

AAUW Board Meeting — August 10, 2009

The following Board and Appointed members attended:

Marian Bliss, Co-President	Kathie Hixon, Co-President	Mary Mix, Co-Pres. Elect & EF Co-VP
Marcia Steinhardt, Co-President Elect	Barbara Critchlow, Mbrship Co-VP	Pat DeRensis, Mbrship Co-VP
Jacque Schubert, EF Co-Vice President	Susan Terzuoli, LAF Co-Vice President	Barbara Welch, LAF Co-Vice President
Robin Halloran, Program Co-VP	Mary Hanson, Treasurer	Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary & EYH
Tena Gallagher, Parliamentarian	Cheryl Kohleriter, Advocate Layout	Cynthia Savell, Public Policy
Beth Clark, Local Scholarship	Caroline Sanchez, Women's History	Carla Pancheco, Walnut Creek Liaison
Carol Kennedy, Walnut Creek Liaison		

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 by Co-President Marian Bliss at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, Danville.

Approval of Previous Minutes: The June 5, 2009 Board Meeting minutes stated that "Walnut Creek had 80 members in February." The correct number is 63. The June minutes were accepted as corrected. The June 20, 2009 Planning Meeting minutes were accepted as e-mailed.

Treasurer's Report (Mary Hanson): Mary presented three items.

- She discussed the 2009-10 budget which will be presented to the membership for their approval at the September Membership Brunch. Her format differed from past versions. The board preferred the standard assets-liabilities format showing both total amounts equal. Mary will re-do it as this is the form with which our members are familiar. A line item showing operating and scholarship expenses of \$1,200 will be added to achieve this balance. Pat DeRensis moved we accept the budget with this proviso. The motion passed.
- Mary distributed expense and other forms which she requested we use consistently in order to standardize operations.
- She said that the annual audit will be scheduled.

Membership (Pat DeRensis): So far 24 members have not renewed. Most members who requested a hard copy of the *Advocate* included \$10 for a subscription. This should cut down on our printing expenses. Members who have not renewed have been contacted by phone and e-mail. Some board members have offered to contact them one more time, especially if they know the person.

Membership Brunch (Barbara Critchlow): This is a *Shape the Future Event*. We need two greeters, raffle ticket sellers, and some volunteers for clean-up. In addition to the special interest groups, there will be a Presidents' Book Sale, a Holiday Home Tour signup sheet for docents, and a Tech Trek *Show-and-Tell* display, Jacque will be selling 40th Anniversary Oktoberfest tickets as well. We also want to designate on the Name Tags in some way members who are new and/or coming from the Walnut Creek Branch.

Program (Robin Halloran): The March Women's History month general meeting had been planned as a joint program with the Pleasanton-Livermore branches. So far we have not heard back from Pleasanton. So there is a possibility that some of the events may be juggled.

International Program (Gus Slavin): No report, Gus was absent.

Educational Foundation (Jacque Schubert and Mary Mix): The Northern California EF Luncheon is scheduled for October 25th noon at Crow Canyon Country Club. Cost is \$30.

Legal Advocacy Fund (Susan Terzuoli): If the March Women's History meeting with Pleasanton falls through it would leave March open for an LAF event, possibly another theatrical fund raiser with Lynn Goodwin. It is easier to get a venue in March.

Women's History (Caroline Sanchez): Caroline has an article for the *Advocate* on Virgie Jones, whom she recently interviewed. She would like to get a photo included with the article to be e-mailed to Cheryl. Marian and Dora-Thea offered to help if needed.

The Advocate (Cheryl Kohleriter): Cheryl showed examples of the revised *Advocate* format with three sample banners. The board voted on their preference.

Parliamentarian (Tena Gallagher): Later this month AAUW CA will be issuing their revised By-Laws and Policy Procedures and Tena will review them for items applicable to our situation.

Holiday Home Tour (Kathie Hixon): This will be the 5th Annual HHT. Three homes have been selected and we need two more. Margaret Knopf is planning refreshments. Bev Nidick and Helga Glasson will be helping as well.

40th Anniversary Celebration (Kathie Hixon): The ticket price will be \$33 and invitations should be going out this month. Dora-Thea is working on a power point presentation which she showed at the end of the meeting. Photos and layout are being completed for the 1970s and Marian is scanning material for the other decades.

Walnut Creek (Carla Pancheco): The Walnut Creek branch will be formally dissolved in October. Disbandment was approved by AAUW CA but did not make it to the National consent calendar in July. Carla announced a *Save the Day* on October 16 for a presentation to our group on the new Walnut Creek Library and its state-of-the-art facilities. Details will appear in the September *Advocate* under the *Walnut Creek Satellite Connections* page.

Public Policy (Cynthia Savell): Cynthia brought everyone's attention to the problem of *data mining* by pharmacies whereby they sell personal information to third parties. Caveat: Check the small type on prescription bottles. Other issues involve gender rating in setting health insurance premiums. Title IX will now require that high school girls in sports be given the same protection as those in higher education. Finally, Cynthia mentioned the confirmation of Sonia Sotomayor for the Supreme Court.

Local Scholarships (Beth Clark): Nothing to report at this time.

Tech Trek (Bev Nidick): No report, Bev was absent.

Summer Activities — 4th of July Parade (Kathie Hixon): It was a great success and all were enthusiastic to participate in the 2010 Parade. One suggestion was to feature music.

New Business: AAUW CA delayed the vote on eliminating holding a university degree from the membership qualification until after National changes voting by delegation to one vote-one member which will occur in 2 years. Dora-Thea prepared several samples of a logo for our 40th Anniversary and the board chose the word *celebration* over *commemoration* in the text. We will use this logo on both the September Membership Brunch Program and Name Tags as well as on the Oktoberfest Program.

Next Board Meeting: Monday, September 14 at 7:00 P.M. at the Shadow Hills Cabaña.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary

September 12, 2009 Membership Brunch: The 2009-10 budget was presented to the membership. Marilyn Milam moved, it was seconded and accepted as presented.