

AAUW BRANCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 6, 2021 *final*

The AAUW Branch Board Meeting was called to order at 1:17 pm via Zoom teleconference.

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

Absent: none

Minutes: Motion by Mary Fitzgerald to accept the March 2, 2021 Branch Board Meeting minutes, seconded by Laura Tyler and approved.

Social Activities: Kathryn Henderson

As Covid-19 conditions approve, the Branch anticipates holding its September kick-off meeting for members in person.

The Lunch Bunch event is expected to resume in September.

Kathryn continues to establish small, neighborhood in-person groups that wish to meet for coffee and conversation.

The Branch will continue to rely on the state AAUW Covid-19 Guidelines for in-person meetings.

Public Policy: Rebecca La Londe

Public Policy committee members attended the State lobby day and had a good exchange with staff members on issues of interest to AAUW. The committee also participated in proclamations with three local city councils addressing Equal Pay Day which was March 31.

Mission Based Programs: Beth Wolk

A few members have continued with Reading Rocks online. The Reading Rocks members are looking forward to being back in the classrooms in the fall.

Communications: Laura Tyler

The Website Design Committee is made up of the current Website Manager, the prior Website Manager and one or two at-large Branch members. The Committee is reviewing the Branch Guidelines for updates and corrections related to the website and other means of communicating with members.

Membership: Patty McHugh

The membership committee held a virtual “Meet and Greet” for new members in March and it was well received.

Membership renewals will start soon and can be paid online or by check and are due by June 30, 2021.

The Directory is also being updated.

STEM: Karla Rosen

Tech Trek: As previously reported, 3 five-day AAUW California Virtual Tech Trek camps will be held in June and July. Each camp will accommodate up to 300 girls from all over California. The Tech Trek Selection Team has selected nine girls (and three alternates) to attend. Four girls from those selected in 2020 will also be attending the virtual camp this summer.

Nominating Committee: Mary Fitzgerald

The nominating committee has successfully filled all open positions for the 2021-2022 Board of Directors.

Open Discussion re Proposed Change in AAUW Bylaws: Kate Van Ness

All AAUW members will be asked to vote on a proposed change to the AAUW Bylaws that would remove the college degree requirement for membership. Currently, the Bylaws require a prospective member to have obtained an Associate Degree from a junior college or a degree from a four-year college. The Board engaged in an active discussion regarding the pros and cons of this change.

A majority of the Board supports removing the requirement. All members will be asked to vote on the proposal via email during the voting period ending on May 17, 2021. A two-thirds majority of all AAUW members, nationwide, is required to change the Bylaws.

Annual Meeting: The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting for all Healdsburg Branch members held online, on Saturday, May 8, 2021 at 11:00 am. The new Board members will be installed at that meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Theresa Cabral, Secretary

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