

## Danville-Alamo AAUW Board Meeting Minutes for May 2, 2008

The following members were present:

Tena Gallagher, Pres.	Jacque Schubert, Treasurer	Dora-Thea Porter, Acting Sec'y
Marge Christensen, Advocate	Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate	Mary Mix, EF Co-Vice Pres.
Kathie Hixon, Scholarships	Gus Slavin, Membership	Marcia Steinhardt, Membership
Barbara Critchlow, Women's History	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy	Bev Nidick, Tech Trek

President Tena Gallagher called the May 2 meeting to order at 9:30 at the Shadow Hills Cabana, Danville.

These corrections were made to the previously e-mailed April 4 minutes. Marge Christensen was not present and Maureen Reschke was on the scholarship selection committee. Gus Slavin moved to accept the April 2 minutes as corrected. It was seconded and passed. Officers gave the following reports.

**Treasurer (Jacque Schubert):** The balance sheet and the profit & loss statement are available only through March 2008. As of May 1, Wells Fargo, our new banker that took over Mt. Diablo Bank, had not posted the April statement. The following amounts are current as of March. The CD, a balance of \$5,392.87, is due to mature. The regular savings account balance is \$2,145.23. Mary moved that we leave a balance of \$1,000 in this account, add the excess to the CD and renew it at the best available rate even if it involves moving the CD to another institution. The motion was seconded and passed. Jacque will investigate competitive rates. Meanwhile Wells Fargo has given us the fees waiver she requested. Lastly, Jacque distributed expense voucher forms and urged members to use them when requesting reimbursement in order to facilitate accurate bookkeeping records.

**Tech Trek (Bev Nidick):** Six candidates were selected by Bev, Cheryl, and Jacque. The recipients will be listed in the June *Advocate*. Jennifer Bayliss, one of this year's candidates, requested financial assistance. Bev moved, it was seconded and passed that we provide \$50 assistance through Tech Trek.

**Membership (Marcia Steinhardt):** Membership renewal forms are ready for mailing. This year the invoice will be separated from the profile sheet so that members can also donate to LAF, EF, etc. if they wish. Tena will compose a cover letter to accompany the renewal information. Our current membership is 191. We have added 30 new members this year. The upcoming Garden Tour is a "Shape the Future" event. So prospective new members will be able to join at a discounted rate of \$61.50 instead of \$86 for the upcoming year. This rate is available for up to two weeks following the event.

**Educational Foundation (Mary Mix):** According to Connie Cady the docent slots have been filled for the Garden Tour. Pat DeRensis and Helen Miller are handling refreshments. So far 250 tickets have been sold. The goal is 500. Mary will also be sending invitations to the EF Honorees to attend the Installation Event. There are seven prospective gardens for next year.

**State Convention Update (Tena Gallagher & Cynthia Savell):** This year our branch gave \$20,630 to EF (\$119 per member). This makes our branch second in the State. First place went to a southern California branch, which donated \$40,000, proceeds from a property sale. Last year we were in first place. Cynthia provided information on the following topics:

- Charlotte Newhart, AAUW CA's Sacramento Lobbyist, provided useful e-mails of people in the State Supt's Office who gave more information on how the state (CalPads) schools' K-12 tracking system shows a student's academic performance and keeps track of the moves within CA schools of students as they complete their education.
- Harry Reid, US Senator NV, promised to bring up the Ledbetter correction of the Supreme Court's decision on the Fair Pay Act for another vote after the defeat of the first Senate vote. We need to thank Senators Boxer and Feinstein for their support, and keep after Senator Reid to bring up another vote soon.
- Jerry McNerney, US Representative 11<sup>th</sup> District, is supporting the inclusion of science as an important indicator in the new "No Child Left Behind" bill proposals.

**Local Scholarships (Kathie Hixon):** There were 20 applicants, 15 qualified, and 6 were selected. Kathie will get photos of the recipients and Gus Slavin will make a tableau for the Garden Tour. It is something we can use also at future events to publicize this program as well as help keep our members updated on our recipients' activities.

**Expand Your Horizons (Dora-Thea Porter):** Nothing to report at this time.

**Advocate Newsletter (Marge Christensen & Cheryl Kohleriter):** Nothing to report at this time.

**LAF (Cheryl Kohleriter):** Nothing to report at this time.

**Upcoming Events (Tena Gallagher):**

- **Leadership Meeting for AAUW members:** Martinez, May 17.
- **Installation & Awards:** This will be held on Tuesday, June 17 at Marcia Steinhardt's beginning at 5:30 and the awards presentation will start at 6:30. The general membership will be invited to attend in an article in the June *Advocate*, Personal invitations will be mailed to the Holiday Home Tour homeowners by Tena, to the Garden Tour homeowners by Mary, and to the scholarship recipients by Kathie. Dora-Thea will prepare the program layout.
- **Chamber of Commerce:** The renewal fee is \$300. Since benefits have been limited, we should probably not renew.
- **2008-09 Planning Meeting:** Tentative date is June 21 from 9:00 to 12:00.  
Topics to be considered:
  - 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Party
  - Summer Social—suggested date is August 22
  - Big Sister Program

The meeting was adjourned at 11:30. The next Board meeting will on June 6 at the Shadow Hills Cabana.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter  
Acting Secretary