**AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch**

**Board Meeting – September 15, 2015**

Shadow Hills Cabaña, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville

**Attendance**: Pam Burdusis, Charla Gabert, Tena Gallagher, Robin Halloran, Sandy Killoran, Judy Lauper, Marilyn Lawver, Marlene Marcus, Kathy McKnight, Kate Reed, Melanie Wade, Liz Williams, and Rita Wustner

**Call to Order** at 9:37

**Name Tags:** Marlene asked for our help to put all name tags into the plastic holders. Soni asked Robin to bring up the cost of replacing lost name tags and lanyards. Tena moved, Robin seconded: “I move that the replacement cost for a lost nametag and lanyard be $5.” The motion passed 7 to 0.

**Consent Agenda:** Kathy asked for questions or concerns regarding the 2 consent agenda item, which were the Board Minutes from August 11 and the current Financial Report. Charla moved these be accepted. Liz seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Directory:** Dora-Thea moved “that the branch Directory be revised to move sections to the web in 2 phases: 1 – immediate changes that can be made for the 2015-2016 Directory; 2 – longer term changes to be reviewed by a committee and presented to the board for approval.” This motion was seconded by Kathy. Dora-Thea explained that the Directory costs approximately $1,000 to print. Her submitted motion presented 11 topics that could be placed on our web site.

These topics represented 16 print pages. We discussed the list and determined that 5 could be fully on-line and a 6th partially on-line. To be moved are numbers: 7 - Gift Honorees; 8 - Past Branch President from prior to the mergers of Danville-Alamo and Walnut Creek branches; 9 - AAUW National Contacts; 10 – AAUW State-CA Contacts; and 11 – Local Government Contacts. 4 - The geographic listing for Neighborhood Groups will be removed, but the names in each group will remain.

An amendment to the motion, that the spouse field be eliminated from the directory, was made by Dora-Thea and seconded by Marilyn. The motion with the amendment passed 7 – 1.

**Nominating Committee:** Summer was a difficult time in which to contact members about serving in open positions. The committee intends to focus on this important task now that more members are in town.

**Membership Brunch:** 132 reservations have been received as of this board meeting for the Brunch on Sat, Sept. 19th. Soni moved and Liz seconded the motion that “the Board approve $250 for the speaker fee to “Not for Sale” for the Sept. 19th brunch.” This motion passed 8 – 0.

**Past Presidents’ Book Sale:** Liz reported she has 5 large boxes of donated books for the sale. She asked about when and where books could be dropped off. Tena said the country club did not wish them to be in the lobby and would put them in their office. Liz asked us to call her if we have additional books for the sale. She would either pick them up for us or we could drop them off at her house.

**Holiday Home Tour:** Liz informed us that we have 3 confirmed homes and 2 confirmed head docents. Tena is working on identifying 2 additional homes. Roseann will co-chair the event with the likelihood that Teresa would be the other co-chair.

**Tech Trek:** Although Tech Trek began in California, it is now a national program. We learned that the transition of Tech Trek finances from the Special Project Funds (SPF) to AAUW national has been in the works.  As of now AAUW will be accepting our Tech Trek funds.  This means that all checks for Tech Trek should be made payable to:  AAUW.  The Branch name and Tech Trek should be place on the memo line.  All donation checks are to be sent to Loretta for depositing to the Sonoma State Camp Director.

**American Heroes Ad:** The existing ad for American Heroes violates AAUW policy and will not be renewed in its current form. We will remove it, as the group has not paid for the ad. If they wish to renew the ad in the future, it must comply with AAUW standards.

**Program Updates:** The Oct. 22nd program will have a Dr. Mishra, Ph.D. from UCSF presenting current research into technology and the brain. The San Ramon AAUW Branch has been invited to participate. The program will take place at the Danville Town Hall at 7 p.m. and will cost $5/person.

The Jan. 21st program “Hidden in Plain Sight” will take place in the Danville Veterans’ Memorial Hall at 7 p.m. This program about human trafficking will have many levels of presentation including the Deputy D.A. who is litigating a case in our locale. The public is invited, and the cost will be $5/person.

**Planning Meeting Goals:** Liz highlighted the top 3 issues we selected from each of the 3 groups that were formed at our planning meeting. She requested additional information from the Inclusion group. She plans for us to build on and use the ideas generated then to continue to energize our Branch. Kathy requested that feedback come to her rather than to Liz.

**Reminders/Announcements:** Kathy reminded us that the next Board meeting is on Oct. 13th and that we still need a Publicity chair. Marilyn urged us NOT to accept post-dated checks.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42.