

Los Gatos-Saratoga AAUW Board Meeting Minutes

Friday June 22, 2018 – 10:00 A.M. at

Home of Louse Quenon, 20297 Thelma Ave., Saratoga

CALL TO ORDER: by Louise at 10:10AM

- Attendance: Margaret Bard, Judith Borlase, Kay Duffy, Marilyn Fuller, Joan Kjemtrup, JoAn Lambert, Audry Lynch, Louise Quenon, Lynn Sprague
- Minutes from May 7: **Approved.**
- List of our elected and appointed AAUW Officers for 2018-19 was passed out. **Attached.**
- List of Member interest and involvement **Attached**
- Finance Report to date- Louise Quenon: All OK – light activity, everything as expected. **Attached.**
- **Proposed Budget for 2018-19** – Louise Quenon and Lynn Sprague:
 - Membership down slightly.
 - Directory expenses were trimmed (so many are not necessary).
 - Grapevine* production expenses reduced (we are printing too many)
 - We need to decide (next meeting) what to do about surplus in our account of \$7000.

Concerning Convention Funding item, if no one attends, Margaret Bard suggested that we should invite another local branch attendee to give us an oral report.

Louise reported excellent results on the fall Appeal Letter. She will do it again in October. Marilyn expressed a plea to enhance the wording to stress that member donations are the ONLY source of funds for the Local Scholarship. (The English Tea is definitely not going to happen!)

Proposed Budget as amended: Fuller/ Borlase. **Approved.**

Needs to be voted on by membership at September meeting. Final amended version **Attached**

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Many thanks to Board members** finishing terms. Thanks to new treasurer Lynn Sprague. Louise will continue to be membership treasurer - Thanks Louise. New member Mara Otlans volunteered to take over “Sunshine”
- **Lessons we have learned:** Avoid meetings at the Saratoga Retirement Center (terrible parking)
- **Great new website** thanks to Laurie Lindsey. Some ideas for the web: **Attached.**
 - Book club highlights for those who were not able to attend or want good read recommendations. Margaret will consult with the AM Book Review group about having a list of good reads on the site. She said that occasionally the reviewer will pan the book and she didn't think that was the kind of info we would want posted.

JoAn said that the PM Book Review group is in trouble. They have only 6 members and have lost the members who made it possible to meet at SRC. They are actively searching for additional members and will be meeting in members homes.

Some more ideas: Add photos of activities; member announcements, milestones

Joan K will email to remind members of the new website address

NEW BUSINESS

Calendar of meetings for 2018 and 2019 . **Attached**

- **Summer Potluck coming up** July 24, 11:30 at St Andrews . Joan K will send out reminder. Board members are asked to bring desserts. and come early for set up. Time line info **attached.**
- **September Opening meeting Ballot Pros and Cons** October 13 ? at 1 pm Location uncertain. Discuss ballot measures to be held in conjunction with the League of Women Voters. The Saratoga Library is the preferred venue even though refreshments are not allowed. Margaret said that the League is ready and willing to provide presenters. No one volunteered to call either the Library or the League representative.
- **No Holiday Party** - Not well attended and small Interest Group events are favored.
- **January Authors' Lunch** January 31, 2019 (Not English Tea) at Terraces: Judy Borlase – 2 authors lined up. Assurances from the interim food services director at The Terraces that there WILL be a lunch provided for that date. Menu to be determined in the fall.
- **March – Women's History Month** The group also enthusiastically endorsed the idea of having Bonnie Morris to present. Again, the Library is the preferred venue but the date should be at the pleasure of Bonnie. Again, no volunteers to make the contacts.

No English Tea –The Committee on Homeless Women and Children is still weighing possible alternate fundraisers. A couple of ideas: a champagne/wine/dessert event with music and jewelry table at The Terraces (possibly outdoors in their courtyard). Apparently there is a dedicated Pastry Chef on staff there now and Judy attended an event there recently and was impressed.
Or a similar event at Nancy Anderson's backyard which is apparently quite large.

OTHER NEW BUSINESS

- **Grapevine** The consensus was that a brief "newsletter" would suffice: a page with the calendar, a page or more with timely news, reminders, board highlights (since most members have no idea what transpires at our meetings), member "milestones", etc. This could be augmented to additional page(s) with flyers for special events.

It was thought that it should be mailed in an envelope to eliminate the need for printing the necessary info regarding postal permit, etc. and with a small issue and small number of copies, it probably would be cost effective to use the AAUW discount at Office Depot

rather than Vasona Print/Copy. We should reduce the number of copies produced to just a few over the number needed to send paper copies to those who have paid. There could be a point person who would gather the info from people like Julie (calendar), a board rep and ?????? and pull it together. Everyone thought Laurie would be the ideal point person. - do you think we could ask her to take this on?? People who checked “help with mailing” could be called upon to handle the distribution aspect.

- **E-mail blasts** - we should make more use of to those who have and access their email. Louise is working with Joan to update the e-mail distribution
- **New interest group** proposal by Wendy Chartock = “Potluck Group” or “Salad Bar Bunch” was well received. Wendy should come to the September meeting to pitch her idea to the members in attendance. There could be a notice in the Grapevine as well.
- Meeting adjourned 12:30PM

Kay Duffy, Secretary
With lots of help from Louise Quenon – Many Thanks