

AAUW APRIL 1, 2013 BOARD MEETING

Holly Sauer-President	Loretta Altshuler-Co-President Elect
Callie Gilbert-Secretary	Melissa Walsh-Treasurer
Lynn Dodge-Program Co-Vice President	Lynn Goodwin-Local Scholarship Chair
Kathy McKnight-Garden Tour Co-Chair	Mary Holzheimer-Garden Tour Co-Chair
Melanie Wade-Webmaster	Judy Lauper-Hospitality Co-Chair
Robin Halloran-Parliamentarian	

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by President Holly Sauer. A quorum was confirmed.

Announcements: Holly stated that voting for National will be between 4/15-6/10 and state will be between 4/21-5/11. Voting may be done by paper ballot but website voting is preferred. An information sheet regarding State candidate Kathleen Doty had been received and was passed around. Holly has received a thank you note from Priya Shimpi.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the March 4, 2013 Board Meeting were approved as e-mailed.

Treasurer: Because the April meeting is so early in the month, Melissa was unable to have a current treasurer's report e-mailed to the board before the meeting. Currently, our checking account has a balance of \$22,907.11 with an \$84 check not yet cleared. Savings has \$7,839.89. There were no questions.

Garden Tour: Mary Holzheimer and Kathy McKnight reported that they have five gardens. Postcards and flyers will be ready tomorrow and tickets will be ready next week. They prefer not to use PayPal at this time as it should be tested on a smaller event first. Melanie stated that PayPal will be ready so it is an option for payment. Holly thanked Melanie for her work with setting up PayPal and suggested testing it first with board members to see if it works okay. Then it could be offered as a payment option to members. Kathy discussed parking problems with two of the gardens. Logistics around exchanging receipts for tickets were discussed. Docents and help with refreshments are needed. Mary also stated that she had heard that some people had received erroneous information about tickets being currently available but they are not available yet. Holly congratulated Kathy and Mary for getting the gardens. Robin Halloran stated that parking problems will work out and maybe we need a central place for ticket pickup in the future.

New Website: Melanie announced that the official launch date for the new website is today. National's template is being used and Melanie would welcome feedback regarding the new website. A password is required for the 'Members Only' section. Logistics were discussed regarding providing the password to members.

International: Holly reported on behalf of Alicia Jones that the April 13 International Event will be an African themed lunch and panel discussion. Admission is \$10 or free if you bring African food to share. The tentative location is the Southside Sycamore Clubhouse at 11 a.m. and the deadline to RSVP is April 5th.

Creativity Night: Holly reported for Jan Hersh that Creativity Night will be April 24 at 6:30 p.m. at the Diablo West Clubhouse. Beverages will be provided and members are asked to bring an appetizer.

Local Scholarship: Lynn Goodwin reported that 11 applications have been received. Margaret Batesole helped coordinate the applications and they have been distributed to the committee members for review. Melissa will provide Lynn with the exact amount available for scholarships. Holly stated that it can be rounded up with reserves.

Women's Issues: Holly reported that Cynthia Savell had hoped to make the meeting but wasn't able to because of chemo. She appreciates everyone's warm wishes.

Public Policy: Holly reported on behalf of Joan that on May 16th at 7 p.m. there will be a speaker on the Healthcare Initiative at the Ygnacio Valley Library, 2661 Oak Grove Rd, Walnut Creek. It is a free event and no refreshments will be provided.

Membership: Holly reported on behalf of Liz Williams that the brunch will be September 21st at 9:30 a.m. Liz was able to negotiate with Crow Canyon Country Club to significantly reduce the per person price for the brunch. The contract will be finalized in the next few days. Branch membership currently consists of 290 members of which there are 252 regular, 11 dual, 17 life and 10 honorary. There will be 3 more honorary members added at the May Installation – Barbara Nexsen, Judith Finch and Mary Knox.

New Business: Judy Lauper has a silver tea service belonging to the branch that is not being used. Options were discussed as to what to do with it. Melanie will store it until a decision is made.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Callie Gilbert
Secretary