

AAUW Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek Branch

November 16, 2017 Board Meeting

635 Old Orchard Rd., Danville

Attendees: Melanie Wade, Chris Ritter, Robin Halloran, Liz Williams, Bev Nidick, Deb Wechsler, Ellen Severson, Joanne Quijano, Tena Gallagher

Meeting called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Melanie Wade

Consent Agenda: 9/14, 10/12 meeting minutes and October P&L Statement accepted (10/12 minutes as amended)

Finance: Chris Ritter

- Review of QuickBooks for Non-Profits revealed some changes we should make in our P&L and Balance Statements to make accounts more current, understandable, with higher transparency. Chris described changes that were made (see separate handout)

Statewide Incorporation Vote: Melanie Wade

- Melanie was told by CA State AAUW that one (1) of the 26 negative votes on this change came from our branch. We assume this was from someone who did not understand the implications, which are that we will lose our accreditation with AAUW National in all forms if we do not approve a change from Mutual Benefit Corporation to a Public Benefit Corporation. Melanie will clarify this in the next Advocate and in a standalone email to membership.

Programs: Liz Williams & Robin Halloran

- October program was very successful with valuable information and a good turnout.
- Advertising on Nextdoor.com is thought to be the source of many last-minute attendees
- Suggestion to improve AAUW visibility at these program events and treat as a prospective membership opportunity. Liz will send attendance list to Ellen.
- January 27, 10am-Noon: speaker from the AAUW Leader on Loan program will discuss the legislative process as it relates to title and pay equity: what happened in 2017 and what is expected in 2018. Concord Branch will co-host
- Chris suggested collaboration with Watermark to target younger professionals for membership, identify possible speakers, and possibly other relationships such as mentoring and co-hosting programs.
- Tena suggested ensuring that BPO and Soroptomist Clubs also be informed of our programs, with possibly crossover membership opportunities.

Holiday Home Tour: Tena Gallagher

- We have five homes; one in Blackhawk. Tickets are ready for distribution.
- Advertising via postcards is late due to technical difficulties.
- Deborah Wechsler volunteered as Docent Coordinator. Anna Freitas Refreshment Chair

- Positions still needed: one more Head Docent, 4 Quilt sales shifts; other docents
- Tena will email advertising flyer as pdf.

Open Positions

- Garden Tour Chair – we already have gardens; we just need a Chair!
- Advertising/Publicity – Mary Ellen Blake will handle until January but need someone now to work with her and take over
- Scholarship Committee Chair

Tech Trek: Deb Wechsler

- We have sufficient donations to cover one Tech Trek campership
- Tech Trek is back to being managed by states, so donations should be made to AAUW-CA SPF (Special Projects Fund). Article in next Advocate will describe changes.

Next meeting 12/21/17---1:00 – 2:30 PM at the Sycamore Southside Clubhouse, 1101 Greenbrook Dr.

Adjourned at 7:03 p.m.