

AAUW BOARD MINUTES

January 16, 2014

Healdsburg High school

Present: Sue Campbell, Cathy Chiminello, Gail Wright, Phil Wright, Ann Allan, Judy Edmonds, Charlene Luks, Rita Minkin, Ronnie Devitt, Yvonne Hyatt, Liz Loebel

Absent: Janet Hoehn, Cher Frechette, Nancy Haiston

The minutes were approved with the addition of Judy Edmonds name to the list of those present at the November meeting.

Treasurer's Report: Phil reported we received two \$1,000 gifts for Tech Trek.

Bulletin Board Evaluation: Liz Loebel came to the board for discussion and feedback on the Bulletin Board as it stands. It has included items "to loan" and "want ads", but no "for sale" items. She suggests publicizing it more and she is willing to continue the job of being the coordinator for it for the time being. She will send an e-mail blast to the membership every month and more, if needed, at her discretion. There will be no advertising of personal businesses or services, but "for sale" items will now be included.

New Member Tea: Gail discussed the new members tea on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Pat Bertapelle's home from 10-11 AM. The purpose is for the new members to meet the board members and to thank the Buddies. Gail will be contacting the board members for food to bring. Pat will take care of drinks, dishes, and any paper goods.

Scholarships and Grants: Cathy Chiminello talked about the request received from Hala Alshahwany, the Vice Chair of PSST, for a donation of \$4,000 from the local branch of AAUW. The motion was made, seconded, and passed that we support PSST with a gift of \$2500. Cathy will submit a request form to Phil and the funds will be taken from our unallocated funds which now total \$7,885.81.

Cathy met with Elaine Watkins, the high school staff person who keeps track of scholarships and helps students apply for them. Elaine recommended the two scholarships we will be giving be awarded to girls attending a 4-year college. The Sally Lyle Fund Scholarship, in the amount of \$1500, will be one-time and the AAUW Healdsburg Chapter Scholarship will be ongoing. We decided the amount would be \$1,000. Cathy will form a committee of 3 branch members for the selection process. The charge to the committee will be to favor those young women who intend to major in STEM classes, although that will not be an exclusive requirement to apply. Cathy also read a portion of a thank you letter a current scholarship recipient has received from AAUW. She stated it was typical of how grateful the recipients are.

Homes Tour Update: Ronnie Devitt reported we now have six homes for the tour. There will be e-mail blasts to the members encouraging them to buy tickets for the tour on-line. Post cards, e-mail notices and hard copy notices will be distributed to non-members.

Ronnie reminded us raffle tickets will not be sold on-line, but will be available for sale at all of our member events and interest group meetings starting the beginning of February. Each of us were encouraged to be responsible to take raffle tickets and sell them to specific groups to which we belong or events where we participate. Ronnie passed a sign-up sheet around to help facilitate this.

The committees are meeting and the raffle donor committee has been formed. More sponsors and advertisers are needed.

Charlene is volunteer coordinator and talked about how she will handle the sign-ups electronically, using a system she uses for the library book sales.

Nominating Committee: Ronnie said the nominating committee, consisting of her, Cher Frechette, Nancy Haiston, and Louise Lambert has met and will be contacting all of the board members in the near future to determine what the needs will be for officers for the coming year.

Policy Summit: Sue attended the California Women's Policy Summit 2014 in Sacramento. She was impressed with the number of young, intelligent, enthusiastic women at the meeting. Of particular interest to Sue was the workshop about Title IX. There is a statewide effort to increase compliance with Title IX, which was passed more than 40 years ago.

Items for the Next board Meeting: Sue brought up two items for discussion at the February meeting; the board members will have a chance to discuss their goals for the year as a board member and there will be a discussion about how to encourage AAUW members to attend the state convention and whether or not partial funding should be provided. The next state convention is April 11-13 in the Los Angeles area.

NOTE: The next meeting will be on February 27 at 4 PM in the usual room in the high school.

The meeting was adjourned promptly at 5:30.

Respectfully Submitted,
Yvonne Hyatt Recording Secretary