

Healdsburg AAUW Board Minutes: Branch Business Meeting

Date: March 13, 2024

Location: Healdsburg Community Center

Time: 1:00 pm

Board Members Attending: Nancy Jane Andrews, Kate Van Ness, Kim Alexander, Tyra Benoit, Patty McHugh, Linda Clark, Julie Hanamura,, Kerry Weiner Elkind, Dena Cochran, Donna Campoverde

Absent: Laura Tredinnick, Janice Sexton, Cathy Mock

1. Call to Order:

Vice President Nancy Jane Andrews opened the Branch Meeting at 1:40 pm.

2. Branch Minutes:

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

3. Branch Financial Report:

There were no changes to report.

4. Communications:

There were no significant updates.

5. Membership:

There has been one new member and one renewal this month. Membership renewal is now on each member's anniversary date.

A New Member Welcome event has been planned.

6. Mission Based Programs:

Reading Rocks is starting soon at Mattie Washburn School in Windsor.

6. Public Policy:

Tyra Benoit requested the board's help in finding someone to lead the AAUW booth at the Healdsburg Climate Fest on April 21. The TTAG group will have their own booth. Patty McHugh offered to take the lead in organizing an AAUW booth which will be adjacent to the TTAG booth. One suggestion was to highlight the branch's Reading Rocks Program by setting up an interactive display such as a fishbowl, where children could win books about climate change.

The "Fly so Far" event at the 222 was very successful. Ty is currently working on a follow-up event in Spanish.

7. Social Update:

Upcoming events are:

- Happy Hour at the Longboard Vineyards, March 13
- The Marine Mammal Center Tour, April 11
- Wine and Dine, April 13

- Lunch Bunch, May 1
- May Induction Meeting, May 18
- Recycling Center Event, 2 dates in May for 2 groups
- Kick-off Meeting, date TBD, either August 28 or 29

Linda Clark also asked the board members to give suggestions for the December 2024 Holiday Party.

8. Stem:

Patty McHugh announced that Tech Trek has selected 7 girls to participate at this summer's camp.

More volunteers are needed and Patty will provide more detailed information on volunteer positions. There are half day, full day and full time camp volunteer opportunities.

9. President's Report:

With Kate Van Ness's guidance, Yvonne Shell has created a new Travel Interest Group. An E-Blast inviting members to join was recently emailed.

Nancy Jane Andrews is heading the nominating committee for the 2025 board. She is still looking for volunteers for Vice President, Fund Raising and Public Policy.

A chair and co-chair for a potential 2025 Homes Tour are still needed.

10. Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna Campoverde
Secretary

Approvals:

Nancy Jane Andrews
Linda Clark
Kim Alexander
Kerry Weiner Elkind
Kate Van Ness
Patty McHugh
Tyra Benoit