

AAUW BRANCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
October 6, 2020 *final*

The AAUW Branch Board Meeting was called to order at 1:18 pm via Zoom teleconference

Present: Kate Van Ness, Linda Clark, Barbara Epstein, Mary Fitzgerald, Kathryn Henderson, Karla Rosen, Theresa Cabral, Julie Hanamura, Beth Wolk, Barbara Reid, Mickey Sarquis, Rebecca LaLonde and Laura Tyler

Absent: None.

Minutes: Motion to accept the 2020.09.01 Branch Board Meeting minutes, as revised, was made, seconded and approved.

Treasurer: Julie Hanamura

Motion to approve the Final Branch Budget was made, seconded and approved.

STEM/Tech Trek: Karla Rosen

The Tech Trek committee recommends replacing GEMS with a Tech Trek Alumni Group (TTAG), based on a model developed by the Beach Cities AAUW Branch. TTAG will lead the planning and implementation of activities with guidance from AAUW advisors. TTAG expenses are expected to be similar to GEMS. Motion to establish the Healdsburg TTAG this year, with a budget of \$300, was made, seconded and approved.

In-person Tech Trek camps are likely to be cancelled for 2021. More information will be provided at the November 2020 Branch Board meeting.

Communications: Laura Tyler

- Website responsibility is transitioning from Nancy Haiston to Sally Tischler.
- The website committee handles all changes or edits to the website.
- The “Contact Us” button on the website is received by Nancy Haiston (and will be received by Sally after the transition) and then it is forwarded to the appropriate Board member or committee for handling.

Membership: Barb Reid

- Four new members have joined since July, 2020.
- Barb Reid is resigning and Patty McHugh will be interim Membership Chair.

Mission Based Programs: Beth Wolk

AAUW members continue to be unable to volunteer at schools due to Covid-19. Holiday gift books for first grade students will continue to be purchased.

Public Policy: Rebecca La Londe

- The Public Policy committee is working on a legislative outreach meeting with State Assembly member James Wood.
- The Branch has partnered with the Sonoma County League of Women Voters to sponsor the Healdsburg City Council Candidates Forum and help with Spanish language translation costs.

Social Activities: Kathryn Henderson

Most events remain cancelled due to Covid-19. There may be an in-person full Branch event in May. Kathryn has created and submitted a Suffragette Scarecrow as the AAUW entry to the scarecrow contest and auction fundraiser to support Your Tiny Farm, which helps turn vacant spaces into gardens, the produce from which is given to homeless and transitional housing clients.

Diversity Project: Linda Clark

The Diversity Project committee is organizing and will provide additional information at future Board meetings.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Cabral, Secretary
10/30/20