



## **Board Meeting 2/12/25 Minutes**

**Attending:** Lucy Thoms-Harrington, Kay Duffy Taylor, Terry Forss, Dinah Lockhart, Marell Brooks, Barbara Bolton, Kari Rosson, Wynn Clevenger, Dianne Owens, Alice Down, Mary Schaefer

The meeting was a combined zoom and gathering at Lucy's home.

### **The meeting was called to order**

**Review and Approve Board minutes from 1/8/25:** Motion to approve (Kay/Barbara) passed.

**Treasurer's Report:** Terry reported that all accounts are balanced. The treasurer's report circulated Feb. 1 is attached to these minutes.

### **President's Report:** Lucy and Kay

- -Our L/V Branch was awarded a 5-Star rating by the national AAUW, one of only 15 nationwide! It was announced in Washington DC meeting and is on the website.
- -We are still in need of a Coordinator of Social Media and Communications as Samantha Scroggins has relocated.
- -Residual funds from the Fund for Santa Barbara grant, \$3302: The FSB has said that we can use the money for another project before August. The Board brainstormed ideas for a forum/town hall focused on education in collaboration with AHC and the League of Women Voters. Keep to local issues; invite LUSD superintendent to take plan/take part; what about DEI restrictions and student interest clubs? Lucy will submit a proposal to the FSB. The working committee includes B. Bolton, T. Forss, K. Duffy,-Taylor, M. Schaefer, D. Lockhart.
- -The Fund for Santa Barbara has invited our branch to submit a proposal for a three-year \$40,000 grant. This is big! Can we do this? We would need a paid program manager. Marell suggested it could be used for a lecture series of authors: this appealed to the group. The presidents will make this proposal to the FSB.
- Nominating Committee: Volunteers will be solicited via the Newsletter.

### **Program Report:** Dinah

- The Black History Month event at the Grossman Gallery was excellent and well-attended.
- Women's History Month: We have requested a proclamation and presentation at the city council meeting March 18. The proclamation will combine Women's History Month, Equal Pay Day and Title IX. Marell will talk to Joan Hartmann about a similar proclamation at the Board of Supervisors.

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

**AAUW Fund:** Marell asked for two volunteers to select named-gift awards. Dianne and Alice volunteered to assist her.

**Scholarship:** Julie has delivered the scholarship applications to the counselors.

**College Relations:** Barbara attended Bow-Wow days at AHC at the beginning of the second semester. It was cold and poorly attended but she felt it was worthwhile nonetheless.

**Public Policy:** Mary displayed a page from AAUW's public policy publication of information and recommended actions to take in light of the Trump administration's policies. It will be included in the monthly newsletter. She also reminded us that Lobby Days are April 6-8 in person or via Zoom. Lucy has done this and found it interesting and worthwhile. There is a required training prior to the event.

**Diversity, Equity & Inclusion:** Our branch was represented at the Black History Month event. Pam Buchanan is checking on activities related to Pride Day.

**Communications:** This position is open.

**Newsletter:** Kari's lovely newsletter was complimented on at the IBC luncheon. She reminds contributors to submit articles on time and in Word.

**Tech Trek:** Wynn reported that she has 14 parent permissions to apply for Tech Trek but only two actual student applications.

**Speech Trek:** March 6, 4:30, Grossman Gallery. Six contestants are working on this and receiving coaching. Judges panel has been named. Wynn and Alice will act as timekeepers.

Meeting adjourned.