

## **Healdsburg AAUW Board Minutes: Branch Meeting**

**Date: April 11, 2022**

**Location: Julie Hanamura's home, 230 Morgan Ridge Court, Healdsburg**

**Time: 1:25-2:30 pm**

**Attending:** Kate Van Ness, Nancy Jane Andrews, Dena Cochran, Kerry W. Elkind, David Hoppes, Rebecca La Londe, Julie Hanamura, Patty McHugh, Janice Sexton, Laura Tredinnick, Laura Tyler, Beth Wolk

**Absent:** Linda Clark

- 1. Call to Order:** President Kate Van Ness opened the Branch Meeting at 1:25 pm.
- 2. Updates/Questions Branch Budget:** Dave presented a summary of the budget. We are in very good shape for next year.
- 3. Updates/Questions Communications:** Laura Tyler discussed communication plans regarding the announcements of scholarships.
- 4. Updates/Questions Membership:** Janice announced that we have 184 members. She anticipates that we will get more new members as Covid related issues abate.
- 5. Updates/Questions Mission Based Programs:** Beth looks forward to volunteers returning to the classrooms next fall. Our members donated generously so we were able to fund the Holiday Gifts for Teachers programs. Despite Covid the Committee was able to provide books along with limited in class reading tutoring.
- 6. Updates/Questions Public Policy:** Rebecca is still working on Lobbying Week appointments. She led a discussion about renaming the committee to attract more interest and additional members. Several options were suggested: Community Action, Community Advocacy, and Social Issues/Action. Rebecca agreed to consult further with the current members during their next meeting.
- 7. Updates/Questions Social Activities:** Kerry outlined the busy, upcoming schedule. The recent Happy Hour was very successful. We need two volunteers to take over Lunch Bunch. Wine & Dine will be rescheduled and may include a Champagne Brunch! Kerry also described the Healdsburg Rotary's effort to support Ukrainian families through donations with a Thank You calendar illustrated by Ukrainian children. After some discussion Kerry agreed to provide a draft letter of our support of the

project. After review and finalization of the letter the Board will vote via email on sending an EBlast to the membership and adding it to our Facebook page. Any donations would be sent directly to the 501c3 charity.

- 8. Updates/Questions STEM:** Patty announced that 8 Tech Trek applicants have been selected for this summer's in person camp. All necessary funding is in place.
- 9. Update/Questions Nominating Committee:** Laura Tredinnick announced the roster of Board Members for the 2022/23 year: President, Laura Tredinnick; Past President, Kate Van Ness; Vice President, Nancy Jane Andrews; Secretary, Donna Campoverde; Treasurer, Lee Siegler; Communications Director, Kim Alexander; Membership Director, Janice Sexton; Mission Based Programs Director, Cathy Mock; Fundraising Director, Dena Cochran; Scholarships Director, Julie Hanamura; Social Activities Director, Kerry Eklund; and STEM Director, Patty McHugh. We are currently trying to recruit a Public Policy Director!
- 10. Final Words:** Kate expressed appreciation for all the hard work people have done over the last several years under less than ideal conditions. She thanked the outgoing Board Members for their service and expressed her appreciation for all the support she has received as President. She also thanked the continuing Board Members. Kate adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.