

Healdsburg AAUW Board Minutes: Branch Meeting

Date: March 14, 2022

Location: Julie Hanamura's, 230 Morgan Ridge, Healdsburg

Time: 1:25-2:40 pm

Attending: Kate Van Ness, Nancy Jane Andrews, Linda Clark, Dena Cochran, Julie Hanamura, Patty McHugh, Janice Sexton, Laura Tyler, Beth Wolk

Absent: Laura Tredinnick, David Hoppes, Rebecca La Londe, Kerry W. Elkind

1. **Call to Order:** President Kate Van Ness opened the Board Meeting at 1:23 pm.
2. **Updates/Questions Branch Budget:** David Hoppes was absent but had provided budget updates. No outstanding issues were identified.
3. **Updates/Questions STEM:** Patty McHugh announced that we have been allocated 8 slots for Tech Trek which will be held at Sonoma State University. We received 19 applications which are undergoing review. The Covid vaccination status of candidates was brought up given that the State MOU requires that all campers be vaccinated. Upon review of the applications it was noted that one candidate has not been vaccinated. After discussions, Linda Clark made a motion to follow the State Guidelines, seconded by Dena Cochran and passed unanimously. The applicant and parent will be notified.
4. **Updates/Questions Communications:** Laura Tyler announced that Kim Alexander has agreed to become Communications Chair next year. Several other new committee members have also been identified.
5. **Updates/Questions Membership:** Janice Sexton stated that we currently have 184 members with no new members for this month. AAUW National dues will increase by \$5 for 2022/23. Many members have not provided photos for our website. At the upcoming Happy Hour we will encourage members to take & upload photos as well as pick up name tags.
6. **Updates/Questions Mission Based Programs:** Beth Wolk announced that Reading Rocks volunteers have been allowed to return to Healdsburg Elementary and we expect the other schools to follow suit soon. Beth shared several Thank You cards and pictures from grateful schools. Several volunteers attended the HHS Internship Nite where students report

on their experiences. Beth said that it was a very worthwhile event and encouraged members to participate next year.

- 7. Updates/Questions Public Policy:** Rebecca was absent. The Public Policy Committee continues to work on Meeting With Legislators, and planning for an August celebration of the Title IX 50th Anniversary.
- 8. Updates Questions Social Activities:** Kerry Elkind (via telephone) summarized upcoming activities including Lunch Bunch @ Simi Winery, and a Happy Hour @ Montagne Russe Winery at Bacchus Landing. The request for volunteer hosts for an April Wine & Dine resulted in only one host. After discussions it was recommended that we postpone it until June/July. Planning for the May Installation Luncheon has started and several potential venues were suggested.
- 9. Adjourn. Kate closed the Board Meeting at 2:22 pm.**
- 10. Next Meeting:** April 11@ 1 pm, Julie Hanamura's.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jane Andrews
Secretary