

## Danville-Alamo AAUW Board Meeting Minutes for March 6, 2009

The following members were present:

Tena Gallagher, President	Carole Allen, Program Co-VP	Nancy Murray, Program Co-VP
Sharon Cohune, Membership VP	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy	Bev Nidick, Tech Trek Coordinator
Mary Mix, EF Co-VP	Connie Cady, EF Co-VP	Dora-Thea Porter, Sec'y, EYH
Susan Terzuoli, LAF Play		

President Tena Gallagher called the Friday, March 6, 2009 board meeting to order at 9:45 at the Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.

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

**Treasurer:** Jacque, who was absent, had submitted the February balance sheet and profit & loss statements in advance and they are attached to these minutes. A contribution of \$50.00 has been made to the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund and \$4,300 provided for Tech Trek.

**Membership (Sharon Cohune):** The Fall membership brunch is scheduled for September 12. Pat DeRensis and Barbara Critchlow are arranging for the speaker. Current total membership is 203 with 9 new members added since the February new membership tea. We are the eleventh largest branch in the State.

**Program (Nancy Murray and Carole Allen):**

- *April 21:* The previously planned speaker, Loy Volkman, has cancelled and instead Penny Warner, an author and local Danville resident will be the featured speaker. The Sunrise Restaurant will cater this 11:30 luncheon. The *Advocate* calendar incorrectly lists the location as the Shadow Hills Cabana, Danville. It will be at the Mercer Club House on Cole St, Walnut Creek.
- *May 19:* This will be a meeting with dessert served at the Shadow Hills Cabana with 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.

**Public Policy (Cynthia Savell):** There is a need to close the loopholes that exist in the Lilly Ledbetter Equal Pay Act and Cynthia urges members to contact Senators Feinstein and Boxer. More information is available on the AAUW web site. A second item is the SRVUSD Parcel Tax—Measure C, which will be on the May 5 ballot. We urge support for the measure.

**Nominating Committee (Marian Bliss):** The slate is

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

**EYH (Dora-Thea Porter):** This was a successful workshop with 280 girls attending. We have requested a breakdown of attendees by zip code from the Sandia-Livermore organizers in order to determine the number who attended from our geographic area.

**EF Garden Tour (Mary Mix and Connie Cady):** Last month's EF joint-meeting with Delta Kappa Gamma and Pleasant Hill-AAUW at Scott's Restaurant, Walnut Creek was well attended. As for the garden tour, an additional garden has been selected making a total of eight. Dianne Tinnes is writing up the garden descriptions and Connie is working on the postcard mailers.

**LAF Theater Program (Susan Terzuoli):** Rehearsals have been scheduled at Montair School, the play venue. Susan Rogers and Connie Cady will help with donation-ticket sales at the door. Connie and Susan will also set up direction signs and arrange for extra parking on the school grounds. The back of the playbill will include a statement that donations are fully tax deductible and that LAF is a 501(c)3 charity.

**Tech Trek (Bev Nidick):** Interviews of applicants are scheduled for March 16 at their schools during teacher conferences. About a dozen applications have been received so far. Six slots have been reserved at Sonoma State University. If more than 6 girls are selected, CA State Fresno is a possible choice. Fresno-AAUW is selling Teddy Bears with "Tech Trek" T-shirts. Bev moved, it was seconded and passed that we purchase 6 bears for approx. \$50 to be given to our Tech Trekers as momentos.

**Advocate:** No report.

**Old Business:**

- **Walnut Creek AAUW:** This branch has 70 members and may become a satellite branch. Our branch is a possible candidate as well as Lamorinda and Pleasant Hill-Concord.
- **Local Scholarship:** The deadline is April 6.
- **"Big Sister:"** It was suggested that a letter or e-mail be sent notifying members sponsoring someone when her candidate becomes a member. In this way she can be a "big sister" to the new member inviting her to meetings and events. We hope to improve membership retention this way.

**New Business:**

- **Installation Party:** The currently planned date of June 16 may have to be changed. A new date will be announced.
- **4<sup>th</sup> July Float:** Kathy Hixon, who was not present, has proposed we enter a float in the upcoming Danville Fourth of July Parade to increase public awareness of our organization. We will consider this suggestion at the next board meeting.
- **The 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary "Oktoberfest" Celebration:** Both Kathy and Cheryl were absent and there are no updates.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

**Next Board Meeting:** April 3 at 9:15, Shadow Hills Cabaña, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.

**Future meetings:** May 1      June 5

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter  
Secretary