

**Healdsburg AAUW Board
Branch Business Meeting Minutes
April 14, 2025**

Location: Healdsburg Community Center

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

Nancy Jane Andrews, President
Celeste Plaister, Vice President
Pam Jones, Secretary
Julie Hanamura, Treasurer
Dena Cochran, Fundraising Co-Director
Janice Sexton, Membership Co-Director
Donna Campoverde, Membership Co-Director
Cathy Mock, Mission-based Programs Director
Mary Newman, Social Activities Co-Director
Patty McHugh, STEM Director
Laura Tredinnick, Past President

Absent:

Kim Alexander, Communications Director
Kerry Weiner Elkind, Scholarship Director
Renee Simi, Fundraising Co-Director
Linda Clark, Social Activities Director

Also attending:

Beth Wolk, High School Scholarship Chair
Cristi Cameron, incoming Mission-based Programs Co-Director

1. Call to Order: President Nancy Jane Andrews called the meeting to order at 1:45pm

2. Minutes: Pam Jones – Dena Cochran moved and Celeste Plaister seconded approval of the March 2025 Branch Minutes. Unanimous approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

3. Financial Report: Julie Hanamura
Branch account is \$12,600.

4. Communications: Celeste Plaister for Kim Alexander
Recruitment is ongoing to find a replacement for or job-share with Kim Alexander. Kim Brown, Grapevine editor, is also stepping down and needs a replacement.

5. Membership: Janice Sexton/Donna Campoverde
Laura Tredinnick moved and Celeste Plaister seconded a recommendation to put on the May 14, 2025 Branch Annual Meeting agenda a motion to increase branch dues from \$33 to \$36 to take effect on April 1, 2026 for FY 2027 dues. The full membership will be notified at least 14 days prior to the May 12, 2025 Branch meeting and vote.

6. Mission-based Programs: Cathy Mock

Cathy Mock introduced Cristi Cameron, the incoming co-chair.

7. Public Policy and DEI: Nancy Jane Andrews

Tyra Benoit may consider leading the Public Policy committee.

8. Social: Mary Newman for Linda Clark

- a) Wine & Dine – April 12. Six hosts and 43 attendees
- b) Lunch Bunch, Geyserville Grill, May 7.
- c) Spring Fling/Annual Meeting, May 14 at Tayman Golf Course. Program directors will staff tables to recruit interested members to participate. Longtime members (20, 25, 35, 40, 50 years) will be recognized with pins, which will be ordered by Janice Sexton.
- d) Cultural Events, Rail/Bike, May 21 (filled)
- e) Happy Hour at Hafner Winery, June 4
- f) Wine & Dine, June 8

9. STEM: Patty McHugh

- a) Meet and Greet, May 6 for new TechTrek summer participants and TechTrek Alumni Group (TTAG) members. Board members requested to attend.
- b) TTAG Leadership Workshop, March 30, facilitated by Pam Jones, member, to develop organizational skills for TTAG officers

10. President's Report: Celeste Plaister

- a) May 12 Speaker's Series on US foreign policy relative to Ukraine and Russia, 12:00 - 1:30 p.m., featuring Betsy Hafner, AAUW member and former Deputy Assistant USTR for Russia and Eurasia at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and Michael Baker, M.D., retired Navy Rear Admiral and trauma surgeon
- b) Email from AAUW National re 2025-2026 National Elections and also a review of National Public Policy priorities
- c) Officers should review their job descriptions and be reminded to recruit their replacements

11. Announcement: Death of Shelly Roth, member

12. Adjourn

The Branch meeting was adjourned at 2:25pm. Next Board meeting is the Annual Meeting (Spring Fling) on May 14, 2025. Members will vote on the 2025-26 slate of officers and the proposed dues increase for FY 2027. Long-time members will be recognized.

Respectfully submitted,
Pam Jones, Secretary