

## **HEALDSBURG AAUW BOARD MEETING**

April 20, 2015

Healdsburg High School

**PRESENT:** Sue Campbell, Michele St. Clair, Ronnie Devitt, Lynda Guthrie, Janet Hoehn, Cecile Peters, Gail Wright, Nancy Haiston, Diane Bartleson, Charlene Luks, Winky Merrill, Yvonne Hyatt

The branch meeting came to order immediately following the AAUW fund meeting.

The minutes were corrected by Nancy Haiston and approved as corrected.

**SURVEY:** Michele St. Clair will send out a survey to the membership on April 27 to prioritize advocacy issues to choose a focus for next year. A response will be needed by May 7 via e-mail. Sue will mention this at the next speaker series meeting on May 5.

**STATE CONVENTION:** Ronnie Devitt recently returned from the state AAUW convention. She will write a report for the next board meeting. The national election will include a significant by-law change; i.e., a proposal that has been initiated by members, not the national board, that there be no degree requirement for membership in AAUW. All members of AAUW may vote on this issue and Sue will send out an e-mail blast to our branch members encouraging them to vote.

Ronnie spoke about another issue that our branch needs to consider. The national AAUW is asking that any money donated to AAUW funds not be designated for any specific purpose, but be put into the general fund.

**MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT FOLLOW-UP:** Gail Wright and the committee have met and have written a sheet to be given to new members as part of their orientation. The revision of the membership page for the website is being worked on and should be finished by July 1. The membership committee discussed following up with new members after six months to see how they are getting involved. They also discussed the possibility of doing random calls to a portion of the entire membership to especially encourage those who may not have gotten involved with any AAUW activities. They would come up with a list of questions to ask in both cases. Terry Leach is working on a date to get the women who were at the last new member coffee together for a social time. We have received the gift of two partial memberships from the National organization, each worth \$49. The amount covers the cost of the National dues, but not the local dues. Two names of women who might benefit from this gift were proposed by some of the board members. Ronnie will ask Ann Caranza and Diane will ask Theresa Burke. The board also recommended the branch pay the remaining amount of a year's membership for each woman. This will be a one-time gift only. It was suggested we keep a list of names of others who might like the gift of a year's membership in the future. Gail will be sending out the orientation sheet to the Board via e-mail.

**ELIMINATING COMMUNITY VIPS:** In Judy's absence, Ronnie reported that Judy has suggested we drop the community VIP program. It was the consensus of the board that we drop the program. It does not seem to serve a purpose anymore and not many people use it. It will need to be removed from the website.

**SPEAKERS SERIES CO-CHAIRS:** The nominating committee recommended Heidi Blumenthal and Ann Allan for Speakers Series Co-chairs and suggested that they both be board positions. (Ann Allan subsequently declined to accept a board position and has withdrawn her name from the ballot.) Ann and Terry Leach will be on Heidi's committee.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** After some discussion it was decided to leave the number of scholarships awarded to graduating SRJC women at five recipients and that each be given the budgeted amount of \$4,000. Janet said there were now 10 finalists who will be interviewed soon by committee members. The board also voted to award one \$3,000 scholarship to a deserving female Cloverdale High School graduate and three scholarships of \$3,000 each to graduating young women from Healdsburg High School. It was suggested that we consider giving a scholarship to a Windsor High School graduate next year. We discussed the unallocated funds that were carried over from last year and the need to appropriate these funds. This topic will be revisited at the next Board meeting.

The issue of money being raised from the Forum was brought up and it was decided this should be discussed at the board retreat coming up for the new board.

**YEAR-END-TO-DO'S:** **Lynda** let us know the venues that are under consideration for the Holiday party in December. She asked that we let her know of any ideas we might have of other venues. She wants to have the decision made by the time of the next meeting.

**Nancy** talked about the differences between job descriptions and procedures. She asked that the descriptions that are posted on the web be kept simple. Any revisions to be made should be sent to her by June 1.

**Sue** asked that the year-end reports be sent to her before the next meeting.

**ITEMS FOR THE NEXT BOARD MEETING:**

- There will be a follow-up on the issue of scholarships.
- Nancy will discuss the Role of Publicity.
- The Installation Lunch.
- Michele will report on the results of the advocacy survey.

The **NEXT BOARD MEETING** will be held on June 1 at the Healdsburg High School library conference room at 4pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Hyatt, Recording Secretary

