



**AAUW Morgan Hill Branch  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 2 2024 7:00-9:00 pm  
Location: In Person CRC MTG Room 1 and via Zoom**

**Meeting was called to order by Suman Ganapathy at 7:05pm.**

**Quorum was present: Yes**

9 Board members present: Suman Ganapathy, Krisse Boursier, Carol O'Hare, Elizabeth Mandel, Tammy Parker, Susan Rife, Nancy Altman, Doris Fredericks, Marian Sacco  
2 Board members present via Zoom: Tessy Albin, Joy Safakish  
0 Non-Board members present via Zoom  
5 Non-Board members present: Sheila Dunwoodie, Sherrie Wren, Harpreet Vittal, Karen George, Joan Ensign  
1 Guest present: Kim Trammell

**Norms/Introductions/CAG presentation/Refreshments:**

- As we had a Community Action Grant (CAG) recipient guest present, Kim Trammell, all present introduced themselves.
  - Kim from *A Team HomeSchool Community* thanked us for the \$500 grant received
    - it was used for scholarships for 3 students toward a theater enrichment course
- Thank you to Susan Rife and Carol O for refreshments

**Approval of April 2024 minutes:**

The minutes were approved as presented

**Updates:**

- Our election results:
  - 40 members voted, meeting our quorum for our 2024-2025 slate of officers
  - Our new officers for the 2024-2025 year (starting July 2024) will be:
    - Krisse Boursier, President
    - Harpreet Vittal, President-Elect
    - Sheila Dunwoodie, Secretary
    - Karen George, Treasurer
  - Amendments to the Bylaws regarding term limits were also approved

**Finance (Tessy Albin):**

Cash Balance at 4/30/24 = \$ 15,082.36 lower than prior month by (\$ 77).  
For the 9 months ended March 2024 cash balance is lower by (\$ 4, 487)  
Major expenses in April were Postmaster \$200 and payments to MH Chamber and Library of \$110.  
We transferred \$250 to Heritage Bank to open the new account

- Our transition from Chase Bank to Heritage Bank continues
  - We have moved most of the money out of Chase but have left some there to pay June bills
    - Will start fresh with Heritage Bank in July
  - The new credit cards have been taking longer than anticipated to receive

- The upcoming Spring Luncheon on 5/18 was discussed
  - Will be handled differently - honorees lunches will be paid for, will have fewer honorees in the future
- See attached Treasurer's Report

**Membership Report (Sherrie Wren):**

- Current membership at 193
- Discussed the success of the New Member Wine and Whine, held on 4/17 at the Grange
  - See attached Membership Report

**Programs (DEI/Public Policy - Nancy Altman, Doris Fredericks and Susan Rife (PP)):**

- Red Dress Day being set up in the library on 5/3 and to open to public on 5/4 from 10am-5pm
  - At 11am, Kat Napoli will read the Amah Mutsun Land Acknowledgement statement followed by State Assemblymember Gail Pellerin
  - AAUW signup information will be on-hand at the event
- Fact-based panel discussion on hot topics in Public Schools - Monday, 5/13 6:30-8:30pm MH Library
  - Collaboration between us and MHUSD that Susan has been working on for weeks
  - Susan passed out flyers that advertise the event
    - The flyers will also be handed out at the upcoming MHUSD Board meeting on 5/7

**Bylaws/Governance (Carol O'Hare):**

- Motion to approve Addendum 2 Updates to the Bylaws
- Motion carried
  - See attached Addendum 2 Draft

**Wildflower Run (Joy Safakish):**

- Peggy Martin is working on the Income/Expense statement
- Member donation letters will go out this month
- see attached Wildflower Run Report

**CEAC/Branch City Collaboration (Suman and Krisse):**

- Our CEAC leadership (Margaret McCann and Margo Hinnenkamp) along with Suman and Krisse met with the City to discuss possible further levels of collaboration with our Branch. Our collaboration would tie in with the City's General Plan on climate updates and the request for a grant. This was an initial meeting and gave us some food for thought - initial thought is that we would participate at the lowest level.
  - Suman will be following up with Adam Paszkowski, Principal Planner for the city of Morgan Hill.

**Newsletter (Krisse Boursier):**

- May/June newsletter went out on 5/1 - Lisa did a great job

**Tech Trek (Krisse):**

- Camp Carson has been moved from CSU Monterey Bay to UC Santa Cruz
- See attached Tech Trek Report

**National Night Out (Suman and Krisse):**

- We will participate this year - to be held on Tuesday, 8/6

**Morgan Tours (All):**

- Discussed Rich Forato's request for Branch member docents (he is in need of volunteers to help with 3rd grade field trips)
  - will likely be willing to promote via email blasts

### **Board Retreat Plans (Krisse):**

- Krisse will be sending out a survey for planning purposes
- Date set for Saturday, 6/15 at Jackson Oaks
- All members are invited to attend but 50 max is the limit at that venue

### **Goals (All):**

- Our mentorship improvement will be an item to be discussed at the Board Retreat

### **Open Floor:**

- Marian mentioned that we should invite this year's NCCWSL recipient, Briell Delisle, to a Board Meeting and also to a Morning Mingle before she heads back to school.
- Those who watched the recent California AAUW Annual Event were impressed and were surprised that our Branch was mentioned as #3 in California in total giving to the AAUW Fund. There were several interesting topics, including Title 9 changes.
  - Suman will send out a link

### **Upcoming Events :**

- Red Dress Exhibit - May 4 10am-5pm - Morgan Hill Library
- Out to Lunch Bunch - May 7
- Morning Mingle - May 9 10:00am - Mohi Farm (Robyn Carrillo)
- AAUW-MHUSD Panel Discussion - May 13 6:30-8:30pm - Morgan Hill Library
- Spring Luncheon - Installation of new Officers and Honorees - May 18 - Mama Mia's
- Summer Board Retreat - June 15 - Jackson Oaks Club House
- Next Board meeting - June 6 6:00pm- Early meeting and Out to Dinner (final 2023-2024 meeting)

### **Meeting Adjourned at 8:48pm**

**Respectfully Submitted by Tammy Parker, Secretary**

**Treasurer's Report (Tessy Albin):**

2	AAUW Financial Report					1	Beginning Balance 7/1/23	\$	19,319.77
3	2023-2024 Fiscal Year					2	Plus Income/Deposits 7/1/23- 6/30/24	\$	8,983.00
4									
5	Operating Account 6/30/23 Balance			\$	19,319.77	3	Less Disbursements 7/1/23 - 6/30/24	\$	(13,436.85)
6									
7									
8	Operating Account					4	Ending Balance 6/30/24	\$	14,865.92
9			Deposits	Expenses	Balance				
10	Opening Balance	7/1/2023			\$	19,319.77			
11									
12		7/31/2023	\$	2,827.00	\$	(2,533.03)	\$	19,613.74	
13									
14		8/31/2023	\$	1,003.00	\$	(1,821.49)	\$	18,795.25	
15									
16		9/30/2023	\$	1,103.00	\$	(1,722.96)	\$	18,175.29	
17									
18		10/31/2023	\$	1,447.00	\$	(1,811.70)	\$	17,810.59	
19									
20		11/30/2023	\$	542.00	\$	(1,082.26)	\$	17,270.33	
21									
22		12/31/2023	\$	1,259.00	\$	(1,875.73)	\$	16,653.60	
23									
24		1/31/2024	\$	142.00	\$	(649.99)	\$	16,145.61	
25									
26		2/28/2024	\$	250.00	\$	(625.16)	\$	15,770.45	
27									
28		3/31/2024	\$	50.00	\$	(661.17)	\$	15,159.28	
29									
30		4/30/2024	\$	360.00	\$	(653.36)	\$	14,865.92	

**Membership Report (Barbara Palmer and Sherrie Wren):**

**NEW MEMBERS WINE & WHINE WELCOME EVENT  
APRIL 17, 2024**

On Wednesday April 17<sup>th</sup> our membership gathered at the Morgan Hill Grange to welcome and celebrate our newest members. Fifty-three members, 13 new members, and 5 prospective members attended. Wine was supplied by board members; food was purchased by Membership. We had lots of time to meet and greet. Each new and prospective member was introduced by President Suman and President-Elect Krisse. Incoming President-Elect Harpreet Vittal also welcomed members. Members who joined within the last calendar year were encouraged to introduce themselves. They were welcomed and encouraged to get involved.

Many thanks to the hard-working Membership Team: Pat Toombs, Monica McClintock, Susan Parody, Karen George, Jan Skapik, and JoAnne Markowska.

Joyce Bedard joined on the National website after NMW&W.

Georgia Tassos, and Monique Dubois joined at the April 20<sup>th</sup> Earth Day Festival.

With Board approve in January, Membership was allocated an additional \$500. Our total 2023-24 Membership budget is \$1,500.

The costs for this event: Venue-\$550; Food- \$375.84; Party supplies-\$123.10.  
Total Cost: \$1,048.94.

Current Membership of AAUW Morgan Hill branch is 192.

Barbara Palmer and Sherrie Wren, Membership

**Bylaws/Governance (Carol O'Hare):**

ADDENDUM 2 DRAFT

AAUW Support or Co-Sponsorship of Local Events,  
Including Email and Newsletter Policy  
(See Policies and Procedures, Article XVIII)

1. The branch SUPPORTS local non-profit events that actively promote education and equity. That is, we will publicize the event, including soliciting volunteers in the newsletter and weekly Sunday email. No board approval is needed.

A. LOCAL EVENTS that we provide publicity and volunteer support for include:

Poppy Jasper Film Festival, a local film festival showcasing independent films

City of Morgan Hill commission events, such as open studios and health and wellness fair

Friends of the Library activities

B. OTHER LOCAL EVENTS that we provide publicity for include:

Programs held at the public library, including Silicon Valley Reads

Events presented by local symphony and theater

C. Other examples of SUPPORT have included the solicitation of volunteers for:

Morgan Hill Unified School District parcel tax campaign

Morgan Hill Library parcel tax campaign

2. The branch CO-SPONSORS other specific events, as approved by the board. In addition to providing publicity, the branch works with other sponsoring organizations to help pay for events and/or manage logistics. Examples include:

Santa Clara County AAUW Inter-Branch Council (IBC) events. The IBC consists of representatives from all local AAUW branches.

Earth Day Festival with the City of Morgan Hill

3. The branch has a special relationship with the Morgan Hill Historical Society. We publicize each other's events and solicit volunteers for the Historical Society. In return for our support, the Historical Society permits us to use Villa Mira Monte at no charge.

4. All other requests for support, co-sponsorship, or publicity are considered on a case-by-case basis.

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This addendum was first created in 2011 and last updated 2013.

**Tech Trek Report (Krisse Boursier)**

Tech Trek Update

May 2, 2024

The big news for this month is that the location of Camp Carson, where we are sending our 10 campers, has been changed from CSU Monterey Bay to UC Santa Cruz. Monterey Bay ended up charging more than 30% over our average Tech Trek camps, plus they were not responsive in communications. So the board approved the change to UC Santa Cruz last month, and we are now full speed ahead with preparations for July.

The dates of the camp will now be July 14 through the 19th. Camper pickup will be on Friday, July 19, instead of Saturday, July 20, as was planned previously.

Krisse Boursier