

AAUW Board Meeting — November 9, 2009

The following Board and Appointed members attended:

Kathie Hixon, Co-President	Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary & EYH	Robin Halloran, Program Co-VP
Tena Gallagher, Parliamentarian	Beth Clark, Local Scholarship Co-VP	Jennifer Brandenburg, Local Scholarship
Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President Elect	Mary Mix, Co-President Elect	Jacque Schubert, EF Co-VP
Susan Terzuoli, LAF Co-VP	Barbara Welch, LAF Co V-P	Carla Pancheco, Walnut Creek Liaison
	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy	

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:15 by Co-President Kathie Hixon at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, Danville.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The October 12, 2009 board meeting minutes were accepted and approved as read. The November 5, 2009 general meeting minutes were accepted and approved as amended.

Program (Robin Halloran):

- The stem cell program is scheduled on the January 19 with a \$30 luncheon at Bridges Restaurant in Danville. This restaurant will be able to expand their facility to accommodate 70 or more attendees, whereas Pascal's, the site of the November general meeting, had limited seating resulting in some disappointed members when the event was sold out.
- The November 18 Open Forum with Steve Enoch, SRVUSD superintendent will have a question-and-answer format with Marianne Gagen moderating. This is a "Shape the Future" event. There are four other Open Forums which Steve Enoch is planning to structure as focus groups.

Educational Foundation (Mary Mix and Jacque Schubert): Mary and Jacque proposed that our Branch start a Research and Projects Grant in honor of Tena Gallagher. The commitment is \$75,000 over 10 years (\$5,000 to open the grant and \$7,000/year to pay it down). In addition we have a short term obligation of \$1,250 on a Walnut Creek grant. Both Mary and Jacque feel we can meet these obligation given our past success with EF fund raising. Mary distributed a written proposal for this Grant to the Board to review and to discuss at the next board meeting. Applications are accepted in the Fall and Spring.

Legal Advocacy Fund (Susan Terzuoli):

- The AAUW-CA LAF luncheon will be on January 30 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. It will feature the current CA-LAF supported plaintiff, Michell Jaureguito Henly, from Feather River Community College.
- Our branch's fund raiser will be a theatrical program directed by Lynn Goodwin on April 23 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Danville. Auditions will begin in February.

Parliamentarian (Tena Gallagher): Tena and her committee (Robin Halloran, Marion Bliss, Marcia Steinhardt and Carla Pancheco) will be working on updating our Policies and Procedures. The Standing Rules and By-laws have been reviewed, amended and approved by the membership.

Holiday Home Tour (Tena Gallagher): We now have six homes. Connie Cady is working on the postcard announcements, which will be mailed out shortly. Margaret Knopf is planning refreshments with Bev Nidick and Helga Glasson assisting. Volunteer docents are being contacted by head docents, Pat Foster, Caroline Sanchez, Gus Slavin, Sally Jess, Verna Kershaw and Karen Campbell.

Public Policy (Cynthia Savell): Cynthia reported on the Health Reform Bill which is now in the Senate. The public option is a major point of controversy as well as AAUW's concern about the non-taxpayer funding for abortions. Cynthia reported that President Obama signed the Matthew Shepard Hate Crime Act into law on October 28, 2009. She also mentioned the recent Maria Shriver Report which found that 51% of all U.S. workers are women and that mothers are the primary breadwinners or co-breadwinners in nearly 2/3 of American families and yet the wage gap persists.

Walnut Creek (Carla Pancheco): The Walnut Creek branch received their final approval to form a satellite from National on October 26. Walnut Creek is now awaiting for the final paperwork from National.

New Business:

- Tena moved we accept the nominating committee which includes Marcia Steinhardt (chair), Mary Mix, Dora-Thea Porter, Cheryl Kohleriter, and Carla Pancheco. They will be presented to the members at the next membership meeting on the December 12 meeting.
- *Youth Homes, Walnut Creek:* This is an organization which helps abused and neglected foster children. Both Pat Kenber and Joan Buchanan are interested in this program. Carla is familiar with it as well. Branch members, Pat Kenber, Jan Geahry, Millie Lindsay and Kathie Hixon toured the facility on November 9 and at this point, it continues to be a dialogue regarding our branch's participation. After some discussion at today's Board meeting regarding AAUW goals and mission, one conclusion was that while we can not raise funds for Youth Homes as an organization, we could make donations as individuals.

Old Business: None.

Jacque moved we adjourn. It was second and passed. The meeting adjourned at 8:45.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, December 14 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted by

Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary