

**AAUW BRANCH BOARD MEETING**  
**MINUTES, February 4, 2020** *final*

The AAUW Branch Board Meeting was called to order at 1:10 pm at Summit State Bank, 1001 Vine Street, Healdsburg.

**Present:** Linda Clark, Barbara Epstein, Mary Fitzgerald, Nancy Haiston, Kathryn Henderson, Karla Rosen, Kate Van Ness, Theresa Cabral, Julie Hanamura, Beth Wolk, Sue Campbell

**Absent:** Mickey Sarquis, Barbara Reid

**Minutes:** Motion to accept the 2020.01.07 Branch Board Meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

**Administrative:** Kathryn Henderson and Linda Clark

Action Item:

- Storage Unit Update – The 5' x 5' storage unit is too small to adequately store Branch materials. A 10' x 10' unit will be rented. All boxed items must be clearly labeled with an inventory sheet attached to each box. Materials will be moved into the storage unit at 10am, March 3.

**President-** Linda Clark

Action Item:

- FFA Parade May 21, 2020, Participation: The Sonoma County Women's 2020 Suffrage Project Committee members are planning to participate in parades in the county. Sue will draft a Grapevine article inviting members to coordinate participation in the Healdsburg FFA Parade with the Committee.
- 2020 Convention: The State AAUW Convention will be held April 17-19 at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel in Millbrae. Registration for one day is \$180; registration for three days is \$350. The Convention hotel rate is \$160.00 per night. Registration due by April 10. Members are encouraged to attend and bring back and share information learned. Sue moved for the Branch to reimburse members for registration fees (up to \$350). Kate seconded. Approved.

**Communications:** Mary Fitzgerald

Website update: Nancy noted that updates to the website's Advocacy page are ongoing; the "Contact" button will be on the Home page. The Join and Donate buttons on the Home page need to be more prominent.

**Nominating Committee:** Kate Van Ness

The Board discussed open 2020-2021 Board and committee chair positions.

**Treasurer:** Julie Hanamura

No questions or additions.

**Mission Based Programs:** Beth Wolk

Reading Rocks: Beth shared thank you notes from children who received holiday books.

Future Prep: Beth shared thank you from a tenth grade student inspired by speakers at the Healdsburg High School Career Panel.

**Public Policy:** Sue Campbell

The Public Policy Committee:

- Is coordinating with the Sonoma County Women's 2020 Suffrage Committee to host a mini-film festival March 28 showing two films: Suppressed (about voter suppression in Georgia) and Election (comedy about an election in High School). Free at the Raven Film Center.
- Is hosting a free Work Smart salary negotiation training session on April 18 in the Healdsburg City Council Conference Room.
- Is coordinating with League of Women's Voters to approach high schools later this year to teach kids about voting rights and to encourage them to vote.



**STEM:** Karla Rosen

The Tech Trek Mentor committee is researching creating a partnership with Corazon's FirstGen to develop a program for Tech Trekkers who would be the first generation in their family to go to college, are from a low income family and do not qualify for First Gen because they are not from Healdsburg. The goal is to keep these girls on the path to a four-year university. Karla will discuss with Lori Rhodes, director of First Gen, how the program could be structured and what resources and costs to AAUW will be needed. She will report back at a future Board meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Theresa L Cabral". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Theresa Cabral, Secretary

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