

BBV AAUW BOARD MEETING of April 24th

Meeting Called to Order - President, Helaine Apollo, called the meeting to order at 1:02

Board and Committee Members Attending Via Zoom – Helaine Apollo, Sandy Senft, Laurie Wolfe, Marianne Lins, Lisa Patterson, Annette Stewart, Yvonne Phillips and Christie Walker

Approval of Board Minutes Held February 2025 – Annette moved to accept minutes. The motion was seconded by Helaine. The motion was accepted by unanimous vote. Yvonne abstained.

Treasurer's Report – Lisa P

There were no questions regarding the financial report or the 2025-2026 budget. Helaine made a motion to accept the budget as presented. Annette seconded the motion. The motion was accepted by unanimous vote.

A discussion regarding the increase in the national and California state AAUW dues noted that the increases would be offset by our local dues. This was included in the budget.

Program Committee Update – Helaine for Lexi

- A lunch and learn will be held on Stroke Prevention on May 28th at the hospital
- Both the L&L on Replenish Big Bear and the Recycling Field Trip are TBD
- Special interest groups that have been dormant for the winter (Kayaking and golf) will resume when the group leaders are ready.
- The Writers Group is preparing a booklet of their work to be distributed at the annual luncheon to members.
- Cheryl is stepping down as the chair for Dine Out. The board will ask for a new volunteer to head this activity at the Annual Luncheon.
- Game night is still in the works. Holly and Sandy have both volunteered to host.
- Helaine may offer both a morning hike and an afternoon hike. She will poll her regulars.
- Readers' Theater has one more play and then will go dark. With many people feeling the length of the plays have been too long, interest has waned.

Fundraising – Yvonne P and Annette S

Yard Sale – Yvonne shared details on the plans so far. The yard sale will take place on Friday, May 23rd from 7:00 am to 3:00 pm. Pricing of items will take place on Wednesday, May 21st. Set up will take place on Thursday, May 22nd. The location will be Annette's front yard. Yvonne will make signs and place ads in the Grizzly and with the online yard sale guide. Annette will take care of the change box. Members will be asked to bring items directly to Annette's house. Yvonne will send the information she would like presented to the membership to Helaine, who will send out an email. Yvonne suggested we have coffee and water for sale. Christie volunteered to make Rice Krispie treats for sale. Sandy offered to bring cookies.

Tour de Big Bear – Christie suggested that AAUW have an aid station for Tour de Big Bear. TDBB sets up the station with supplies. Our volunteers would simply man the station. Christie

suggested a cow theme with cow costumes, cow bells and cow head bands. Marianne suggested creating a photo booth with a cow riding a bicycle with a cutout for someone's face. Annette will contact Chris Barnes to put our name in the hat for an aid station. Annette explained that organizations that man a booth receive a cash reward. The booth voted the best receives more money. The board approved the idea.

Membership Update – Helaine A.

There are two new prospective members who will be attending the annual luncheon. Helaine is in contact with each of the women who have expressed interest in being active in the group.

Communication Update – Ann was not present to report

There is still an issue with the PayPal button. Helaine will contact Ann.

Scholarship Update –Helaine A.

The committee received 9 applications and will select the top 7 for interviews. Four scholarship will be awarded at the ceremony at the PAC on June 2nd.

Tech Trek – Sandy S.

Sandy received four completed applications for San Diego Tech Trek. She has planned a pizza party for the girls and the past Tech Trek attendees to meet and greet. The four other spots were given up and Coachella Valley took those spots. Sandy is only budgeting for 4 spots next year. The girls are all very deserving. Tech Trek will make a meaningful difference in their lives, said Sandy.

Public Policy Committee Update – Laurie W.

AAUW Election 2025 ends May 13 5:00 ET. There's a link for the candidates and ballot initiatives. Everyone was sent this. I did the School Board Survey for our branch. There's an interactive and Living Spreadsheet on ongoing resistance. You can join based on your passions and prefernces. Check the Public Policy Website. Take action by choosing one self focused,one other focused and one political focused. AAUW provides the list. They have their own social media acct. -Blue sky (CA Public Policy) I will send updates in each one of our local newsletters.

Sunshine Committee Update – Marianne L

Marianne sent Cherry Honeycutt a condolences card for her husband, Troy.

Marlene Cain also received a condolance card for her husband, Steve.

There will be a celebration of life for Steve Cain at Apples Bed and Breakfast at 1:30 on June 29th. This notice will appear in the May newsletter with Marlene's consent.

New Business:

The Annual Luncheon will be held on June 8th on the patio of the Old Country Inn. Annette is contacting Maria. Christie is co-chairing the event with Annette. Christie asked Helaine to create an agenda for the event. Christie asked Sandy to secure a Tech Trek speaker. Sandy suggested a

mother and daughter from last year's Tech Trek. Annette suggested we have a Mystery Auction where a few people donate a wrapped gift and the membership bids on the gift.

Nominating Committee – Helaine A

Helaine has been working on securing board members. Here is what we have so far.

- President – Lexi Amrhein
- VP & Program – Christie Walker with a co-chair. Christie has agreed to step into the president spot for one year – the 2026/2027 term. The hope is to find a co-chair for two years, who will then be president in 2027/2028. Helaine Apollo will co-chair with Christie until we secure a co-chair,
- Secretary – Margo Penardi
- Treasurer – Lisa Patterson
- Membership – Sara Tully
- Communications – Ann Kaesman
- Tech Trek – Sandy Senft
- Fundraising – Annette Stewart
- Public Policy – Laurie Wolfe
- Sunshine Committee – Marianne Linns
- Scholarships – Lindy Edmonds (Haven't confirmed)

Meeting Adjourned: The meeting was adjourned at 2:17 pm.

Respectfully Submitted By: Secretary, Christie Walker, BBVAAUW