

Healdsburg AAUW Board Minutes: Branch Business Meeting

Date: April 10, 2023

Location: Healdsburg Community Center

Time: 1:00 pm

Board Members Attending: Laura Tredinnick, Nancy Jane Andrews, Kim Alexander, Janice Sexton, Tyra Benoit, Donna Campoverde, Julie Hanamura, Dena Cochran, Kate Van Ness, Patty McHugh, Beth Wolk, Donna Riley

Absent:, Kerry Weiner Elkind, Cathy Mock

1. Call to Order:

President Laura Tredinnick opened the Branch Meeting at 1:15 pm.

2. February Branch Minutes:

Donna Campoverde reported that the March Branch Meeting Minutes were approved online.

3. Branch Budget Report:

There was no budget update.

4. Communications:

Kim Alexander reported that a new Publicity Director is needed. She reached out to the board for assistance in identifying possible candidates for this position.

5. Membership:

There were 5 new members this month. Total membership is now at 183.

The branch has a stock of Membership Milestone Pins which have never been awarded. Laura Tredinnick proposed that these pins be distributed to commemorate 20, 25, 30, 40 and 50 years of membership. There are currently 12 eligible members. It was decided that the pins will be awarded to these members at the End of Year Celebration on May 20. One additional pin will need to be purchased.

6. Mission Based Programs:

Beth Wolk made a presentation to the board based on her career experience in Early Childhood Education. Beth was the principal at the Fitch Mountain Elementary School and was also responsible for the EEC (Early Education Center) which is located on the school campus. The EEC was later taken over by the North Bay Children's Center. This center offers free preschool for 2, 3, and 4 year old children to eligible families in the Healdsburg Unified School District. Beth explained to the board how early literacy results in long term academic success.

Beth made a request to the board to fund the Handwriting Without Tears curriculum for the EEC from the PSST Grant funds. Handwriting Without Tears is a developmental guide to teach handwriting. The Cost is approximately \$900.

A motion was made by Nancy Jane Andrews to fund up to \$1000 for the Handwriting Without Tears program. The motion was seconded by Janice Sexton and approved unanimously by the board.

7. Public Policy:

The Equal Pay Day event on March 14 at The Studio at Plaza Cinema in Healdsburg was very successful.

Plans are progressing for the Earth Day Climate Fest scheduled for April 22 from 1-4pm on the Healdsburg Plaza. There will be 50 booths at the climate fest and AAUW will set up an interactive booth featuring "Woman and the Climate Crisis". Patty McHugh will follow-up with Tech Trek alumnae who may volunteer for the event.

Ty sent the board the interactive survey, "Women and the Climate Crisis" which will be used at the AAUW booth. The survey highlights how supporting woman's education and reproductive choices is one of the top 10 solutions to climate change.

8. Social:

Wine and Dine events are scheduled for April 15 and June 25.

9. Fundraising:

As reported in the April Fund Meeting minutes, it has been decided that there will be no Homes Tour in 2024.

Possible 2024 events include a Designer Showcase event as well as possible "Sneak Peek" events at the Mill District and Comstock new construction projects.

The Montage Hotel is also a potential event site.

10. STEM:

Patty McHugh reported that the Tech Trek Committee has completed the Tech Trek selection process.

Patty also informed the board that the Expanding Your Horizons event at Sonoma State University has now resumed after being canceled due to COVID-19. This event is a one day math and science conference for 7th and 8th grade girls. In the past, Healdsburg AAUW has supported this event both financially and with member volunteers. This year no financial support was needed but we are sending volunteers.

Mary Barsony has made a Tech Trek supply request for 10 Galileo Telescope kits to support the Astronomy class she will teach at Tech Trek. The cost of the telescopes is approximately \$1500. Laura Tredinnick has contacted the Tech Trek camp director to see if there are funds available for the telescopes but is awaiting a reply. There are

currently Tech Trek donations of \$1000 available. Mary is requesting a donation of \$500 from the unallocated fund budget if needed.

Nancy Jane Andrews moved to fund \$600 (if needed) from the unallocated fund budget. The motion was seconded by Beth Wolk and approved unanimously by the board.

11. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Report

Donna Riley made a DEI presentation to the board. Donna's presentation outlined the DEI mission within AAUW. Laura asked that Donna distribute her presentation to the board as well as the reference material she used to create her presentation. It was decided that DEI be a future topic for next September's board retreat and that Donna be consulted on all of the Healdsburg branch's activities and events to better promote DEI.

12. President's Report:

The End of Year Celebration is scheduled at the home of Jan Stanley on May 20th. The event will be a luncheon pot luck. The incoming board will be elected as a whole at this event. Membership pins will be awarded. Laura also wants to recognize committee members and other volunteers. Kim Alexander will find a creative way to recognize these members. The budget for the event is \$160.

13. Adjourn.

President Tredinnick closed the Branch Meeting at 3:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campoverde
Secretary