



AAUW SMS IBC
Santa Clara County – Monterey County – Santa Cruz
Minutes
September 23, 2024 1pm (zoom)

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Linda Goldberg, AAUW San Jose, called meeting to order at 1PM.

- Virginia Turner gave an overview of how the Interbranch Special Projects Foundation (ISPF) – it is set up as an AAUW affiliate to offer 501 (c) 3 status for branch funds.
 - There are 3 officer positions: President, Peggy Martin, Morgan Hill; Treasurer, Virginia Turner, Los Gatos-Saratoga; Secretary, Suman Ganapathy, Morgan Hill.
 - Peggy Martin (President) and Virginia Turner (Treasurer) are stepping down in June 2025.
 - The ISPF meets twice a year via zoom. The next meeting will be soon.
 - Santa Cruz branch has their own 501 (c) 3 account.
 - The position of President is responsible for scheduling the meetings and monitoring insurance.
 - The position of Treasurer requires someone who pays attention to detail and is comfortable with financial matters, someone who balances their checkbook and can read investment reports. Requires a couple of hours/week.
- Linda reminded everyone that the mission of the IBC is to share experiences, problems, successes and good program ideas.
- In the past, the IBC would hold an event every other year for all the members of all the IBC branches. It has been two years since the last one was held – it was about Title IX.
 - Ideas of what to do this year? We now have a much larger footprint geographically with the addition of Monterey and Santa Cruz.
 - Historically, IBC worked with politicians.

- Discussion about what branches charge for dues. Silicon Valley charges \$22, San Jose charges \$26, Morgan Hill charges \$25, Los Gatos-Saratoga charges \$20, Santa Cruz charges \$16, Gilroy charges \$28, Sunnyvale-Cupertino charges \$21.
 - Morgan Hill is planning to take a vote on raising dues
 - All branches have a challenge covering the costs of events
 - Using public libraries is a good option
 - Gilroy has the use of a church
 - Los Gatos-Saratoga receives member donations to help cover costs
 - How long does it take to receive dues that are paid online through National? Can we get help from AAUW-CA to streamline the process?

Branch Updates:

- Gilroy – Sandra
 - Their Fall membership drive is underway
 - Sandra made an 11 minute video at Tech Trek Camp Carson showing the girls at camp – “Inside Tech Trek” – the members loved seeing what the camp looks like
 - Gilroy members attended the city council meeting and informed the council what the United Sovereign Americans group was advocating – namely for their partisan group to monitor the voting under the guise of a “free” and “fair” election in an effort to disrupt the process.
 - They are conducting an Election Forum on 9/28 at the library
 - They are conducting a “Get out the Vote” program
- Morgan Hill – Krisse
 - MH is conducting three Candidate Forums over the course of three weeks. The first was for mayoral candidates, last week was for school board candidates, and this week is for city council candidates.
 - Their October program is a Branch Showcase with tables, videos, and live presentations highlighting the Tech Trek and other scholarship recipients, interest groups and action groups.
 - Membership is going strong with 200 members
- Santa Cruz – Kris
 - Santa Cruz has a program in the library once a month
 - The president of Cabrillo College gave a presentation at their program – 25 people attended
 - They are having a Tech Trek luncheon – charging \$38.50 to cover costs – will feature women engineers from Granite Construction and their TT campers.
 - A “thermometer” in their newsletter keeps track of their fundraising progress – is quite effective.
- Sunnyvale-Cupertino– Helen
 - They held a picnic without ants (it was inside) potluck with their Tech Trek campers.
 - They are organizing a Tech Trek Alum Group

- They are organizing a Climate Control panel for January with perspectives from older members and younger members.
- Los Gatos/Saratoga – Arleen
 - They have a calendar of programs at the library
 - They will share their zoom travel program
- San Jose – Linda
 - They are presenting a speaker on security at their September meeting
 - Their fall event is in early October, and they will feature their Tech Trek campers, scholarship recipients, and interest groups.

The Happiness Person that was so well received at the Sunnyvale program in April is: Loret Carbone, Certified Executive Coach.

Next meeting is November 18.

Respectfully submitted by Krisse Boursier