

## AAUW Board Meeting — October 12, 2009

### The following Board and Appointed members attended:

Marian Bliss, Co-President	Kathie Hixon, Co-President	Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary & EYH
Robin Halloran, Program Co-VP	Barbara Critchlow, Mbrship Co-VP	Mary Hanson, Treasurer
Loretta Altshuler, Program Co-VP	Caroline Sanchez, Women's History	Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President Elect
Jennifer Brandenburg, Local Scholarship	Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate Layout	Beverley Nidick, Tech Trek
Tena Gallagher, Parliamentarian	Carla Pancheco, Walnut Creek Liaison	Carol Kennedy, Walnut Creek Liaison

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Co-President Marian Bliss at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, Danville.

She passed around the proclamations and citations presented to us by the Town of Danville, Congressman Jerry McNerney, Office of State Senator Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblymember Joan Buchanan, and State AAUW President Gloria Taylor at our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Oktoberfest Celebration. Beverly Lane has agreed to store our scrapbooks and other materials with the San Ramon Valley Historical Society.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** The September 14, 2009 board meeting minutes were accepted as mended which was to include the date, November 18, for the open forum meeting with Steve Enoch, SRVSUS superintendent.

**Treasurer's Report ( Mary Hanson):** Mary presented three items.

- The September 2009 profit and loss statement shows a net loss of \$536.37 which includes expenses for State and National dues, the membership brunch, 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, the printing of the *Advocate*, and miscellaneous expenses.
- The balance sheet as of September 30, 2009 shows our CD has \$6,633.
- The membership brunch had income of \$3,071 and expenses of \$2,464 for a profit of \$607. We sold 119 tickets.

**Membership (Barbara Critchlow):** A total of 119 tickets were sold for the membership brunch. Also, twenty application packets were mailed with 15 applicants joining. Robin suggested we place these membership packets in the public library.

**Program (Loretta Altshuler and Robin Halloran):**

- Loretta expressed concern about the low response to the November program which features Tricia Grame speaking on women's art at Pascal's Restaurant, Danville. We will send an e-blast to the members. Responses to our programs often come in at the "last minute." Carol Kennedy will alert the Walnut Creek members.
- Loretta reported that Asha is lining up speakers for the Wellness Program which is tentatively planned for March. Exact date and location need to be decided. The venue should accommodate 50-60 attendees.
- Robin reported they are hoping for about 70 to attend the January 19 stem cell program scheduled as a \$30 luncheon at Bridges Restaurant in Danville.
- Kathie Hixon discussed the November 18 Open Forum Program featuring Steve Enoch, SRVUSD superintendent. This is a "Shape the Future" event. Topics will include school programs and financial concerns. Questions from the audience will be expedited by having them written out on 3x5 cards and collected by monitors. We plan to contact PTAs and Home Owners Associations as well.
- Marion Bliss mentioned that February 13 we will have a program at the Shadow Hill Cabaña with Ronnie Goldfarb, the Executive Director of Equal Access, an international organization dedicated to bringing about positive social change in developing counties. This will be our international program.

**Educational Foundation:** Jacque sent a reminder that the Northern California EF Luncheon is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> noon at Crow Canyon Country Club. Cost is \$30.

**Legal Advocacy Fund:** It will be a theatrical program directed by Lynn Goodwin and is scheduled for April 23 at St. Timothy's Episcopal Church, Danville. A working title is *Voices Speak Out*.

**The Advocate (Cheryl Kohleriter):** Cheryl reminded all that the deadline is the fifteenth of each month.

**Parliamentarian (Tena Gallagher):** Tena had copies of the proposed Danville-Alamo Branch Standing Rules and Bylaws.

- **Standing Rules:** *Membership, Item 1* was eliminated. This rule permitted prospective members to attend three programs, events or interest group meetings before being asked to join,
- **Bylaws:** Changes have been typed in red and basically they follow the AAUW-CA Bylaws. Some points made are:
  - There is one vote per member and no proxy voting is permitted.
  - The nominating committee needs to notify branch members of the makeup of the committee by December 31.
  - There should be one annual meeting to elect officers between March and May as well as three general membership meetings.

It was moved and seconded by Cheryl Kohleriter that the Standing Rules and Bylaws be accepted as amended and presented to the members at the General Meeting on November 5. The proposed Standing Rules will be printed in the Directory and available to the members before this General Meeting.

**Holiday Home Tour (Mary Mix):** Homeowners will be asked to give written permission to have photographs of their homes shown on our web site. Margaret Knopf is planning refreshments.

**Leadership Training (Caroline Sanchez):** Caroline presented information on a program to develop leadership which she thought would be beneficial to our branch. Cost is \$800. This was tabled until next month when we will have more information.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Kathie Hixon):** We sold 120 tickets and provided 10 complimentary meals. This was a very successful event.

**Walnut Creek (Carla Pancheco):** The Walnut Creek branch will disband this month. Appeal letters to contribute to EF funds, especially Tech Trek will be mailed. This has been their fund raising method. Tech Trek funds will be kept separate from ours for this year until Walnut Creek is no longer a branch.

**Local Scholarships (Jennifer Brandenburg):** Applications are now on-line on our web site at [www.aauw-da.org](http://www.aauw-da.org). The scholarship criteria for 2010 will remain unchanged from the current one. However, many questions now arise regarding eligibility of applicants from Walnut Creek in future years since Walnut Creek includes a number of school districts which cover geographic areas outside of Walnut Creek. Marion proposed that a committee be formed to review these criteria with a view toward consolidating Walnut Creek and our programs. Jennifer Brandenburg, Beth Clark, Robin Halloran, and Caroline Kennedy volunteered. The committee will meet with Marion to discuss and propose future acceptance criteria which would be applicable to both Local Scholarship and Tech Trek.

**Tech Trek (Bev Nidick):** There are spaces for 8 girls. Cost is \$800 less \$50 (parent contribution) for a total of \$750/girl.

#### **New Business:**

- Marcia Steinhardt (chair), Mary Mix, Dora-Thea Porter, Cheryl Kohleriter, and Carla Pancheco volunteered to serve on the nominating committee. This committee will be voted on by the members at the December 12 meeting as prescribed by the new By-Laws.
- *Smart Start* — Mary Hanson described this program which promotes financial literacy among college juniors and is sponsored by IBC. Tena Gallagher moved we contribute \$50 to support it, Kathy Hixon seconded and the motion passed.

**Old Business:** None

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, November 9 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted by

Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary