

## AAUW Board Meeting — September 14, 2009

### The following Board and Appointed members attended:

Marian Bliss, Co-President	Kathie Hixon, Co-President	Mary Mix, Co-Pres. Elect & EF Co-VP
Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President Elect	Pat DeRensis, Mbrship Co-VP	Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary & EYH
Jacque Schubert, EF Co-Vice President	Susan Terzuoli, LAF Co-Vice President	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy
Loretta Altshuler, Program Co-VP	Mary Hanson, Treasurer	Kerry Montalvo, Database
Tena Gallagher, Parliamentarian	Jennifer Brandenburg, Local Scholarship	Rita Wustner, Walnut Creek Liaison
Beth Clark, Local Scholarship		

**Call to Order:** Co-President Kathie Hixon at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, Danville, called the meeting to order at 7:20.

**Approval of Previous Minutes:** The August 10, 2009 Board Meeting minutes were accepted and approved as corrected.

**Treasurer's Report ( Mary Hanson):** The 2009-10 Budget was approved and accepted by the membership at the September 12 Membership Brunch.

- Mary distributed the P&L statements and Balance Sheets for July and August. We have \$6,633 (CD), \$12,507 (checking) and \$1,147 (savings) for a total of checking/savings of \$20,287.
- Mary raised a policy question regarding payment of returned check fees. In cases where this has occurred the payer was contacted and she paid the fee. This will continue to be the procedure, i.e. contact the check writer.
- The questions of mileage reimbursement and signature levels for issuing checks was tabled.

**Membership (Pat DeRensis):** There were 120 attendees and 4 no-shows. We made \$193 at the Past Presidents Book Sale and \$326 from the floral centerpiece raffle. Pat thanked Loretta Altshuler for her outstanding floral arrangements. Three attendees joined and paid the dues, two others signed up and will mail in their checks, and two more attendees are prospective members. Our total membership stands at 200. Currently we have 21 members who have not renewed. Marian Bliss and Pat DeRensis are auditing the membership database. Mary Mix reported that we mail out 30 copies of *The Advocate* with 17 going to Danville-Alamo members. Twelve members have paid the requested \$10 subscription fee.

**Program (Loretta Altshuler):** The joint program with the Pleasanton-Livermore branches has been dropped. Loretta announced that the November General Meeting speaker will be Tricia Grame, Ph.D. who will speak about Women's Art, Symbols and Spirituality. The venue is Pascal's French Oven in Danville. The social begins at 6:15 P.M. and dinner at 6:45 P.M. An e-mail alert will be sent out to the members.

Steve Enoch, SRVSUD superintendent will appear at the November's Open Forum. Kathie pointed out that this meeting is opened to the public and will be at Charlotte Wood. It is a *Shape the Future* event.

The January Bridges Restaurant luncheon will be on stem cell research. March will feature a health wellness panel and will be a no-cost meeting.

**Educational Foundation (Jacque Schubert and Mary Mix):** As of July, EF is now part of AAUW Funds, which also includes LAF. The fund is a 501c-3 charity and contributions are now tax-deductible. The Northern California EF Luncheon is scheduled for October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 at Crow Canyon Country Club. Cost is \$30. Registration forms are available on the CA-AAUW web site. Lastly, the May Garden Tour is on track.

**Legal Advocacy Fund (Susan Terzuoli):** The new theatrical presentation is tentatively called *Voices Speak Out* because there may be male participants. It may also include short scenes rather than just monologues. The date is April 23, location at St Timothy's Episcopal Church, Danville and ticket price will be \$20. Auditions will begin in January.

**Parliamentarian (Tena Gallagher):** The CA-AAUW new By-Laws and Policy Procedures will be available in October. We are revising our branch bylaws and plan to have our first draft together for the next board meeting. These are not simple

revisions but a completely new set. Marian Bliss, Jennifer Brandenburg, Marcia Steinhardt and Carla Pancheco will review them and determine their applicability to our Branch.

**40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration (Kathie Hixon and Jacque Schubert):** Mary Mix sent out 295 invitations. VIPs have been contacted and 6 will attend. So far 22 of the 39 past presidents plan to attend. Sixty-two tickets have been sold. Dora-Thea Porter is completing a slide show and working on the program brochure.

**Holiday Home Tour (Tena Gallagher):** At this time we have only two homes, one having cancelled. The docent and food signup committee are in place.

**Public Policy (Cynthia Savell):** Cynthia discussed these three areas.

- The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Education Coalition. They can be contacted at 888-493-9382. Other school issues coming to the front are sexual harassment and bullying. The No-Child Left Behind Program is being rewritten.
- Health care reform concerns include elimination of gender pricing discrimination, which preventative services are to be covered and finally, tenets regarding reproductive issues.
- The Social Security Fairness Act (House Bill HR 235 and Senate Bill 206) calls for the repeal of the WEP/GPO (Windfall Elimination Provision and Government Pension Offset) Social Security regulations, which negatively impact public employees in many states, especially California. One group in particular is retired teachers, many of whom are women.

**Local Scholarships (Beth Clark):** Kathie requested Roseann Krane to change the online scholarship application to reflect the current Local Scholarship chairs Jennifer Brandenburg and Beth Clark. Additionally deadline application date needs to be changed from April 6, 2009 to April 5, 2010. Beth and Jennifer will be contacting Margaret Batesole and Phyllis Clark to get all of the past scholarship information from them since they were the chairs last year. Generally the committee consists of five members, who will be picked later.

**EYH (Dora-Thea Porter):** The organizing committee at Livermore and Sandia Labs has been contacted. The conference will be at Diablo Valley College in San Ramon again this year and probably on a Saturday at the end of February.

**Walnut Creek (Carla Pancheco):** It was decided to use generic names for the interest groups. Walnut Creek will pay their insurance bill in order to maintain their coverage.

**Additional Comments (Marcia Steinhardt):** Marcia showed us a complete silver tea set which was donated to our group and which we might use at our new member tea functions.

**Non-profit Tax ID# for Vendors (Kathie Hixon):** This is our tax ID # 23-7063202 to give to vendors when asking for a discount.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

**Next Board Meeting:** Monday, October 12 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary