August 21. For 2010 we will receive Tech Trek allocations for both the Danville-Alamo branch and the Walnut Creek satellite. Luisa Hansen from Walnut Creek will join the Tech Trek committee.

Special Interest Groups: Walnut Creek has two book groups; one is a contemporary book group. Marian and Dora-Thea plan to start a photography group as there has been interest expressed in this area now that digital is here to stay. All special interest groups will be posted on our web site.

New/Old Member Morning Friday Bagel Get-together (Kathie): Plans are to continue this informal program, which meets on the second Friday of the month. The first meeting is scheduled for September 11 at 9:30 A.M. at the Bagel Street Cafe in the Livery Shopping Center off of Sycamore Valley Road.

First Board Meeting of 2009-2010: Monday, August 10 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, 1001 El Capitan.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary