



Palm Springs (CA) Branch January 5, 2021 Board Meeting

Board Meeting
January 5, 2021

Present: Sharrell Blakeley, Marsha Riley, Phyllis Dunn, Laura Eaton, Peggy Shippen, Judy Schurr, Janet Braslow, Sharron Cantarini, Shelley Mitchell, Gillian German

President Sharrell Blakeley called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Follow up
Minutes of December meeting		Laura moved to approve the December minutes. Gillian seconded and the motion passed unanimously.	
Tech Trek	Report from Peggy, Phyllis and Janet: 2021 camp will be virtual. We can send the same number of girls (8) as last year. We may send some of the girls we chose for 2020. It will cost \$400/girl. We can use funds raised for 2020 camps (in SPF)		
	We still want to raise funds. Phyllis reported that we recently received a \$2K donation. We have \$3917.60 in our SPF STEM fund and \$8755 in the TT fund at SPF. We cannot begin to interview and recruit girls for 2022 until the money is in the bank.	Motion to approve the allocation of up to \$3200 to send 8 girls to virtual camp in 2021. Passed unanimously	
	Discussion of how to focus fundraising. We can always move money to the TT fund if we need	Agreed by unanimous consent to take	TT Committee will make it be so

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Follow up
	to, but we have more flexibility with the STEM fund.	the \$3200 from our TT account at SPF and raise money for our STEM fund.	
Secretary	Shelley announced that AAUW Ca is having a virtual Lobby Day soon and encouraged everyone to sign up		
Finance	Gillian shared monthly finance report. We are doing well. Not many expenses due to Covid		
	Shelley noted that it is cheaper if we pay for Zoom on an annual basis rather than monthly. It doesn't seem like we will stop needing to use zoom any time soon.	Sharron moved that we allocate money to have zoom for a year. Marsha seconded. Approved unanimously.	Shelley will renew Zoom for a year
	Gil noted that National has not billed us for website maintenance in a long time.	Agreed by unanimous consent to keep the funds available in case they do	
	National is increasing dues. We decided not to increase our dues at this time, but may need to consider it if we want to pay stipends to speakers, etc.		
	Gil will present the 2021 budget to the board. Board will review and then discuss at February meeting. Publish in March and members will vote in April at the annual meeting.		Let Gil know of any changes to the budget you are requesting or are aware of. She will provide a "starter budget" when it is ready.
Membership	Sharrell sent the Desert Sun article about our branch in. They have cut back on local stuff, so we may not have the opportunity for it to be published.		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Follow up
	Sharron reported that it was a nice idea to publish photo and bio of new members in SS		
Program	Do we want to clarify the time of the meeting vs. the social time? This month the meeting starts at 12:30 social time and 12:45 speaker starts.		Laura will get back to the member who brought this issue up and explain it
	February: Peggy is doing <i>Hats Off</i> , Peggy will be running that zoom program. Sharrell will introduce Peggy and will come back on and thank everyone for coming at a reasonable time so the meeting doesn't get too long.		
	March: Cathy Foxhoven and her troupe will perform <i>We Did it For You</i> , a play about Suffragists.		
	April: Annual Meeting or a program. We will need to decide.		
	May: Susan R. has a speaker for us. Her name is Katy Stice and she will talk about local CV issues.		
Bylaws:	The announcement was in the newsletter as well as a list of changes. Rather than print the whole thing in the newsletter, Shelley requested that members contact her for an emailed or mailed copy.		Approve at annual meeting, along with proposed budget and nominations
Fundraising	Peggy told us more about "Hats Off" and shared the flyer she created		
	Named Gift Honorees: We are allowed to honor a branch member for each \$750 we contribute to AAUW Fund. This year, we are between five and six honorees. Barbara Battino and Sharrell Blakeley nominated in 2019		

Agenda Item	Discussion	Action	Follow up
	2020 Tricia, Janet, Jennifer, Shelley Nominated for 2021: Adele R., Marsha R., Louise K, Pat F. and Sharron if we can do 5.		

Meeting adjourned at 12:33