

## HEALDSBURG AAUW FUND MEETING

April 18, 2016

Healdsburg Junior High School

**PRESENT:** Ronnie Devitt, Janet Hoehn, Winky Merrill, Andi Michelsen, Violet Nelson, Deana Fusco, Michele St. Clair, Nancy Haiston, Linda Clark, Judy Edmonds, Lynda Guthrie, Heidi Blumenthal

The AAUW Fund meeting was called to order at 4:02 pm. The minutes of the February 15, 2016 meeting were approved. Deana moved to approve and Winky seconded.

**Treasurer's report:** Winky reviewed the Fund Budget Report and Treasurer's Report. No changes to be made at this time.

### **Fundraising report:**

Forum: The spring '16 course, Dynasty: Rise and Fall of the Great Houses of Europe, has 153 students enrolled and has netted about \$5,850 for the class. Since 1/15, Forum has raised over \$50,000.

Two courses are planned for next fall. Both courses are focused on the elections.

Tech Trek Fundraising: To date, Tech Trek donations total \$8,600 with an additional \$3,621 remaining from summer 2015 donations. After participants fees are received and summer 2016 fees are paid, we will have \$5,421 to carry over to Summer 2017.

Homes Tour: Everything is on schedule. Our only raffle prize this year is for a visit to Farmhouse Inn, including dinner and two massages. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day of the Tour for \$20 each with a maximum of 250 tickets.

eScrip and Amazon Smile: No update.

### **Fund Scholarships and Grants Report:**

The check for \$11,000 for HJH Lego Mindstorms project was sent to HEF. No acknowledgement has been received, but is expected. Heidi Blumenthal and Andi Michelsen will meet with Patricia Murphy soon to see the project and talk about her upcoming Speaker's night presentation. Andi will coordinate with Dana Grande about joint publicity.

Charlene Luks and Andi Michelsen have met with Healdsburg district folks about how we might support preschool in Healdsburg. There is currently a preschool operating at

Fitch Mountain campus, with morning and afternoon sessions. They are not at capacity. There is also a Pre-Kinder program at HES campus, but this is not preschool. Charlene and Andi discussed possible support for parents who do not meet financial guidelines for the preschool, but still cannot afford tuition. They also discussed the possibility of support for a short session of Pre-Kinder in the summer.

We have a proposal from Healdsburg Unified Schools to support a three week summer program for their preschool children who are transitioning to Kindergarten in the Fall. All are English learners, and that will be the focus of the summer program. The total request is \$20,244. Half of the cost is for consultants to train the teachers and the remainder is for teacher salaries and benefits for 4 teachers. Board reviewed the \$20,000 proposal and decided that we do not have the funds to support this project this year.

Mickey Sarquis has been recruited (thanks, Nancy) to take the lead on SRJC Scholarships. Andi and Mickey met and reviewed the process and criteria, including documentation from our IRS application in the 501 (c) 3 application. Interviews (13) will be May 6.

Andi and Bev Lieberman reviewed 31 applications for scholarships for high school graduates. One from Healdsburg HS to receive \$5,000 (from the Al Garrin fund); \$3,000 scholarships will be awarded to 3 others in Healdsburg as well as 3 in Windsor. Cloverdale applicants did not meet the necessary criteria; the one application from Geyserville was incomplete.

HEF to return \$750, which was originally a grant to pay for a bus trip for science students.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:27 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary  
April 18, 2016