

## **HEALDSBURG AAUW FUND 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 Fund meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm.

### **Approval of minutes from March 20, 2017: Violet**

The minutes of the March 20, 2017 meeting were approved. Linda moved to approve and Janet seconded.

### **Treasurer's Report: Winky**

This year's unallocated funds are approximately \$5400.

The Board voted to change the signatories on our two bank accounts with American River Bank as of June 30, 2017 as follows:

#### **Healdsburg AAUW Fund - Account #2210010077**

Remove Winky Merrill and replace with Julie Hanamura (Treasurer)

Remove Veronica DeVitt and replace with Linda Clark (VP)

#### **American Assn. of University Women Healdsburg Branch - Account #2000446**

Remove Winky Merrill and replace with Julie Hanamura (Treasurer)

Remove Veronica DeVitt and replace with Linda Clark (VP)

### **Scholarships and Grants: Andi**

Elaine Watkins, HHS Scholarships/Career Coordinator, was a guest speaker. She is leaving HHS at the end of the school year and shared suggestions she has for our scholarship program. She indicated that Healdsburg has a very robust scholarship program; therefore, AAUW recipients usually get several other scholarships (e.g., PELL grants, work/study) as well that are combined to cover most of their tuition. She suggests that instead of the \$3,000

scholarships that we have been awarding that we consider giving smaller awards (perhaps \$1,500) to more students, thereby helping more girls. We could also encourage the recipients to come back in subsequent years to request another scholarship; this could help to build relationships with them; We could also invite them to our meetings and/or meet one-on-one with them. Examples of other scholarship awards are Kiwanis \$1,500 to 8 students; Rotary about \$1,000 and are renewable. Options will be discussed at the Board retreat.

HS Scholarship applications (25) have been received from Healdsburg, Windsor, Cloverdale and Geyserville High Schools. These are in the hands of the reviewers, Winky Merrill, Jean Norelli and Andi Michelsen.

Board approved increasing the HS scholarship allocation from \$18,000 to \$22,000 allowing the committee discretion to approve various amounts from \$1,000-\$3,000.

The Al Garren fund can be awarded to a student in any of the four high schools in our AAUW district; however, it must be awarded as a single \$5,000 award rather than smaller awards.

SRJC Scholarships (20) have been reviewed by Mickey Sarquis, Cindy Brenton, Jane Martin and Kathleen Riley; 11 have been selected to be interviewed.

HEF Grant: There have been difficulties in completing the grant request process for HEF's "Mouse Squad" project. At this point, Andi recommends that we defer funding this program for the current year (and carry forward approximately \$15,000 into next year's budget) and instead that we reconsider in September, once the grant is finalized with HEF.

We have been asked by HEF to retroactively fund a school bus field trip to UC Berkeley's high school science fair in the amount of \$4,250. Judy moved and Michele seconded and the motion passed.

Additionally, there will be a complete revamp of the district's preschool program; should it come together as expected, we might consider supporting that program with some/all of the carry over monies.

Andi presented a recommendation to the Board to support Ane Rovetta art program (C.A.V.E.) in Cloverdale elementary classes, grades 1-4. Andi recommends that we fund it again for \$2,000 this year accompanied by a proviso that were we to do it again next year there would need to be additional funders (other than AAUW and Rotary). Janet moved and Nancy seconded this motion.

**Fundraising report: Janet Hoehn**

Forum: 234 students are enrolled in Chris O’Sullivan’s spring course, History of Sonoma County. Net proceeds for this class should exceed \$12,500. Net income from the 2016-17 classes will be available once the printing bills for the spring handouts are paid.

Six classes have been scheduled for 2017-18.

Homes Tour: The countdown is on for the May 7 tour date. Two of the six homes are not walkable from the Museum. Street parking is available for one of the two homes and a shuttle service will be available from a designated parking lot for the other house.

Still need more docents to staff the 2-hour shifts as well as other volunteers.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary  
April 17, 2017