

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

**Date:** February 12, 2024

**Location:** Healdsburg Community Center

**Time:** 1:00 pm

**Board Members Attending:** Laura Tredinnick, Kate Van Ness, Kim Alexander, Janice Sexton, Nancy Jane Andrews, Tyra Benoit, Cathy Mock, Patty McHugh, Linda Clark, Julie Hanamura, Kerry Weiner Elkind, Dena Cochran

**Absent:** Donna Campoverde

### **1. Call to Order:**

President Laura Tredinnick opened the Branch Meeting at 1:37 pm.

### **2. Fund Minutes:**

Laura Tredinnick reported that the January Branch Meeting Minutes were approved online.

### **3. Communications:**

Kim continues to face challenges with AAUW National. There is an issue with the Grapevine being too large for National to post to the Website. A suggestion was made that we change the resolution on our graphics.

To simplify communications regarding the Hiking Groups the website will refer people to the respective leads.

### **4. Membership:**

Janice announced that we have two new members (Mary Kelley & Mary Newman) and one returning member (Barbara Reid).

### **5. Mission Based Programs:**

Cathy announced that Reading Rocks will be established at Mattie Washburn School. She already has some volunteers and there will soon be a request for more. Future Prep and the Corazon Preschool Fair will also be calling for volunteers in March.

### **6. Public Policy:**

Tyra announced that AAUW plans to have a booth at the Healdsburg Climate Fest April 21. She is collaborating with TTAG. Volunteers are needed.

The event at The 222 was very successful.

Our collaboration with the Petaluma AAUW on Gun Safety was also a great success.

### **7. Social Update:**

Linda reported that the Smart Train Trip and Bollywood Lunch were fun and well attended. The Wine & Dine on February 3, included 5 hosts and 40 people.

Upcoming events are the Marine Mammal Center in April and the Spring lunch Meeting at Jan Stanley's home May 18th.

**8. Stem:**

Patty announced that Tech Trek is on track with 7 girls expected to participate.

We need more volunteers. More detailed information on volunteer opportunities will be provided.

**9. President's Report:**

Laura reported that the strong message from the Petaluma Gun Safety Meeting was that Gun Violence should be treated like cigarette smoking and be declared a Public Health Emergency by the U S Surgeon General.

Laura recognized Nancy Jane Andrews for her work in the community on the Parks Board.

There was a recent photo of the board at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Foley Pavilion.

**10. Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Jane Andrews for Donna Campoverde

**Approvals:**

Laura Tredinnick

Linda Clark

Cathy Mock

Kim Alexander

Nancy Jane Andrews

Janice Sexton

Kate Van Ness

Kerry Weiner Elkind