

HEALDSBURG AAUW BRANCH MEETING

September 21, 2015

Healdsburg Junior High School

PRESENT: Ronnie Devitt, Nancy Halston, Winky Merrill, Judy Edmonds, Linda Clark, Andi Michelsen, Violet Nelson, Heidi Blumenthal

The AAUW Branch meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm. The minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting were approved; Heidi moved and Nancy seconded. The meeting of the 8/19/15 Board retreat were approved subsequent to revising the total for fundraising for Grants and Scholarships from “nearly \$78,000” to “nearly \$70,000”. Nancy moved and Judy seconded the motion to approve.

Treasurer’s Branch Report and Budget Report: Winky reviewed both reports and no changes were noted.

Communications/website update: Linda indicated that the new website has gone live. and Lisa Meissner has taken over the website management subsequent to Nancy setting it up. Linda will train to be Lisa’s back-up. Nancy to investigate use of dropbox for sharing our Board reports, including minutes and Chair reports. She will also distribute Michele’s Chair report to the Board.

Monthly Chair reports should be submitted as PDF attachments. The Secretary will keep them in a computer file and, if feasible, a dropbox will be set up to store the reports as well as the minutes from the meetings. Secretary will send Lisa for posting on the website the meeting minutes subsequent to Board approval.

Membership update: Deana was absent. Her report indicated that we have two new members, Terry Bloom and Karen Thomas. Currently we have 187 members with two more in process with National. As of 11/30, seven will be removed due to non payment of dues.

Community Services: Due to sudden death of Rob Jacobi (her partner from Healdsburg Rotary), Judy indicated that she is forming a new committee for Career Choices with members from both AAUW and Rotary; currently have 6 members from each.

Speakers Series: Heidi reviewed the speakers that have been scheduled for the remaining series. In addition to those identified in her Chair report, these will be newly added:

January - End of life (per Terry Leach)

March - Cecile Focha, first woman Sergeant in Sonoma Co. Sheriff’s Office

April - Chris Vanden Heuvel, new Hbg. Superintendent of Schools, to address the challenges and goals of the school district as he hears the end of his first year on the job
May - request Patricia Murphy to talk about success of the Lego Mindstorms' project that we will be funding

Because of elections, the November and May meetings will be held on the second Tuesdays instead of the first.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary