

Healdsburg AAUW Board Minutes: Branch Business Meeting

Date: January 8, 2024

Location: Healdsburg Community Center

Time: 1:35 pm

Board Members Attending: Laura Tredinnick, Kate Van Ness, Kim Alexander, Janice Sexton, Nancy Jane Andrews, Tyra Benoit, Cathy Mock, Donna Campoverde, Patty McHugh, Linda Clark, Julie Hanamura

Absent: Kerry Weiner Elkind, Dena Cochran

1. Call to Order:

President Laura Tredinnick opened the Branch Meeting at 1:36 pm.

2. Branch Minutes:

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

3. Branch Financial Report:

Julie Hanamura had no updates other than to comment that there continues to be issues with AAUW National concerning financial reconciliations.

4. Communications:

Kim Alexander confirmed that while AAUW will support other local organization's events these events will not be posted on the branch website calendar.

Laura Tredinnick will include a request for a 2025 Homes Tour chairperson in the Grapevine President's Message as well as during her presentation at the February Speaker Series.

It was agreed that the Grapevine will promote future branch events and that Social Media be used to highlight the success of those events.

5. Membership:

Janice Sexton reported that a roster update is currently underway. Janice plans to meet with Kim Alexander to discuss creating online renewal applications on the branch website.

6. Mission Based Programs:

Cathy Mock continues to await confirmation from the principal at Mattie Washburn Elementary to begin a new Reading Rocks program.

Holiday School Supply donations amounted to \$1200. \$400 will be distributed to each school this week.

7. Public Policy and DEI:

Ty Benoit confirmed that the Reproductive Choice and Health event will be held at 6pm on January 25 at the 222. Flyers have been made to promote the event which includes the presentation of the film "Fly So Far" and a panel presentation. Two participants from Northern California Planned Parenthood will attend the event. It was agreed that additional security be arranged if it fits within the budget for the event. It was also agreed that organizations (Indivisible Healdsburg, Sister District and possibly The League of Women Voters) be allowed to set up tables at the event. AAUW Insurance will be required for the event. It was decided not to formally promote the event at Healdsburg High School. Ty also asked if any board member had access to donations for appetizers for the event.

The possibility of holding a Voter Registration event/debate of the State Assembly candidates was discussed. It was decided that the branch would prefer that the League of Women Voters be asked to hold such an event.

Ty requested that the branch's free week to use the Chamber of Commerce billboard on Highway 101 be used to promote the Earth Day Climate Fest Event. After discussion, Nancy Jane Andrews moved to use the week to advertise the Climate Fest event and the motion was seconded by Janice Sexton. The motion was approved unanimously by the board.

Ty will send STEM chair Patty McHugh photos of last year's event to request TTAG participation.

It was decided to set up an AAUW table at the event.

8. Social:

A Smart Train trip to Larkspur is scheduled for January 18. This event was promoted in the January Grapevine. There is no limit to the number of participants.

The Lunch Bunch has been rescheduled for January 31 at the Bollywood Restaurant.

Laura Tredinnick asked if a representative from the Marine Mammal Center could be confirmed as a Speaker Series speaker in March to promote the trip planned to visit the center.

9. STEM:

Patty McHugh is currently exploring the possibility of creating a special scholarship for Tech Trek Alumni (TTAG).

How to better promote the need for and opportunities available to Tech Trek volunteers was discussed.

10. President's Report:

Laura is attending and has recruited volunteers to attend the Petaluma Gun Violence Event on Sunday, January 28th. This is a multibranch event focusing on gun safety.

Laura has been involved in planning this event and is co-writing a **Press Democrat** article to promote the event. There will be one hour of presentations followed by an hour to visit tables set up by various organizations. AAUW will have a table which will feature the QR codes from each of the 3 Sonoma County branches participating (Petaluma, Healdsburg and Santa Rosa).

Susan Gilmore of the North Bay Children's Center, will be the February Speaker Series speaker on February 12. It was decided that in February a table will be set up to offer AAUW information and applications to attendees who are not currently members.

11. Adjourn.

Laura Tredinnick closed the Branch Meeting at 2:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campoverde
Secretary

Approvals:

Laura Tredinnick
Nancy Jane Andrews
Linda Clark
Cathy Mock
Janice Sexton
Kate Van Ness
Tyra Benoit
Kim Alexander
Patty McHugh