

## **HEALDSBURG AAUW BRANCH MEETING**

March 20, 2017

Ronnie Devitt's home

1714 Latigo Lane, Healdsburg

**PRESENT:** Ronnie Devitt, Violet Nelson, Michele St. Clair, Barbara Reid, Deana Fusco, Nancy Haiston, Sue Campbell, Janet Hoehn

The AAUW Branch meeting was called to order at 4:10 pm.

### **Minutes from prior meeting: Violet**

The minutes of the February 20, 2017 meeting were approved; Sue moved and Barbara seconded.

### **Treasurer's Branch Report and Budget Report:**

Discussion re: the upcoming FFA parade on May 25 included approval of \$200 for expenses (kazoos, giveaways, signs, supplies, etc.) for the event. Board volunteers needed to walk/ride on the flatbed truck. We will have an oversized check showing how much we gave last year in Scholarships and Community Grants. Walking behind the truck will be GEMS girls, Tech Trek girls and Scholarship recipients. Looking for a female truck driver as well as some caps and gowns.

### **Nominating Committee Report:**

All positions have been filled. In lieu of having a Speakers Series Chair, we should have a Program Chair that would be a Board position. Need to have a job description before deciding on a candidate. Nancy to look on State/National website for a job description. Michelle suggested that one of the programs be focused on public policy. Other ideas are The Hunting Ground, etc. Coordinating with other local branches should be a part of the position.

Nancy looking for feedback from Chairs regarding any suggested revisions to their respective Board positions.

An article listing all nominees will be in the May Grapevine prior to the election in May.

Ronnie will have proposed amendments to the bylaws to Board by April 7 in order to get in May grapevine by April 15. Both will be voted on at the May 20th annual meeting.

### **Membership Report: Deana**

Membership renewal for 2017-18 will begin in April, but members may rejoin online as early as March 16. Rosters will be updated this month and posted online in early April. Articles concerning both these subjects have been submitted to the April Grapevine.

We presently have 201 members with two proposed members.

Out of 141 branches in the state, our chapter ranks at #8.

### **Public Policy Report: Michele**

Donna Mertens, State President of AAUW California, has instructed the State Public Policy Committee to move forward — energetically -- to involve legislators in Tech Trek. It was suggested that we could invite McGuire/Wood to participate in Tech Trek introductory meeting, including funders, current and prior year's recipients. Another idea is to have a local rep send letters to the individual Tech Trek selectees. Michelle to check with Cynthia Adam regarding confidentiality of personal data.

### **Speaker Series: Violet**

#### Upcoming Speakers' Series:

April 4, 2017 — Cathryn Couch, Executive Director, The Ceres Community Project

Speakers' Series Survey Results: Article will be in April Grapevine showing the member survey results and Ronnie's article will indicate that the Speakers' Series will be on hiatus for the upcoming year.

### **Social Activities Report: Barbara**

32 members attended last Lunch Bunch; introduced 3 new members. Next one is scheduled for April 12; location TBD. April 14 is next Cultural Event. April 21 is next Wine and Dine.

Annual meeting garden party will be at Cecile Peters' home in Cloverdale. Will be from 11-2 on May 20. Food will be salads and desserts along with mimosas. Expenses will include table/chair rentals, purchase of champagne, OJ, and tableware.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary  
March 20, 2017