

## HEALDSBURG AAUW BRANCH MEETING

November 16, 2015

Healdsburg Junior High School

**PRESENT:** Ronnie Devitt, Janet Hoehn, Winky Merrill, Lynda Guthrie, Andi Michelsen, Violet Nelson, Deana Fusco, Michele St. Clair, Sue Campbell, Nancy Haiston, Lynda Guthrie, Linda Clark, Heidi Blumenthal

The AAUW Branch meeting was called to order at 4:33 pm. The minutes of the October 19, 2015 meeting were approved; Janet moved and Lynda seconded.

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

**President's Report:** Cynthia Adam is replacing Bev Lieberman as Tech Trek chair. Updated Leadership Team list was distributed.

**Communications/website update:** Lisa Meisner resigned as Website Manager. She will be replaced by new member, Joanne Johnston. Please send updates to Joanne at [jojo7678@aol.com](mailto:jojo7678@aol.com).

**Public Policy Report:** Need more members on the Committee in order to achieve goals that had been previously set.

Michele to set up meeting with local legislators and asked for volunteers to join her; Andi, Nancy, Heidi, and Linda volunteered.

**Membership update:** Membership Directory and Personal Information Roster have been updated. Currently we have 189 members. Five Board members and six new Chapter members (out of 13) attended the New Member Orientation at Pat Bertapelle's home on November 13.

Membership Committee decided to survey new and existing members about their satisfaction with the our Branch; further discussion to determine what survey methods are appropriate for our large membership. The Committee will forward names and email addresses of new members to Michele so that the Public Policy Committee can send a PDF of the Public Policy brochure to them electronically. Deana will send Board members the PDF of the Public Policy brochure.

**Community Services:** GEMS planning is underway for the year. In December GEMS will host a Professional Women's Night so GEMS girls can have a chance to talk 1-on-1 with women in various fields.

Career Choices now has a committee of 9 AAUW members and 5 Rotarians. Leaders for 4 panels have been assigned. Since the program now includes more than career panels, there is discussion about re-naming it. Will decide on the final name after HHS administration has a chance to review them.

Katherine Lacy created a mission statement for the program:

Career Choices is a community service program of the Healdsburg branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Healdsburg Rotary. Its mission is to support the growth and development of students at Healdsburg High School through a range of activities that include providing opportunities for students to learn about diverse career fields, serving as a resource for school-based student projects, and other related efforts that help prepare students for life after high school and for which community support is sought by HHS faculty and administrators.

**Speakers Series:** The last Speakers Series for 2015 was held on November 10. Speakers are confirmed for January, February, March, April and May 2016.

**Social Activities:** Lynda's report summarized all social activities for 2015-2016. Next event is the holiday party on December 6 at the Geyserville Oriental hall. Committee will be visiting the site tomorrow to decide how to decorate and set up tables, etc. All activities for remainder of the year are scheduled except one cultural event targeted for May 2016. Still need someone to chair the picnic in August 2016; it was suggested that perhaps a new member be invited to do so, maybe Claire O'Neill?

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Violet Nelson, Secretary