

Minutes of Board General Meeting
Danville-Alamo-Walnut Creek AAUW
April, 2020

The April 2020 board meeting was conducted via Zoom conferencing, called to order at 5:37 PM.

Attendance: Marsha Anderson Landau, Asha Bajaj, Bette Felton, Tena Gallagher, Robin Halloran, Kathy Harkins, Nancy Murray, Joanne Quijano, Chris Ritter, Holly Sauer, Claudia Schwarz, Susan Terzuoli, Deborah Wechsler, Liz Williams, Monika Witte.

Have Quorum.

Handouts: None

Consent Agenda:

- Fran Crisman's name spelling corrected, minutes approved.
- March Financials were reviewed.
 - \$25 raffle license paid.
 - Suggestions requested to make the financial reports more useful and/or easier to read.
 - Chris Ritter suggested adding SPF status in financials, would be helpful to receive regular status. We can't include this status in our financials because it's not branch funds, but could be included as an attachment. Claudia will create a spreadsheet template that Tech Trek and Local Scholarship Chairs can use to send to her.

Programs: Bette Felton

- Focus is on what needs to be done – installation and scholarship awards.
- Chris found that some branches plan events earlier than we do. Constraint is that we need our strategy meeting to determine directions for programs.

Membership: Marsha Anderson Landau

- Current branch membership count: 245 members, 3 new, lost 2 members.

AAUW Funds: Liz Williams and Robin Halloran

- No date for speaker identified. Will check with speaker on availability once a scholarship awards date is determined.

Local Scholarships: Nancy Murray

- 12 applications received, 3 in Walnut Creek, 1 San Ramon, 1 Alamo, remaining in Danville. 1 applicant attended Tech Trek at Stanford.
- \$8,124 available in fund for use, with \$1,000 remaining as minimum balance.
- No one qualified for the Creative Endeavors. In this situation, Mary Mix, inspiration for the Creative Endeavors scholarship with her many quilt donations, approved use of the quilt raffle proceeds for other scholarship recipients. Therefore, this \$1,208 will be distributed across all recipient awards.
- There was a tie for 6th position, would like to award a 7th scholarship, with \$1,500 for each scholarship. Would require additional funds previously moved to Tech Trek.
- Motion made by Bette Felton, seconded by Monika Witte, to move \$1318 from our Tech Trek branch accounts to Local Scholarships in order to fund 7 scholarships of \$1500 each. Motion approved.
- Motion made by Bette Felton, seconded by Chris Ritter, to award scholarships to the 7 candidates selected by the Scholarship Committee. Motion approved. The 7 scholarship recipients are: Elizabeth Vojvodina, Alexandra McCabe, Sienna McDonald, Kaanan Goradia, Christina Adams, Socorro Tamayo-Perez, Sara Steingraf

Tech Trek: Monika Witte

- TT cancelled for 2020.

- State requested that branches vote whether this year's group should attend next year, or select a new 2021 group. We voted to send the same group. No decision received yet.
- Girls notified of cancellation, those who responded said that the selection process was a positive experience.

2020-2021 Elections: Deborah Wechsler

- New board has been elected by membership via email.
- 138 members opened the voting poll email. 94 votes received, all in favor.
- Installation date, process still in question.
- Will need to be held in person or virtually on or before 6/30, the new year begins 7/1.

Garden Tour: Kathy Harkins

- Garden Tour is scheduled for July 17-18. Go/No Go decision needed by 6/1 in order to prepare and sell tickets.
- 2 new head docents needed.
- 3 gardens confirmed, 2 are in process.
- Expect social distancing, will need to determine process.
- Will need help with parking at some homes.
- Linda Reeves' garden on tour again, plus another member's garden.
- Will have a better idea of the help needed by the next board meeting.

Neighborhood Group Ideas: Kathy Harkins

- As a new group lead, Kathy called and talked or left messages with her 45 neighborhood members.
- Strong turnout for interest; only 3 members didn't want to be involved, 1 didn't want a buddy.
- Creating a buddy list for people to connect.
- Group will stay connected via emails, featuring info about themselves
- Kathy will share info with other neighborhood leads.

Fundraising: Tena Gallagher

- Tena proposes that we discontinue the Holiday Home Tour or any replacement tour and that we focus on the Garden Tour to support both Local Scholarships and Tech Trek instead of AAUW Funds
- National fundraising (for AAUW Funds) would be done through the fall solicitation letter.
- Robin and Liz will discuss how this would impact our AAUW Funds with Tena.
- A decision on this will impact this year's Garden Tour money raised.
- An idea was suggested to survey members.

Public Policy: Asha Bajaj

- Asha will submit an Advocate article, considering possible activities, let know of any ideas

IBC: There will be a Zoom meeting next week. Thinking about finding a new meeting place, currently in an assisted living facility.

Reminders/Announcements:

- AAUW CA Convention is this Saturday via Zoom.
- Advocate articles due 4/20.
- Roseann Krane is putting together a resource page for the pandemic, a test page is up on the website. Send feedback and suggestions.

Other Business: None.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 PM.

The next Board Meeting is May 21, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, via Zoom