

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

The March 2020 board meeting was conducted via audio conferencing, called to order at 5:38 PM.

Attendance: Asha Bajaj, Bette Felton, Robin Halloran, Kathy Harkins, Nancy Murray, Chris Ritter, Holly Sauer, Claudia Schwarz, Dianne Tinnes, Deborah Wechsler, Liz Williams, Monika Witte.

Have Quorum.

Handouts: None

COVID 19: Let Deborah Wechsler know if hear of anyone who's not OK, we will find ways to help.

Consent Agenda:

- No comments for February minutes, minutes approved.
- January Financials had been provided for last month's meeting.
- February Financials were reviewed. Question raised about how much money is in the scholarship account. Tena Gallagher is the SPF Treasurer for Local Scholarships and manages this. \$1000 minimum balance must be maintained in account.

Programs:

- February WorkSmart Workshop with OML: Deborah will check with OML about how it went.
- March: No program will be held.
- April 25 AAUW Funds Speaker presentation: Postponed to end of June.
 - Installation in June may be a good combination event, with a tie-in for our scholarship recipients and our mission. May bring good attendance.

Membership/Advertising: Marsha provided comments via email.

- Last count, we had 244 members in our branch, this does not include two new members.
- Marsha has been in touch with Fran Chrisman, our 2020 50-year-member. She will be recognized at our Installation and there will be an article in the Advocate about her.
- Marsha continues to reach out to potential members by email. No response from them as this virus seems to be taking over everyone's priority.
- Recommended holding off on Garden Tour and related sponsorships until we gain clarity about Shelter in Place requirements.

AAUW Funds: See status under Programs.

Local Scholarships: 10 applications received so far, our efforts to reach out have been effective.

Tech Trek:

- Interviews are almost complete, meeting scheduled to review candidates.
- Camp is in June, don't know if it will be held.
- LS vs. TT needs will be assessed to determine if some TT funds should be moved to LS.

2020-2021 Board:

- All current elected board members will continue their current positions, still need a new President Elect.
- Deborah moved to approve the new slate of officers, Bette Felton seconded, motion approved.
- Chris Ritter is calling current appointed board members to see if they will continue or if they will be President Elect.
- Chris will write an article for the Advocate about slots that need to be filled.
- Election will be via MailChimp.
- A wine and cheese social event for a formal vote is tentative, we can discuss at our next board meeting.
- Installation tentatively planned for late June. It's needed before 6/30, the new term begins 7/1.

Garden Tour:

- We are unable to sell tickets by 4/1, so the tour definitely needs to be postponed.
- We need 6 weeks for preparation + publicity + ticket sales, so earliest time based on current shelter end date is late June.
- Tentative new dates are 6/26 – 27. Kathy will develop a timeline, planning for social distancing.
- 2 gardens confirmed, 5 potential gardens. Claudia Schwarz has a lead for a garden.
- Still need docents, all other roles filled.
- Due to COVID, our ability to provide refreshments is up in the air.
- Kathy has obtained signs for the owners to label plants.
- Bette will work with Bill Williams to plan and conduct publicity.

Leadership Corps Proposal:

- This is a high-level idea right now.
- Feedback received at National that new members are looking for ways to use their skills to become involved with the community, rather than looking for social connections.

- Goal: Facilitate ways for members to get involved in the community, in ways that support the AAUW Mission.

Public Policy: No status provided.

CA State Convention: Cancelled. Instead, there will be an AAUW CA Webinar open to all members, Saturday,

April 18·1:00 – 3:00pm

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

Other Business: None.

The next Board Meeting is April 16, 5:30 – 7:00 PM, via Zoom