

AAUW BRANCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
March 3, 2020 *final*

The AAUW Branch Board Meeting was called to order at 1:13 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, Barbara Reid

Absent: Sue Campbell, Mickey Sarquis

Minutes: Motion to accept the 2020.02.04 Branch Board Meeting minutes was made, seconded and approved.

Action Items:

- FFA Parade May 21, 2020: Linda Clark (for Sue Campbell)
The Sonoma County Women’s 2020 Suffrage Project Committee members will participate in the Healdsburg FFA Parade. Branch members are invited to join them. Additional information will be published in the Grapevine.

- STEMhub: Karla Rosen
GEMS and TechTrek information was included on the STEMhub website addressing mentoring activities. Information about AAUW Branch programs require prior review and approval by the STEM committee.

- Nominating Committee: Kate Van Ness
The Board discussed open 2020-2021 Board and committee chair positions.

- 2020 Convention: Linda Clark
The State AAUW Convention will be held April 17-19 at the Westin San Francisco Airport Hotel in Millbrae. Several Board members plan to attend. March 20 is the deadline for group rate hotel registration and April 10 is the deadline for registration for Convention attendance.

Treasurer: Julie Hanamura

No questions or additions.

Communications: Mary Fitzgerald

The Board considered advertising Branch programs at the Raven Cinema. The advertising cost is \$250 per month with a minimum six contiguous month commitment. The Board determined that this is not needed at this time and will reconsider this opportunity later in the year. The Board also discussed potential Forum topics.

Membership: Barb Reid

A meeting will be held to discuss establishing informal gatherings for new and established members to meet in Healdsburg, similar to the weekly coffee get togethers for members who live in Windsor. Longevity recognition pins will be presented at the Annual Installation meeting in May for those who have been members for twenty or more years.

Policy/Programs:

- The Public Policy Committee is coordinating with the Sonoma County Women's 2020 Suffrage Committee to host a free mini-film festival at the Raven Film Center at 11:30 am March 28 showing two films: *Suppressed*, (about voter suppression in Georgia) and *Election* (comedy about an election in High School).
- Beth Wolk and Sue Campbell are working with the League of Women's Voters to reach out to local high school seniors and teach them about voting rights and to encourage them to vote.

Social Activities: Kathryn Henderson

- Wine and Dine will arrange for a Brunch during the summer.

STEM: Karla Rosen

Tech Trek interviews went well. The GEMS' committee chair is stepping down. GEMS and Tech Trek participants are invited to attend the Expanding Your Horizons ("EYH") program on March 28 which includes a Money Matters program.

The Tech Trek Mentor Program’s purpose would be “to provide first-generation, low income Tech Trek alumni with academic readiness and resources necessary to access and graduate from a four-year college or university.” The goals and elements of the proposed Mentor Program and the potential for further collaboration with Corozon’s NexGen were reviewed by the Board.

The Tech Trek Mentor committee is also reviewing collaborating with Corazon FirstGen to develop a pilot program. The pilot program will be further developed and reviewed further at later meetings. Karla has discussed avenues for collaboration with Lori Rhodes, director of Corazon First Gen, on how the program could be structured and the committee will further research necessary resources and relative costs.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:34 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Theresa L. Cabral".

Theresa Cabral, Secretary

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