

Healdsburg AAUW Board: Branch Meeting Minutes

Date: October 10, 2022

Location: Healdsburg Community Center

Time: 1:10 pm

Board Members Attending: Laura Tredinnick, Kate Van Ness, Nancy Jane Andrews, Tyra Benoit, Lee Sigler, Kim Alexander, Dena Cochran, Janice Sexton, Kerry Weiner Elkind, Patty McHugh

Absent: Donna Campoverde, Julie Hanamura, Cathy Mock, Beth Wolk

1. Call to Order:

President Laura Tredinnick opened the Branch Meeting at 1:30 pm.

2. Review and approve September Board Minutes: The September Branch Minutes were approved with minor changes (Motion by Kim, seconded by Dena).

3. Branch Budget: Lee indicated that a reconciled report will be presented at the next meeting.

4. Communications: Kim indicated that there have been questions regarding Social Media and members/guests at AAUW events. Laura reviewed the Chapter bylaws which explicitly state that functions should be open to all. When there is limited capacity members are first, followed by guests and spouses and others. If necessary a waiting list can be used. Another broad issue is using the AAUW email list to communicate educational opportunities from partner organizations. Policy item 31 clearly calls for the use of Social Media to communicate with the broader community. These and other Outreach issues will be taken up by the soon to be established Outreach Committee.

5. Membership: Janice announced we currently have 194 members which includes 9 new members since July 1! We have 38 not-yet-renewed members. We are currently looking for a new Buddy Program Leader. The board was asked for suggestions. We are still having issues with duplicate renewals. Lee Sigler has developed a tracking system.

6. Mission Based Programs: We have volunteers for Reading Rocks working in the schools and still need more volunteers.

7. Public Policy Updates: Tyra estimated that 150 people attended the Candidates Forum at the Raven Theater. She thanked Corazon, the Raven and her team for an extremely successful event.

8. Social Updates: Kerry and her team have been very active and responsive. She requested direction from the board on proceeding with a December Holiday Party which she received. We need a Chair for that event.

9. STEM Updates: Patty indicated that her team has been very successful in providing volunteers for this year's camp as well as recruiting volunteers for the new Selection Committee. They had a well received Tech Trek Discussion Panel with 31 attendees including parents, teachers and Tech Trek Alums!

10. President's Request: Laura asked for volunteers to clean out the AAUW Storage Unit. Kate, Kim, Nancy Jane and Nancy Haiston have volunteered. A date in late October will be chosen. Laura will provide a truck.

11. Adjourn. President Tredinnick closed the Board Meeting at 2:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

**Nancy Jane Andrews, for Donna Campoverde
Secretary**

Minutes Approved by 11 Board Members