



AAUW SMS IBC
Santa Clara County – Monterey County – Santa Cruz
MINUTES
March 17, 2025

Reps Present:

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Morgan Hill: Krisse Boursier (mkboursier@gmail.com)h
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Monterey Peninsula:
Sunnyvale-Cupertino: Helen Christensen (helenrd09@gmail.com) h
Kathy Reda
Silicon Valley: Claire Noonan (c.noonan@yahoo.com) (Secretary)
Los Gatos - Saratoga: Laurie Lindsey (lauriellindsey@gmail.com)h
San Jose: Linda Goldberg (lgoldberg17776@gmail.com) Chair for 2024-25h

Guests: AAUW Fremont - Jennifer Foster, Phie Dai

Reps Absent:

Sabra Dupree (grammar152@gmail.com)
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Meeting opens: 1pm

Suggestion to make link the same for all IBC meetings to reduce problems with getting on.

Treasurer's Report: Marian Sacco – no change

New Business:

- More local alternative to NCCWSL –
 - No college women conferences found in California
 - information received from NASPA not adequate
 - AAUW CA urges branches to send college women
 - branches not willing to send women this year due to cost, no speakers yet identified, short conference for long distance to Maryland
- Should a Google account be set-up for SMS-IBC
 - to share newsletters and other messages
 - Krisse willing to set up

- talk to Sandy Gabe at AAUW CA
 - nonprofit price of \$7/month
- Planning ice cream social and orientation on Zoom
 - **Update:** SV, SJ, LG-S, S-C will meet on March 25 at 1pm
 - \$71 toward purchase of ice cream
 - Branches to add \$\$ if needed
- MH and Gilroy get together to discuss social and orientation for their branches
 - Will ask Monterey County to join
- Santa Cruz holds its own social/orientation

Old Business:

- Tech Trek Alumnae Group
 - Off to slow start because TT selection is taking place
 - Possible event for alumnae
- Update Tech Trek Camp Carson
 - To new site at UCSC that flatter and easier for workshops
 - Almost complete staffing
 - Getting help from UCSC to get speakers
 - Swag: STEM related quilts for trekkers donated from Santa Cruz group
- Any progress on finding replacements for ISPF Treasurer and President
 - specific ISPF to our IBC
 - No takers yet
 - May have to hire
- Re Young Women Leaders sponsored by Morgan Hill
 - next year send information earlier
 - publicize on social media

Branch share

- **San Jose**
 - March program from history professor at State University San Jose - Angela Davis and her ideas as Communist Party member
 - May - Jill Carter to talk about alien invasions
- **Los Gatos-Saratoga**
 - Gomez spoke about War Brides book, timely because similar to present predicament for immigrants
 - Bunny Laden – discussed her photography of Queen Charlotte Islands that Canada turned back to indigenous communities
 - SJ Water Co- spoke to water quality and use

- **Morgan Hill**
 - DEI program - provide timeline about diverse populations in CA
 - Less access to library for meetings
 - 40 people at meetings
 - Air museum event about women in air
 - Planned Webinars re preparations necessary for finances in old age
 - Wildflower Runat end of March – fewer sponsors because of economic uncertainty
 - Increase local dues to \$45
- **Santa Cruz**
 - meeting with Morgan Hill member speaker re Ukraine and NATO that was well-attended
 - Local author spoke re woman who worked on saving CA redwoods and Henry Coe
 - CEO speaker from hospice
- **Sunnyvale-Cupertino**
 - Girls speaking on climate change - well-attended
 - February - Sisters in Crime online event allowed out-of-town authors to present
 - Stepping Stones for End of Life program – well-attended
 - Spring luncheon
- **Silicon Valley**
 - getting help from the state web team allowed us to get state-wide audience is valuable if your program is of interest to the state
 - received beneficiary trust money from a long time member who passed away so our finance team has met to gather information and decide how to distribute monies to various AAUW funds
- **Gilroy**
 - trying to find president
 - Members may decide to join Morgan Hill
 - Getting more members but working so not willing to take on board duties
 - Tech Trek continues
- **MBC** not present

Adjourn 2pm

Next meeting May 19, 2025 1 PM