

**Healdsburg AAUW
Branch Business Meeting Minutes
November 12, 2024**

Location: Healdsburg Community Center

Board Members Attending: Quorum = 8 (based on 15 officers)

Nancy Jane Andrews, President
Celeste Plaister, Vice President
Julie Hanamura, Treasurer
Kerry Weiner Elkind, Scholarship Director
Janice Sexton, Membership Co-Director
Patty McHugh, STEM Director
Mary Newman, Social Activities Co-Director
Laura Tredinnick, Past President

Absent:

Pam Jones, Secretary
Kim Alexander, Communications Director
Dena Cochran, Fundraising Co-Director
Renee Simi, Fundraising Co-Director
Donna Campoverde, Membership Co-Director
Cathy Mock, Mission-based Programs Director
Linda Clark, Social Activities Director

1. Call to Order: President Nancy Jane Andrews called the meeting to order at 1:46 pm

2. Minutes: Patty McHugh moved for approval of the October Branch Minutes, Celeste Plaister seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

3. Financial Report: (Julia Hanamura)

We have a balance of \$12,000 in cash as of end October, and received revenue of \$66.00 and paid expenses \$5.00 for the month of October.

4. Communications: (Nancy Jane Andrews)

Our Web Manager, Laura Tyler, and Communication director, Kim Alexander, are revising our Web Page to be in line with our National organization's format. This includes inputting current information such as 24/25 officers and more up-to-date financial information.

5. Membership: (Janice Sexton)

Membership: 189 members.

6. Mission Based Programs: (Nancy Jane Andrews)

Reading Rocks work has begun. The requirement for fingerprinting volunteers has slowed the process down.

7. Public Policy and DEI: (Nancy Jane Andrews) Great news that the Healdsburg City Council voted to name our new park after Laura Fish Somersal, renowned basket weaver and scholar of the Wappo language. As a Commissioner of the Parks and Recreation Division I supported her candidacy. This is the first park named for an indigenous person and the first female so honored.

8. Social Activities: (Mary Newman)

October Wine and Dine had 24 participants, October 23 Happy Hour at Orsi Winery had 75 attendees. We are selling tickets now for our AAUW December 12th Holiday Party at Charlie's Restaurant.

9. STEM: (Patty McHugh)

- A. Letters soliciting support from Tech Trek sponsors are going out this month. One letter has been prepared for past donors and we will consider sending a second letter to potential new sponsors.
- B. State Tech Trek now wants to know how many volunteers we will be sending to Tech Trek.
- C. Committee is looking for offices where we can conduct March interviews of candidates. Previously we used the Healdsburg Library building, which is currently closed during their remodel.
- D. There was a discussion of whether Teck Trek girls will have time to have a booth at Climate Fest given their other commitments.

10. Interest Groups: (Laura Tredinnick)

- A. Our Book Clubs are believed to be filled. A new one may start. Laura will be sending out a survey to the book group leaders.
- B. One Member would like to start a watercolor group.
- C. There is a group of members playing mahjong at the Healdsburg Senior Center, but since this group is open to non-members it is not considered one of our AAUW programs/groups.

11. Presidents Report

- A. Nancy Jane Andrews and Julie Hanamura discussed whether our chapter should participate in the Healdsburg Presents Project (which provides presents to families in need during the holiday season) by "adopting" a (one) family. A motion was made by Celeste Plaister to participate in the program by asking members who would like to provide (buy and wrap) presents for the family selected by the Presents Project. Patty McHugh seconded the motion. Julie Hanamura will work with the Presents Project Coordinators to make this happen.
- B. We are looking for a replacement for next year for our communications director, Kim Alexander, who wishes to step down.

Adjourn

The Branch meeting was adjourned at 2:47 PM. Next Board meeting December 9, 2024 at the Healdsburg Community Center.

Respectfully submitted,
Celeste Plaister, Vice President