

HEALDSBURG AAUW BRANCH MEETING

April 17, 2017

Healdsburg Junior High, Room 19

35 Grant Street, Healdsburg

PRESENT: Ronnie Devitt, Violet Nelson, Michele St. Clair, Deana Fusco, Nancy Haiston, Janet Hoehn, Sandy Beddow, Judy Edmonds, Linda Clark, Andi Michelsen, Winky Merrill

The AAUW Branch meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm.

Minutes from prior meeting: Violet

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved; Deana moved and Sandy seconded.

Treasurer's Branch Report and Budget Report: Winky

The projected balance at end of year 2016/2017 is just over \$9,000.

Proposed Bylaws changes: Ronnie

Ronnie submitted proposed changes to the Branch bylaws, reflecting a new appointed Board position, Program Chair. Remainder of appointed officers are: communications, community services, fundraising, grants and scholarship, membership, public policy, and social activities. Other changes include a reduction in the number of membership meetings to one; time and place to be determined by the Branch board. In addition, the Annual Meeting shall be held during either May or June.

After discussion, the Board agreed that we should include the past president, not as an elected officer, but as one of the appointed officers. (See Articles X and XI.) Board also suggested that in Article X, Section 2, that we add the phrase "as appropriate" at the end of line f. In Article XIV, Section 1, suggestion made to revise last sentence to read "...shall be held during either May or June".

Nominating Committee Report: Nancy

Nancy submitted a job description for a new Board position, Program Chair. Board discussed and Nancy will revise based upon Board input. The Nominating Committee will meet to discuss candidates for this position as well as for Homes Tour positions for next year.

Community Services: Judy

Future Prep: A very successful Career Day was held at the Cloverdale HS. All 400 students attended and were provided with information regarding job prep/interviewing; interaction with professionals in various fields; and schools, services and employers talked to the students.

Membership Report: Deana

Current membership stands at 202, including two new members this month. Membership renewal for 2017-18 has begun. As of this date, more than 60 members have renewed their membership for 2017-2018. Invoices sent from National have made it easier for members to renew online. Rosters have been updated this month and posted online.

Public Policy Report: Michele

Michele is restructuring her team and recruiting new members as well as volunteers for specific events.

Speaker Series: Sandy

April 4, 2017 — Cathryn Couch, Executive Director, The Ceres Community Project spoke at last meeting and there was a lot of enthusiasm/support generated.

September 16, 2017 - Annual Fundraising Gala for CERES. Linda Clark has signed up for a table and is looking for attendees to join her. Tickets are \$125.

Proposed cultural event for next year: — Tour of CERES Sebastopol kitchen/office. Sandy to share this suggestion with the Cultural Events chairs, Jean Norelli and Ann Mahoney.

Social Activities Report:

Annual meeting garden party will be at Cecile Peters' home in Cloverdale. Will be from 11-2 on May 20. Ronnie proposed that after about one-half hour for socializing that she will conduct a program/meeting (with minutes to be recorded) along with election/installation of new officers. Lunch will be served following the program.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary
April 17, 2017