

## HEALDSBURG AAUW BOARD MEETING

June 1, 2015

Healdsburg High School

**PRESENT:** Sue Campbell, Ronnie Devitt, Janet Hoehn, Winky Merrill, Michele St. Clair, Diane Bartleson, Charlene Luks, Gail Wright, Judy Edmonds, Yvonne Hyatt, Lynda Guthrie

The branch meeting came to order immediately following the AAUW Fund meeting. The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Winky passed out the treasurer's report and the 501(c)(4) income statement. All membership dues are not in but she stated the amount of the projected membership income by the end of the year. The bottom line amount of the unallocated funds is \$13,210.56.

**WEBSITE UPDATE:** Because of Nancy Haiston's absence, Sue reported that the budget for the branch will be password protected on our website and available for members only to see as is the membership directory now. Board minutes will not be password protected. If anything needs to be updated for the new member orientation material it should be done as soon as possible.

**TECH SAVVY REPORT:** In Nancy Haiston's absence, Sue asked if there were any questions or concerns regarding Nancy's report, and there were none.

**CHILD DEVELOPMENT CENTER:** Judy Edmonds reported the center had an open house to which several AAUW members attended. Judy was impressed with the programs offered. She took photos for the next Grapevine newsletter and to post at the Raven Theater when the Forum takes place again to advertise where some of the money being raised is going.

**PUBLIC POLICY SURVEY:** Michele printed out the results of the survey and gave them to us. Seventy members participated. The majority clearly favored having the branch focus on education, the emphasis being on quality education including preschool and STEM education. The next step for the Public Policy team will be how to focus on these issues, using the website and Facebook as well as all proposed means of communication with the branch.

The team will attend a meeting held by the county Board of Supervisors focusing on A Portrait of Sonoma-Health Action.

Michele suggests the survey be done yearly as the focus of members may change.

**SOCIAL ACTIVITIES:** Lynda Guthrie commented the installation lunch was taken care of and she wished to talk about the Holiday Party for December. The two most promising venues to date are the Paul Madher Gallery and the Geyserville Oriental Hall. Paul Madher may reduce his fee to \$1,000 and the Geyserville Hall may be discounted to \$500 for us. The board agreed Lynda should pursue the Geyserville Hall.

Sue returned to the subject of the installation lunch and said that Judy will speak about the support AAUW is giving to the pre-school program at the Child Development Center, Michele St. Clair will summarize the results of the survey and Terry Leach will speak about the research showing the importance of pre-school education.

**SCHOLARSHIPS:** Janet reported the SRJC scholarship committee interviewed seven applicants and three of the seven did not meet the AAUW criteria. Therefore, four women will be given \$16,000 worth of scholarship money for continuing their education at the SRJC.

Janet attended the scholarship night at Healdsburg High School and Diane attended the Cloverdale High School scholarship night. Our branch is one of the top scholarship donors at both high schools with \$9,000 being awarded to three girls at Healdsburg High and \$3,000 given to one girl at Cloverdale High.

**BOYS & GIRLS CLUB PROPOSAL:** Sue led the discussion about funding three children for summer camp at a cost of \$1,000 per child at one of the summer camps run by the Boys and Girls Clubs of Central Sonoma County. Ronnie voiced concern about whether or not this scholarship money would be in line with the stated mission of AAUW. Janet had talked with Brett Shinn, the Resource Development Manager of the Sonoma County Boys and Girls Clubs, who told her we can direct our money to be given to girls in Healdsburg, Cloverdale and Windsor. The board voted to approve funding for three girls, one for each summer camp in those three locations.

**ALLIANCE MEDICAL PROPOSAL:** Sue also brought up the proposal written by the Alliance Medical Center for funding a program called "Safe Dates". There was some discussion about the relevance of the program. The board voted to allocate \$3,000 for the program that includes an instructor and materials such as pens, markers, and printer toner.

**NOTE:** Be sure and complete the year-end reports and send them to Sue. The job descriptions with any recommended changes go to Nancy right away.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Yvonne Hyatt, Secretary