



**Minutes of the California Online Branch Board  
Conference Call Meeting  
January 10, 2014**

Attendance:

Harriet Tower, President  
Donna Mertens, Treasurer  
Alice Labay, AAUW Funds VP  
Krys Wulff, Program VP  
Sandy Kirkpatrick, Communications Chair (arrived late)  
Non-voting: Cathy Foxhoven, Speech Trek Coordinator

Absent: Ruth Currie, Membership VP

Called to order by Harriet at 7:11 p.m.

President Harriet Tower called the meeting to order at 7:11pm.

1. Minutes of the July 24, 2013 conference call board meeting and July-December 2013 business were approved with no corrections.
2. Finance Report (Donna Mertens): The branch is within \$10 of its projected dues revenue (the last money is in, but not yet recorded by national). Branch donations are down, but it was noted that renewing dues online on the MSD does not allow a member to donate directly to the branch.  
Currently, we have more income than expenses, and the current branch reserves are approximately \$1,300. By consensus, the board instructed the finance chair to go ahead and pay our Virginia Gildersleeve donation now.  
There is still a problem with a PayPal membership submission with the information that PayPal receives and Donna will work this out with Angie Cooper at the national office.
3. Funds Report (Alice Labay): The total given by the branch from Jan.-Dec. 2013 was \$8,655. Alice will report this to the branch on the blog.
4. Program Report (Krys Wulff): The Women's Policy Summit will be taking place in Sacramento on Jan. 16. The AAUW CA State President, Alicia Hetman, and Public Policy Director, Sue Miller, will be attending. They have agreed to be speakers about the event the week of Jan. 21-23.

After hearing the Speech Trek report, it was decided to host the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners for a program in March and link it to the YouTube video of the Winner.

Pay Equity will be the April Program and more info will follow.

[Sandy joined the meeting at 7:35 p.m.]

5. Speech Trek Report (Cathy Foxhoven): The branch has 7 contestants: 5 from Aragon High

School in San Mateo, 1 from Mills High School in Millbrae, and 1 from Daly City. Two of the contestants are male. A preliminary meeting was held with all and AAUW materials/reports distributed. The contest will be held on Feb. 15 (Saturday) in Burlingame at the Parks and Rec Dept. 2 judges have confirmed and 1 more is expected. Per rules of the contest, no AAUW member can judge in order to create AAUW visibility outside the organization. Judges will also be given information about AAUW and copies of the reports. . Videotaping of the speeches will take place and the video (YouTube) of the 1<sup>st</sup> place winner will be sent to state Speech Trek coordinator Donna Erickson for the final round of the contest and will be available to the branch.

**Motion** (Sandy Kirkpatrick): Amend the budget to add \$50 in expenses to Speech Trek (new line in budget), and award the branch Speech Trek winner a \$50 Amazon gift certificate. Give 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners certificates. ADOPTED

Cathy will work with Sandy to post on the blog about the Online branch's first foray into Speech Trek.

6. Communications Report (Sandy Kirkpatrick): An archiving problem for listserves was corrected. Sandy encouraged everyone to subscribe to email notifications of the blog posts. Receiving these emails is a helpful reminder to write more posts, with the goal of each board member posting once a month. The blog is front and center on the website, so it really is our first impression and needs to be active. Sandy will follow up with any additional website information.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

Signed,  
Krys Wulff

*SK-Approved March 17, 2014*