

Danville-Alamo AAUW Board Meeting Minutes for August 22, 2008

The following members were present:

Tena Gallagher, Pres.	Marian Bliss, Parliamentarian	Connie Cady, EF Co-VP
Kathie Hixon, Co-President Elect	Sharon Cohune, Membership Co-VP	Nancy Murray, Program Co-VP
Jacque Schubert, Treasurer	Bev Nidick, Tech Trek Coordinator	Carole Allen, Program Co-VP
Dora-Thea Porter, Secretary, EYH	Barbara Critchlow, Women's History	Susan Rogers, LAF Co-VP

President Tena Gallagher called the Friday, August 22 board meeting to order at 9:30 at the Shadow Hills Cabana, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville. The minutes of the June 6 board meeting and June 21, 2008 planning meeting were approved.

Treasurer (Jacque Schubert): Highlights of the proposed 08-09 budget are a) expenses of \$1,675 and \$1,545 allocated for state and national conferences, respectively and b) anticipated revenues of \$12,000 from the Garden and the Holiday Home Tours, respectively. Currently we have 165 paid members with 5 members on dues assistance. The EF and LAF accounts are separate from the branch accounts and Jacque will present a disbursement report on these accounts next month. The budget was approved by the board and will be presented to the membership at the brunch for their approval.

Program (Nancy Murray and Carol Allen): The October 21 general meeting will feature the League of Women Voters and Project "Vote Smart." It will be at the Shadow Hills Cabana and catered by De Ming's. Efforts are underway to schedule Ellen Tauscher for either March (Women's History Month) or May. She is available only on Saturdays and cannot commit until after January. This event will need to include Walnut Creek and the Livermore/Pleasanton/Dublin branches, as they are part of her district. A venue will also have to be located. An alternate speaker for either March or May is Bud McKensie who is involved with school construction in Afghanistan.

Membership (Sharon Cohune): Sharon gave a preview of the permanent nametags she created and handed out a draft of the Membership Brunch Program. Suggestions and corrections were made. A new member, Loretta Altschuler, will design and provide the floral centerpieces. Sharon proposed setting up a "hospitality committee" to assist and also advised developing a transportation or car-pooling system. Jacque offered to meet with Sharon and Marcia, who was membership chair last year, to review the financial aspects of the membership process.

LAF (Susan Rogers): The November 18 general meeting is planned as a benefit dinner with proposed speaker, attorney, Michael Terhost who is representing some Feather River College litigants. Location and food/catering are to be decided. The play *Twelve Angry Women* is still under consideration.

EF (Connie Cady): Thus far Mary Mix has visited 11 gardens and everything is on schedule. The annual Northern California EF Luncheon for fellows and grants recipients is on October 26 at 12:00 at the Crow Canyon Country Club. Connie encouraged us to attend since it is in our backyard and not on the peninsula.

Scholarship (Kathie Hixon): The Holiday Home Tour is scheduled for December 12 and 13. Thus far, four homes are committed, all are located in the same general area—eastside Danville. Tickets will be \$30, up from \$25, which is in line with the Garden Tour. Efforts are underway to use Pay Pal for ticket purchases. A docent sign-up sheet will be available at the September membership brunch. Margaret Batesche and Phyllis Clark are the new committee members who will review the scholarship applicants.

Tech Trek (Bev Nidick): It was a successful week at Mills for our recipients. Four of them plan to attend the brunch and will be introduced by Cheryl Kohleriter.

Expand Your Horizons (Dora-Thea Porter): EYH is set for February 28 next year at the same location and with the same target audience. Pat DeRensis, co-chair, will be available at the EYH interest table for questions and information.

Parliamentarian (Marion Bliss): By-laws need to be approved. However, since state and national are making changes, Marion suggests we wait until these changes are completed and then revised ours accordingly. For example, our new name is AAUW and not American Association of University Women and we will be known as AAUW.

Other items:

- **Big Sister Program:** Our branch has never really developed this program. Suggested activities for integrating new members include serving on a hospitality committee or as docents.
- **Business Card:** Connie offered to print up business cards, using a template and the AAUW logo for members wishing them.
- **Audit Report:** Pending. No need yet. Table for now.
- **e-Scrip:** We received \$85 last year, but could improve this if more members signed up.
- **Potential Treasurer:** Mary Hanson is a possible potential treasurer.
- **Future Board Meetings:** Meetings will continue to be at 9:15 for socializing, then beginning promptly at 9:30. No food will be served during the meeting but an optional lunch at a local eatery can be planned if desired.
- **Future meetings:**

October 3	January 9	April 3
November 7	February 6	May 1
December 5	March 6	June 5

The August 22 meeting was adjourned at 11:30.

Next Board Meeting: October 3.

Time and Location: 9:15 at the Shadow Hills Cabaña, 1001 El Capitan Drive, Danville.

Respectfully submitted,

Dora-Thea Porter
Secretary