

HEALDSBURG AAUW FUND 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 Fund meeting was called to order at 4 pm. The minutes of the June 1, 2015 meeting were approved.

Fundraising Report: Winky reviewed the Fund Budget Report and Treasurer's Report. Also gave an update on sales for Oliver Ranch on 10/25. To date, we have 21 sign-ups with 49 maximum for the bus. Cost for bus will be \$500, plus tip and water for attendees. Will open up to others on 9/23.

Fund Scholarships and Grants Report: Andi reviewed the Enrollment Verifications from two students who received AAUW scholarships. Maria Guadalupe Ruiz Gonzalez is enrolled at UC Berkeley and her check is in process. Melissa Hernandez, who originally planned to attend Sonoma State, has enrolled at the SRJC instead. Because our scholarships are intended for students attending a four-year school, she no longer qualifies. The Board voted to withdraw the scholarship award to Melissa. Andi to contact Melissa to inform her of the cancellation of the scholarship. In future years, the Board will consider having alternates identified when situations occur when primary awardees are disqualified.

Andi had two meetings, facilitated by Bette Perez, HEF CEO, and teachers about potential projects for AAUW to support with funding. There are two programs, a Robotics class at Healdsburg Junior High and a Robotics club (The Internet of Things Club) at the High School. The Robotics Class support is being requested by Bill Halliday, principal at HJH and Patricia Murphy, a new and energetic science teacher who teaches an elective Robotics and Coding class. They are seeking support for purchase of Lego Mindstorms, a "kit" of both software and hardware enabling students to design and build robots for many different uses. While current class make-up is approximately 1/3 girls and 2/3 boys, Patricia thinks that having this equipment will result in an increased female participation rate. Bill is also planning to approach Sunrise Rotary for funding. The high school club request is by Bryan Davis. Funding is needed to purchase microprocessors to enable club members to build small projects. The Board supports both projects since we have budgeted \$15,000 for HEF; however, we will wait to see what Sunrise Rotary contributes before determining what amount we will fund. The total needed for the Robotics class is \$11,000. The total needed for the Robotics club is \$3,500.

PSST has requested \$4,000. Last year, AAUW allocated \$2500; Andi to contact Hala Alshahwany to request an operating budget to find how AAUW fits in with other funding agencies.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:48 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary