

Board Meeting 4/2/25 Minutes

Attending: Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Kay Duffy Taylor, Terry Forss (Z), Dinah Lockhart(Z), Marell Brooks, Barbara Bolton, Kari Rosson, Dianne Owens, Alice Down(Z), Mary Schaefer(Z) Jan Keller, Leslie Sevier The meeting was a combined zoom and gathering at Kay's home.

The meeting was called to order

Review and Approve Board minutes from 1-12-25: Motion (Kari/Terry) to approve minutes as presented passed.

Treasurer's Report 3/31/25: Terry and Jan reported that all accounts are balanced and reconciled. The Branch received \$100 grant from the Women's Commission for Pedal to the Pacific. The treasurer's report is filed with these minutes.

President's Report: Lucy and Kay

- Board Officer Nominations: Leslie chairs the committee; Barbara and Marell will assist. Nominations for the offices of president, membership and program cochair remain open.
- 5-Star Branch 2025-26 update: Lucy is working on the application which is due in May. Goals to be met to earn the 5-Star designation include: 15% growth in donations to AAUW funds (target is \$1437.50); increase or retain 80% of the membership; send a delegate to AAUW special conference OR support the conference financially; secure a Legacy bequest naming AAUW as beneficiary in the will.

Motion was made (Alice/Kari) to donate \$200 to support the NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leader) AAUW conference; Motion passed.

Program Report: Branch can celebrate three notable events in March: the proclamations recognizing Equal Pay Day and Women's History month from both the SB Board of Supervisors and the Lompoc city council and thevery successful Speech Trek program

The committee for the local education forum has met. The theme will relate to the effects of the federal initiatives on local education. They are working to secure a collaborating organization and to hold the program in August at the DeWees Center.

Membership: Lucy reported for Mischa that membership is stable at 75+.

AAUW Greatest Needs Fund: To improve our level of donations to the Fund we might consider holding a special event.

Scholarship: Applications are due April 1 and awards must be decided by April 30. Kari has volunteered to present our award at the Cabrillo awards night; Marell will present at LHS.

College Relations: Barbara had no updates to report.

Public Policy: Mary and Lucy will participate in Lobby Days via Zoom April 8-9.

Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: No report.

Communications: This position is open.

Newsletter: Kari suggested that the newsletter would be more current and relevant if it was published shortly after the monthly board meeting instead of the end of the month. Board agreed.

Tech Trek: Kari will send a Tech Trek flyer to the Vandenberg Spouses Club and continue to work with them to donate club funds to Tech Trek.

Installation: May 23, 4-6, and Marell's home. 718 St. Andrew's Way.

Meeting adjourned.