

Danville Alamo AAUW
Board Meeting

Date: March 7, 2008

Members Present

Tena Gallagher	President
Marcia Steinhardt	Membership Co-Vice President
Gus Slavin	Membership Co-Vice President
Connie Cady	EF Co-Vice President
Loretta Lewis	LAF Co-Vice President
Marian Bliss	Secretary
Jacque Schubert	Treasurer
Bev Nidick	Tech Trek Chair
Pat DeRensis	Expanding Your Horizons
Dora-Thea Porter	Expanding Your Horizons
Kathie Hixon	Co Chair Local Scholarships
Caroline Sanchez	Co Chair Local Scholarships
Cynthia Savell	Public Policy

Call to Order 9:40 AM on March 7, 2008, by President Tena Gallagher at the Shadow Hills Cabana, Danville, CA.

Minutes: Marian Bliss

- Minutes from the February 1, Board of Director's meeting were e-mailed to board members. Hard copies were made available at the March 7 meeting for member review.
- A motion was made by Jacque Schubert, seconded and passed to approve the February 1, minutes with corrections.

Treasurers Report: Jacque Schubert

- Jacque presented the current Profit and Loss Statement and the Balance Sheet. She also indicated that this branch has chosen not to use the AAUW Special Projects fund.
- She described the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund and recommended we continue to provide an annual donation to that fund. A motion was made by Pat DeRensis to contribute \$50 to the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, there was a second and the motion passed.

Membership: Marcia Steinhardt

- Marcia said the 2008 dues total \$86.00. This amount includes \$49 national, \$16 state, and \$21 local dues. New members can join during the Shape the Future event and pay \$61.50. This amount pays dues for the end of the 2007-08 year and the 2008-09 year. People taking advantage of this program must sign in at the next meeting and pay their dues by the end of March.
- Renewal letters will be sent to all existing members about May 15. Tena asked Marcia if they would consider including a questionnaire about e-mail delivery of the Advocate.
- Planning for the Fall Membership Brunch will begin soon.

Program: Tena Gallagher

- Our Global Warming program will be March 18. Chili, a salad, and bread will be served.
- Tena mentioned we should consider purchasing a projector for use by program speakers. She noted they are expensive and require expensive bulbs.

Expanding Your Horizons: Dora-Thea Porter

- Dora-Thea said there will be 12 workshops for students. This is far less than previously Expanding Your Horizons events. The reason being that they have limited this year's event to middle school students.
- They mailed instructions to volunteers. They will send an e-mail reminder the night before the event.

Educational Foundation: Connie Cady

- The Garden Tour has seven gardens committed. Of these, one is in the Stonegate section of Alamo, one on the west side of Alamo, two in Danville, and three in Blackhawk. They have no shuttle requirements and only minor parking issues. The Danville home near the Livery will be the "ticket house". Refreshments will be available at one home. Cheryl Kohleriter volunteered to help set up on each day of the tour.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Loretta Lewis

- Loretta indicated there was little to report this month. She thanked the board for contributing money earned by the home tour to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

Nominating Committee: Kathie Hixon

- The Nominating Committee has close to a full slate of officers for next year. People nominated for office beginning in July are: President: Tena Gallagher; Co-president elect: Kathie Hixon and Marian Bliss; Co-VP Membership: Rochelle Brown and Sharon Cohune; Secretary: Dora-Thea Porter; Treasurer: Jacque Schubert; Co-VP EF: Connie Cady and Mary Mix; Co-VP LAF: Cynthia Savell and Susan Rodgers; Parliamentarian: Marian Bliss. The Nominating Committee is still looking for potential Program VP candidates.

Local Scholarships: Kathie Hixon, Caroline Sanchez

- Information about our scholarships was sent to 55 College and University Financial Aid Offices. Additionally, an article was sent for publication to the Danville Weekly and other local papers telling of this scholarship opportunity and how to apply. Applicants download their applications from the Danville Alamo AAUW Branch website. The committee has no way of knowing how many applications have been requested – nor do they know how many completed applications they will receive. April 1 is the application dead line.
- Kathie discussed the criteria used to evaluate scholarship applications. She will send the criteria used to board members for their review.

Tech Trek: Bev Nidick

- Bev sent out 25 applications to students. They received 19 completed applications. Bev expects she and Cheryl Kohleriter will hold interviews with potential students starting Friday March 14. They need to complete the selection process by April 1.

Public Policy: Cynthia Savell

- Cynthia told of the Monday, March 3, meeting with Congressman Jerry McNerney. The San Ramon and Livermore-Pleasanton-Dublin AAUW branches joined us for his presentation and the following opportunity for questions. All there were please to have the opportunity to meet and hear Congressman McNerney speak.
- Cynthia discussed the conference call on Equal Pay. Cynthia said she will be sending out information of this topic to all members of the board. (That information was sent via e-mail to all board members on March 10.) She then provided status on the Fair Pay Restoration Act (S. 1843) sponsored by Senator Kennedy and others. She noted that George Miller is sponsoring a companion house bill.

Old Business: Tena Gallagher

- The Blackhawk Gift of the Heart event was interesting and provided good exposure for us. Gus Slavin suggested that we obtain business cards in the future and have them ready to take to exhibits such as this one.
- Caroline reminded us that Judy Pochini will be here on April 14, at the Shadow Hills Clubhouse, 2-4 PM.

New Business: Tena Gallagher

- Tena mentioned that will have a recognition event for Jo Harberson at the convention. The Danville-Alamo and the Orinda-Moraga-Lafayette branches will host this event.
- Next year will be the 40th anniversary of the Danville-Alamo Branch of AAUW. Tena suggested we plan a party to celebrate.
- Tena said a Summer Social will be held in August. This social will include members and guests and will be held at Mary Mix's home.
- District Leadership Training will be in Emeryville May 31.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:25 AM

Respectfully Submitted

Marian Bliss
Secretary

The next Board meeting will be Friday April 4, 9:15 AM at the Shadow Hills Cabana.