



AAUW SMS IBC MEETING MINUTES
Santa Clara County – Monterey County – Santa Cruz County
September 18, 1pm Hybrid

Chair: Claire Noonan, AAUW Silicon Valley, opened the meeting at 1:02 PM.

In Attendance:

In-Person

Treasurer: Marian Sacco, Morgan Hill, Sabra Dupree, Gilroy, Suman Ganapathy, Morgan Hill, Doreen O'Donovan, Santa Cruz County, and Linda Goldberg, San Jose

On Zoom:

Sandra Makela, Gilroy, Sumi Tanabe, Los Gatos/Saratoga, Helen Christensen, Sunnyvale-Cupertino, and Joanne Webster, Monterey County

Absent: Fatima Dias, Monterey County

Meeting Dates for Remainder of FY 2024: (starting time 1:00 PM)

- Monday, November 13 (Virtual)
- Monday, January 29 (Virtual)
- Monday, March 18 (Virtual)
- Monday, May 20 (Hybrid)

Secretary Volunteer Assignments:

- September 18: Joanne Webster
- November 13: Suman Ganapathy
- January 29: Sandra Makela
- March 18: TBD
- May 20: TBD

AAUW-California Updates:

- Claire mentioned that Sharyn Siebert is a good contact for AAUW-CA Branch Support. She is a member of the Monterey County branch. Sharyn can be reached at sharynsiebert@comcast.net at (831) 277-4256.

- Public Policy
 - Our IBC is well-represented on the AAUW-CA Public Policy Committee. We have four members from our IBC branches who are serving. They are Amy Hom (co-chair), Claire Noonan (Silicon Valley), Ashley Dargert (SJ); and Cynthia Iwanaga (MH).
 - Public Policy branch chairs will meet on Zoom every other month beginning October 4th. Claire has responsibility for reaching out to the branches' Public Policy Directors and/or Branch Presidents in our IBC to remind them of upcoming meetings and activities.
 - Book banning in schools is a major public policy issue for AAUW. A webinar is scheduled for September 21. Public Policy Directors and other branch leaders should become familiar with this topic as it may affect activity at the local school level.
 - Lobby Days are being planned for April 2024; more details will be forthcoming.
- AAUW Funds
 - Claire asked each branch to consider having one branch meeting/program with an AAUW Fellow.
 - Requests for speakers should be directed to aauwfundspeakers@aauw-ca.org.
- GOV Trek
 - Questions about Gov Trek may be directed to Shauna Oenning Ruyle at govtrek@aauw-ca.org.
 - A discussion took place about the best ways to reach out to local high schools to inform them about the program and to recruit participants.
- Tech Trek
 - Most of our branches did send girls to the 2023 Tech Trek Camp either in-person or virtually. Gilroy did not send any girls this year.
 - We agreed that having a campus location at either UC Santa Cruz or CSU Monterey Bay would be more practical for girls in our area to attend.
 - We will plan an IBC ice cream social and orientation for June 2024.
- Project for our IBC
 - Marian introduced a program that the Morgan Hill branch is organizing in conjunction with their local library.
 - The topic for the program was inspired by "Sue's Story" regarding a woman's challenges after being diagnosed with Lewy Body Dementia.
 - The program will focus on the topic of brain health and is scheduled for October 24, from 7:00-8:30 PM. The program is open to the public and will be held in-person and also by Zoom.
 - Marian will send everyone a copy of the program flier with a request that each branch advertise the program with their respective members.

Treasurer's Report: Marian reported that the IBC bank account has a balance of \$185.00.

Membership and Dues Information:

Helen asked each branch to provide their total membership and their branch dues amount.

Branch	Membership Total	Branch Dues Amount
Gilroy	57	\$28
Los Gatos-Saratoga	91	\$20
Monterey County	125	\$23
Morgan Hill	191	\$25
San Jose	247	\$26
Santa Cruz County	83	\$20
Silicon Valley	101	TBD after merger
Sunnyvale-Cupertino	89	\$21
<i>(Marian is also a member of the North Tahoe branch and reported their dues.)</i>		(\$31)

Branch updates:

- Gilroy
 - Considering new special interest groups.
 - October conducting a new membership drive.

- Los Gatos-Saratoga
 - The branch has two new co-Presidents.
 - The branch conducted a survey of members to determine the areas of most interest for programming purposes. AI (artificial intelligence) was high on the list.
 - The September meeting featured four of the five Tech Trek campers sharing their experiences while at Sonoma State and Kelly Weisberg who spoke on Mindfulness.

- Monterey County
 - The branch will hold its annual Tech Trek program in October featuring some of the girls sent by the branch to the 2023 camp. Seven girls attended the in-person camp at Fresno State. The branch also sent five girls to the virtual camp.
 - In March, the branch will present its annual AAUW Fund program.
 - The Santa Cruz County – Monterey County IBC luncheon is scheduled for February 2024 with the Santa Cruz branch hosting.
 - Joanne was asked to clarify their branch name. For legal and tax purposes, the branch name remains the “Monterey Peninsula Branch”. Because the Salinas branch merged with the branch a few years ago, the Board decided to file for a fictitious name to better reflect the geographic area that the branch serves. For marketing purposes, the branch name is the “Monterey County Branch”.

- Morgan Hill
 - Their board held a retreat during which they identified and confirmed their mission and goals/objectives for the year.
 - Several of their members participated in the local 4th of July parade.
 - The branch will be holding an AAUW Showcase.
 - They are organizing their annual Wildflower Run to be held on March 24.

- San Jose
 - The branch is holding its Fall Gathering event that will feature both their Tech Trek program and their Local Scholarship program.
 - The branch has a very active Public Policy committee including letter writing campaigns.
 - The branch is planning a panel discussion about fundraising and the different ways members and others can donate to the branch's local scholarship program. They would like to identify a panelist who is a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle.

- Santa Cruz
 - The board held a strategic planning meeting.
 - Programming for the coming year will include topics such as financial literacy, the Tech Trek program, and gender leadership.
 - The branch sent 4 girls to Virtual Tech Trek Summer Camp this year.

- Silicon Valley
 - The Los Altos/Mountain View branch and the Palo Alto branch have merged and become the Silicon Valley Branch.
 - Their board will discuss what the amount of branch dues will be going forward.
 - Their September program will feature a Medical Resident at Stanford Hospital and helicopter pilot who was an AAUW Fellow. It will also spotlight the attendees for the 2023 Tech Trek and camp as well as those who attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.

- Sunnyvale-Cupertino
 - The branch held its annual picnic.
 - They sent 12 girls to the 2023 Tech Trek Camp and held a program featuring them at a recent program. The girls created slide presentations that showed off the activities in which they participated and what they learned during camp.

Action item: Each branch will send the name and email of their branch newsletter editor to Joanne so we can all share our respective newsletters. (See attached.)

Next IBC Meeting: Monday, November 13, at 1:00 PM, to be held virtually.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Joanne Webster, acting Secretary.

Branch Newsletter Editors FY2024:

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