



## Sierra Outpost

### 2020 Backpack Project underway

—Cathy Owens

Our long-standing backpack project is proceeding, with several modifications to ensure as much social distancing as possible. We plan to donate 60 backpacks filled with school supplies for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students in our county.

#### Changes:

Instead of having our members purchase the school supplies, we are asking them to purchase a backpack online. The committee will purchase the school supplies online in bulk. A small group of members will assemble the school supplies in their own homes.

#### Ways to contribute to the project:

- Purchase a backpack online and have it shipped directly to Kim Monson. Details below.
- Or...contribute a cash donation of any amount, to help fund the school supplies which we will purchase online in bulk. Please send the check to Dina Lambert- 4939 Ponderosa Way, Midpines, CA 95345

#### Backpack donation details:

Have fun shopping online! Please purchase a gender-neutral backpack, big enough for school supplies, books, and a tablet. Try looking on Amazon, Walmart, Target, Costco online, or eBags. You should be able to find a quality backpack for \$18 - \$35. Jansport, Eastsport, Dakine, Outdoor Products, and High Sierra are good brands, but feel free to choose anything you like. Suggested co-ed colors are blue, green, grey, red, orange, or black. Solid colors or simple geometric designs work well. These are for older students, so no cutesy cartoons and **no wheels** please. Our goal is to have a variety of backpacks so that each student has a unique pack.

Have the pack shipped directly to Kim Monson – 2440 Coachman Road, Mariposa, CA 95338. Our aim is to have all backpacks delivered to **Kim by July 8**. Please [email Kim](#) when you purchase a pack. Include your order infor-

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mation and number. She will email you back once she has received it.

#### In appreciation:

This project is a terrific way for our members to get involved. Last year we had 42 members participate in this project! We are grateful for the enthusiasm and generous donations from so many of our members, ensuring that Mariposa students begin their school year prepared and ready for success.

Feel free to contact any of us if you have questions:

[Cathy Owens](#), [Kim Monson](#) & [Rebecca Swisher](#)— Backpack Project Co-Chairs.

## Leadership Team Notes

### Looking forward to a new year

It's June! It doesn't seem possible, but we are at the end of our fiscal year again! The beginning of this year seems a long time ago, and yet, the year has flown by. Is it possible for both of those to be true?! Please join us on Zoom for our **annual meeting June 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00** to review the year, vote on the Board nominees for 2020-2021, and hear about plans for the coming year.

#### Board Nominees for 2020-21

- Cindy Harp, Co-President
- Jody Sergienko, Co-President
- Rebecca Swisher, Recording Secretary
- Dina Lambert, Finance Officer, Co-Membership
- Bonnie Little, Co-Membership
- Kim Monson
- Trish Darcy

It is not new news that Covid-19 has pretty much squelched face-to-face events to date, but with precautions, we hope to introduce some return to live social interaction this fall. We are eager to share some thoughts and to hear yours for returning to some sort of "new normal" interface!

—Cindy Harp

There will be an email coming to you explaining how to set up Zoom, and another email with the link to the meeting. If you are not familiar with Zoom and need help, please contact a member of the leadership team to arrange for support in setting up and logging in to the annual meeting. Don't wait until the last minute—it's easy, and especially with the support of our very own technical communications guru, Sandi Gabe!

As a gentle reminder, it's time to **renew your AAUW membership**. You each should have received an email with your own personal login to the AAUW National site to pay your dues and re-up. If you do not have email, you will be able to send a check to Dina Lambert as in the past. Please renew promptly if possible. We don't want to lose any of you!

With all of the creative, passionate, and dedicated members in AAUW Mariposa, we can all look forward to a dynamic, rewarding, and fun year, with new solutions for whatever life presents!

**Check our Facebook and [website](#) pages for announcements and most current news.**

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## Board to Branches



### Notes from AAUW California Board

—Cindy Harp

We are adding this new feature to the monthly newsletter, to share news and information that comes to us from AAUW California. This will help us keep in touch with what is happening in the larger organization, offer interesting stories of accomplishments of women, and provide opportunities for contributing to special projects in ways that are meaningful to us.

From **Cathy Foxhoven and Jane Niemeier**,  
Co-Presidents, AAUW California:

#### GUESS WHO ORIGINALLY DISCOVERED THE CORONAVIRUS.....A WOMAN!

Scientific pioneer June Almeida is finally being acknowledged for virology breakthroughs she made a half-century ago. June's work has come roaring back into focus during the present pandemic. COVID-19 is a new illness but it is caused by a coronavirus of the type first identified by Dr. Almeida in 1964 at her laboratory in St Thomas's Hospital in London. Her paper to a peer-reviewed journal was rejected "because the referees said the images she produced were just bad pictures of influenza virus particles."

June Almeida died in 2007, at the age of 77. Now 13 years after her death she is finally

getting the recognition she deserves as a pioneer whose work speeded up an understanding of the virus that is currently spreading throughout the world.

I was alerted to this woman by Maura Jones, a member of AAUW Half Moon Bay. Thanks, Maura!

Perhaps a woman will discover a cure for COVID-19!

From **Dianne Owens**, Director, AAUW Fund Committee Chair:

**CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU,**  
**Catherine M. Foxhoven, Jane J. Niemeier,**  
**and Donna Lilly**

The Board was proud to announce at the April 18th Annual Meeting that AAUW Honorary Funds have been established for Co-Presidents Cathy Foxhoven Fund # 4484 and Jane Niemeier Fund #4485. These Honorary Funds were established in recognition of their leadership and commitment to AAUW California for the past two years, 2018-2020. Branches and individuals may contribute to these two funds beginning immediately using the above designation numbers.

Donna Lilly, past AAUW California President

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## Board to Branches

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and current AAUW California College/University Chair, was named 2019 State Named Gift Honoree at the April 18th Annual Meeting. Donna is a facilitator of both Start Smart and Work Smart and an active member of the San Diego and Del Mar Leucadia Branches.

Do you have a clever plan to raise AAUW Funds during the COVID-19 crisis? Palo Alto Branch celebrated Pi Day, March 14th, and raised over \$1,300. Every member who donated was entered into an opportunity drawing for a real pie of their choice to be delivered to their home. Three delicious pies were delivered! Click [HERE](#) for more on Pi Day.

Send me your clever idea(s) at [aaufund@aauw-ca.org](mailto:aaufund@aauw-ca.org) and I will share them in the next Board to Board. Creativity knows no limit with AAUW members!

From **Janice Lee**, Nominations & Elections Chair, [nominating@aauw-ca.org](mailto:nominating@aauw-ca.org) From **Janice Lee**, Nominations & Elections Chair, [nominating@aauw-ca.org](mailto:nominating@aauw-ca.org):

### ELECTION RESULTS FOR AAUW-CALIFORNIA BOARD ARE IN!

For the 2020-2022 term, the AAUW Califor-

nia Board had seven directors and one secretary position to be filled. After the nominating period, we had enough candidates to fill each board position. Since there were no contested elected positions, we were not required to have an election. Congratulations to the following candidates who were duly elected by acclamation at the end of our virtual AAUW California Annual Meeting on April 18th:

#### Directors:

1. Michelle Miller-Galaz
2. Crystal Stebbins
3. Kathi Harper
4. Sharyn Siebert
5. Elaine A. Johnson
6. Tracey Clark
7. Jim Doty

#### Secretary:

Lynne Batchelor

#### President-Elect:

Dianne Owens will become President of AAUW California for 2020-2022

Thank you all for volunteering your time and leadership. Click [HERE](#) for more information on our new board members for the coming term. Any other questions, email us: [nominating@aauw-ca.org](mailto:nominating@aauw-ca.org).

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## Membership



### Meet Our Members

#### Spotlight on Yue Lei

—Kim Monson

Yue Lei was raised in Beijing, China and received her degree in mathematics from Peking University. Although the city of Peking became known as Beijing in 1958, Peking University still retains its original name in the international community.

Following graduation, Yue was accepted for graduate work at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena where she received a master's degree in mathematics. She then went on to Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge to earn a PhD in math, specializing in topology and geometry, which she refers to as "rubber sheet geometry." This field has many applications in theoretical physics. You may have seen the following shape in a brain teaser:



a Möbius strip — a surface with only one side and one edge. Such shapes are an object of study in topology.

Yue is now a tenured professor at the

University of California at Merced. She teaches Calculus, Linear Algebra, Introduction to Statistics, and Functional Analysis for graduate students. She pretty much teaches whatever subjects the university asks of her. Yue has been challenged by teaching via Zoom for the last three months, but she is very appreciative of her students' wonderful attitudes.

She and her family moved to Mariposa in 2006 when she accepted a professorship at UC Merced. Her husband Francois Blanchette is also a mathematician so it is interesting and perhaps entertaining that their daughter, Sophie Blanchette, currently a freshman at Mariposa County High School, expresses "no interest in math whatsoever."

Yue is a member of the AAUW Book Group and says she enjoys reading classical fiction. Hiking and Netflix are also at the top of her leisure activities. When I asked her what might be the most bizarre thing about herself, she turned to ask Francois. He said it had to be the fact that she, being a math professor, is also a Jazzercise instructor. Yue would like to be more involved in AAUW activities, but as you can see, free time is rare in her life just now. Perhaps this summer?

## Events Calendar 2020



- June 1      **Leadership Team Meeting:** 5:30pm, via Zoom
- June 7      **Annual Meeting:** 2:00pm, via Zoom (link will be sent to all members)
- June 9      **SIG- Book Group:** 4:30pm, via Zoom
- July 1      **Deadline-backpack** donations to Kim Monson
- July 25      **Backpack Distribution– Northside:** 9am-1pm, location TBD
- August 1      **Backpack Distribution– Mariposa:** 9am-1pm, J.C.Fremont Hospital

## Tech Trek

—Trish Darcy



—Trish Darcy

Although Tech Trek has been cancelled for our girls this summer, we still want to honor these girls in some way. A committee is forming to help brainstorm ideas, select our best options, and then carry it out during the summer of 2021. If you would like to be

involved in this in any way, big or small, please email Trish Darcy ([tbdarcy1@gmail.com](mailto:tbdarcy1@gmail.com)) and let me know. Once we have a list of who is interested, we will set a time to meet and begin the process!

## Membership

### Membership renewal time

It's that time of year again to renew your AAUW membership. You should have received an email with your membership renewal notice.

- You can click on the link provided and pay your dues online.
- Or you can renew by mailing a check for \$94 payable to "AAUW Mariposa" to Dina Lambert at 4939 Ponderosa Way, Midpines, CA 95345.

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## SIG Overview

## Special Interest Groups

### International Study

**Tiina Wilson**



Learn about a country, a culture, and a people. We study one country each year and meet monthly.

### Book Group

**Saralynn Nusbaum**



This group meets monthly to discuss both fiction and non-fiction books members chose to read the previous month.

### Great Decisions

**Sandi Gabe**



This discussion group meets 6-8 times per year to discuss a set of topics developed by the Foreign Policy Administration (FPA).

### Garden Group

**Micki Finney, Karen Smith**



The Gardening group meets to discuss a wide range of topics such as the challenges of gardening in the foothills.



Mariposa, CA Branch

**Special Interest Groups  
2019-2020**

### Play Reading Group

**Dawn Johnson**



"The play's the thing!" meets monthly to do cold readings of various plays that are shared by several California branches.

### Hiking Group

**Trish Darcy**



The hiking group meets monthly to enjoy each other's company while hiking new trails in and around Mariposa and Yosemite.

### Chess Group

**Kim Monson**



### Wine Tasting

**Carolyn Baker, Cindy Harp**



The Corks and Forks Wine group meets monthly to experience different types of wines and enjoy them with appetizers and meals paired to complement the varietal being tasted.

We Open Eyes

SIG: **Hiking**Contact [Trish Darcy](#)**Hikers log over 1300 miles!**

—Trish Darcy

The hiking group has logged over 1300 miles since the stay at home order! Way to go! We will continue to log through May 31st and then create some fun graphs and charts with the data.



SIG Hiking Covid-19 Steps and Miles Tracker			Total Miles	Total Steps
			1391.07	466330
Name	Activity	Date	Miles	Steps
Renea	dog walk	4/27	8	
Renea	dog walk	4/28	3.2	
Renea	dog walk	4/29	8	
Renea	dog walk	4/30	6.9	
Renea	dog walk	5/1	6	
Renea	dog walk	5/2	7.8	
Renea	dog walk	5/3	8.2	
Renea	dog walk	5/4	6.5	
Renea	dog walk	5/5	6.8	
Renea	dog walk	5/6	4.9	
Renea	dog walk	5/7	5.2	
Renea	dog walk	5/8	6.1	
Renea	dog walk	5/9	2.3	
Renea	dog walk	5/10	4.6	
Renea	dog walk	5/11	6.8	
Renea	dog walk	5/12	4.6	
Renea	dog walk	5/13	8.4	
Renea	dog walk	5/14	5.9	
Renea	dog walk	5/15	8.3	
Renea	dog walk	5/16	7.3	
Renea	dog walk	5/17	7.1	
Renea	dog walk	5/18	3.3	
Renea	dog walk	5/19	7.5	
Renea	dog walk	5/20	9.5	
Renea	dog walk	5/21	5.9	
Renea	dog walk	5/22	6.5	
Trish	Jazzercise/yardwork	5/24	4.3	10000
Trish	Jazzercise/daily activities	5/22	5	14000
Dawn	Dog walk	5/23	3.5	Stockton Creek
Dawn	Dog walk	5/24	2	Kember Rd
Becky	Walking	5/20/20	2.2	Idlewheels loop
Becky	Walking	5/21/20	2.2	Idlewheels loop
Becky	Walking	5/22/20	2.2	Idlewheels loop
Becky	Walking	5/23/20	2.2	Idlewheels loop
Becky	Walking	5/24/2020	2.2	Idlewheels loop

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## SIG: Garden

Contact [Micki Finney](#) or [Karen Smith](#)

### *To Plant a Garden is to Believe in Tomorrow*

— Audrey Hepburn

--Karen Smith

Who would have thought that we would be spending spring banished from public garden tours, wild flower hikes to Hite Cove with friends, hanging out at the nursery and buying even more iris from Superstition Iris Gardens? I must admit it took me several weeks to wrap my head around really what was happening. As the country shut down, I was cranky and self-centered about having to cancel several much-awaited travel plans. As deaths were reported across the country, I realized this 'COVID-19 thing' was a wakeup call as to how precious life is.

With travel and socializing limited to 'zooming', there is



Tiina Wilson's rock garden



Cindy's garden jewel

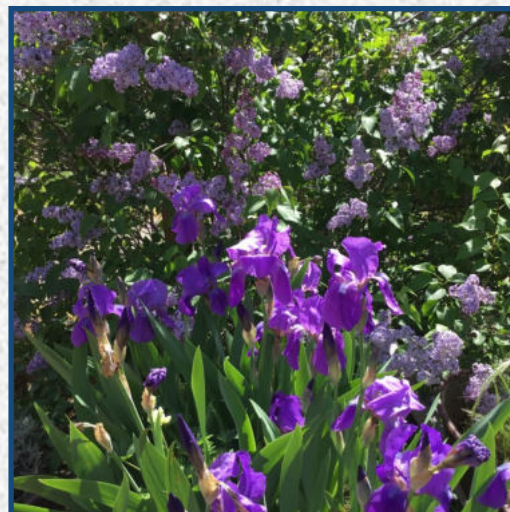
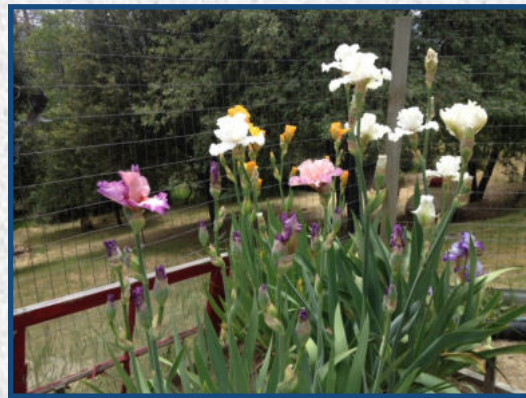
lots of time for reflecting, especially while pulling weeds and keeping an eye out for rattlesnakes. As the season changes to summer, one bit of brightness is that

we have more time to garden!

This summer, will our vegetable gardens mean even more to us? Will we consider them our Victory Gardens? Will the taste of home-grown tomatoes remind us of how wonderful and special our lives are? Maybe so.

We had a few outings this year. A road trip to Inter-mountain Nursery in Prather, a 'Friends Don't Let Friends Buy More Iris' trip to Superstition Iris Gardens and an enjoyable afternoon at Tiina Wilson's house amongst huge granite boulders and lovely pocket gardens. Looking forward to more field trips this year if possible!

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## “The United States and Mexico: partnership tested”

—Jill Rowney

The Great Decisions group had its last meeting of this year via Zoom on May 21. Our topic was the relationship between the United States and Mexico. It is a challenge to cultivate a balanced understanding of the two countries' partnership, especially amidst such rampant extremism in the media and Washington DC, coupled with biases held by the general public.

Most of our discussion addressed common perceptions of Mexico and its people, stemming from personal experiences. Those members who often travel to parts of Mexico expressed no fear of violence, stating that an educated traveler knows where and when to go. Certainly there are also areas of major US cities that are best avoided as well.

In the US public eye, Mexico bears the burden of blame for the problems of immigration, drug trafficking, and violence; however, Mexico often serves as a scapegoat for systemic problems far beyond its borders. The common negative views on immigration from Mexico ignore the fact

that most immigrants crossing the US/Mexico border are, in fact, from Central and South America, using Mexico as a conduit. The US, as well as Central and South America share responsibility for the drug problem: the drugs come from Central and South America through the cartels; the gangs of Mexico take advantage of the goods and money passing through their country; and the weapons for drug conquests come from the United States. Ultimately the largest market for these drugs is the United States!

Despite hyped-up rhetoric regarding these issues, legal trade between the US and Mexico remains strong and is likely to grow stronger once we have control over the current pandemic.

### Looking forward to next year:

For those planning to participate in the Great Decisions group, please purchase the 2020 edition from the FPA website [HERE](#).

The videos are now online as well. You can find them [HERE](#).

We Sponsor Community Forums

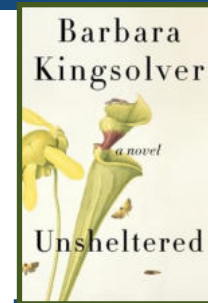
## SIG - Book

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be on  
**Tuesday, June 9, 2020 at 4:30 pm**  
 at our own homes via "Zoom" on the internet  
 where we will be discussing:

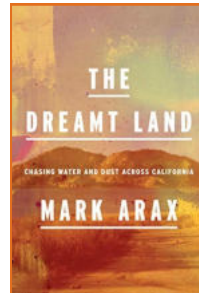
***Unsheltered***

by Barbara Kingsolver

***The Dreamt Land***

by Mark Arax

Discussion Review  
 —Jill Rowney



***Dreamt Land***, by Mark Arax, is a story of California's water— how rivers have been re-routed from the snow-capped Sierras to turn the arid, desert landscape of California into fertile farmlands and how this water has turned into a political toy. Arax not only describes the actual geographical alterations that have made California into the nation's number one agricultural state, but delves into the personal lives and activities of families involved in making that happen. His ultimate premise is to make us all aware of the fragile nature of water in our future.

The Central Valley agriculture remains utterly dependent on farmworkers who share little of the growers' success. The one element essential to keeping the whole "mountain-to-river-to-dam-to-reservoir-to-aqueduct-to-orchard" water system going, the Sierra Nevada winter snowpack, is profoundly vulnerable in a California sweating through climate change.

Our group enjoyed how Arax wove personal narratives into his account of the history of the Central Valley farmland. We also enjoyed the nature of the book's narrative being in our "back yard" in very familiar territory. We appreciated Arax bringing to light several issues- some of which can be addressed politically, some of which must simply be bemoaned. The book could have been much longer to delve into many of these issues that were touched upon and begged for further research. Although Arax raised many questions that remained unanswered, the issues he did raise are vital to our awareness and appreciation of the overall health of our state. Perhaps this awareness will help in finding a more suitable direction of water usage in California.

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AAUW - Mariposa Branch  
Leadership Team Meeting  
Meeting Minutes  
April 14, 2020 6:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order at 5:40 p.m. by Cindy Harp.

**Attendees:**

Cindy Harp, Co-President  
Dina Lambert, Finance Officer  
Rebecca Swisher, Recording Secretary  
Becky Mock  
Kim Monson  
Trish Darcy

**Absent:**

Jody Sergienko, Co-President

**Guests:**

Cathy Owens

**Minutes** (*Rebecca Swisher*):

April 14, 2020: Approved electronically and submitted to Jill Rowney for inclusion in the May newsletter.

**Updates:**

**Membership Update** (*Dina Lambert*)

Dina Lambert stated that the membership total is still 82.

**Membership Spotlight Article in Newsletter**

- Those present discussed potential members to ask for permission to interview for the newsletter.
- Kim Monson will contact individual(s) and write up the article for the newsletter.

**Annual Meeting Planning**

- June 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
- The Leadership Team determined that this event would not be held in person due to continued need for social distancing related to COVID-19.
- The Leadership Team concurred regarding meeting via Zoom.
- Dina Lambert will follow up with Sandi Gabe regarding the process for holding a large virtual meeting via Zoom.
- The group discussed options for ensuring that members are able to vote on the 2020-2021 Leadership Team (e.g., Survey Monkey, Google documents, etc.).
- Dina Lambert will determine the process for voting after discussing options with Sandi Gabe.
- Leadership Team Presentation to Members:
  - Appreciations:
  - Cindy Harp and Jody Sergienko will create this portion of the presentation.

- Rebecca Swisher will create a PowerPoint for this portion of the presentation, making sure to include:
  - **Dinner with a Scientist**-Trish Darcy will send e-mail to Marilyn and ask for photo and blurb.
  - **Backpack Project**-Rebecca Swisher will work with Cathy Owens to put together a blurb and select a photo.
  - **Tech Trek**-Trish Darcy will submit photo(s) and a blurb.
  - **Speech Trek – Tech Connect** -Rebecca Swisher and Kim Monson will put together photo(s) and a blurb, including a focus on being awarded a grant from state.
  - **“Rural Access to Healthcare” Programs**
  - **Special Interest Groups-**
    - ◊ Trish Darcy will send an e-mail asking SIG chairs to submit photo(s) and a blurb to Rebecca Swisher by Friday, May 22, 2020
    - ◊ AAUW Member Participation Log – Reminder to be used for meetings, SIG gatherings, etc.
- There will be a “dress rehearsal” so that the Leadership Team can practice the presentation using Zoom.
  - June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.
  - Dina Lambert will schedule this on Zoom
- Trish Darcy will put the following information in the Branch Buzz:
  - Explanation that the annual meeting will be held virtually.
  - Statement that a separate e-mail will be sent with instructions for how to access Zoom meeting and how to vote.
  - Dina will ensure that these steps are clearly delineated and will send out these instructions.
- California State Conference Follow-Up:
  - No new update

### Projects:

- **Dinner with a Scientist** (*Marilyn Saunders*)
  - No new update.
- **Backpack** (*Cathy Owens & Rebecca Swisher*)
  - Cathy Owens reported that she has been working on ideas for restructuring this project for this year due to the need for social distancing related to COVID-19 and because Karen Rust is no longer able to assist. Cathy will coordinate obtaining the backpacks and supplies. Kim Monson will ensure that the backpacks get filled. Rebecca Swisher will ensure that the backpacks are distributed either at the JCFHD Back to School event or to schools directly.
  - Cathy is proposing some changes:

- **Gift registry** – Ask members to buy backpacks online and have them mailed to Kim Monson. Cathy will provide examples (gender neutral) and size requirements. AAUW Mariposa will purchase the fill supplies, and Cathy will be responsible for this task. There will be no drop off at Anita Starchman-Bryant's office to reduce her potential for exposure to COVID-19.
- **Filling** – There will be no backpack fill day due to the need to social distance. Instead, Kim will identify and coordinate with five volunteers to each stuff 12 backpacks. Cathy will send previous Fill Day participants' names to Kim. Cathy will send 12 of each of the supplies to each volunteer. Each of the volunteers would pack 12 large zip lock bags with the supplies. Kim will collect the zip lock bags and ensure each backpack has a bag and then deliver the stuffed backpacks to Rebecca.
- **Distribution** – Rebecca will distribute the backpacks. Current dates for the Back to School events are:
  - Northside: Saturday, July 25th from 9:00am – 1:00pm location to be determined.
  - Mariposa: Saturday, August 1st from 9:00am – 1:00pm at John C. Fremont Healthcare District hospital.
    - If these events happen, Rebecca will be looking for a couple volunteers to assist each day. Whether JCFHD is able to move forward with this event will not be determined until closer to the date, as they are unsure what will be happening related to COVID-19.
- The Leadership Team members thanked Cathy for such a thorough proposal and stated that the plan was essential given the need to continue adhering to COVID-19 restrictions.
- Dina Lambert moved that AAUW purchase supplies to fill 60 backpacks. Trish Darcy seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.
- Cathy will write up the above plan for the June 2020 newsletter and include critical dates/deadlines:
  - June 1, 2020: Launch project
  - June 8, 2020: Send out notifications about the project via e-mail and social media.
  - July 1, 2020: Deadline for backpacks to be received by Kim Monson.
- Cathy will post information to Facebook and send e-mails. She will talk with Trish Darcy if she has questions regarding these posts.
- Dina Lambert will ask Dawn Johnson to do the robocall regarding the plan for the Backpack Project.
- **Tech Trek** (*Trish Darcy*)
  - Trish Darcy reported on the ideas that she collected regarding how to celebrate and support the girls from this year who were not able to attend due to COVID-19. She requested that a committee be developed to brainstorm ideas

decide on a plan, and finalize the plan. Trish stated that she can be a part of the committee, but she cannot head up this group. She will send out an e-mail to all members asking for participants. Cindy Harp also recommended active recruitment of non-Leadership Team members to participate in the committee. The Leadership Team concurred with the plan to develop a committee.

- **Tech Connect: Multimedia Messages** (new and improved Speech Trek) (*Rebecca Swisher and Kim Monson*)
  - Rebecca Swisher reminded those present that AAUW Mariposa was awarded the \$500 grant and that she and Kim Monson will be working to develop this project for next year.
  - The Speech Trek topic has been chosen, and it is on the impact of social media, which is fitting for the format of this new project.

#### **Fundraisers:**

- Yard Sale – October 26-27, 2020
  - Becky Mock spoke with Micki Finney. They are leery about finalizing the date for October because of challenges with social distancing, hand hygiene, etc. Dina Lambert stated that AAUW Mariposa's current financial position could withstand not holding this fundraiser.
  - Becky Mock moved that this event be postponed until 2021. Kim Monson seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

#### **Programs:**

- College Partnership with Reedley College in Oakhurst (*Cindy Harp*)
  - Cindy Harp stated that there is no new report on this topic and that this program is on hold until further notice.

#### **Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*):**

- April 2020 Finance Report:
  - Income: \$0.00.
  - Expenses: \$312.34 (reimbursement for new member supplies, website hosting, Zoom subscription)
  - Checking ending balance: \$19,411.40
  - Rebecca Swisher moved that the April 2020 finance report be approved as presented. Cindy Harp seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.
- Purchase of New PA System and A/V equipment
  - Dina Lambert stated that she is still researching options.
- Status Report on AAUW National's Membership Fee Error
  - Dina Lambert reported that this error has been corrected; however, they will not reimburse because the members did not pay. This should not be an issue

in the future.

- Status of Credit Card

- Dina Lambert stated that this process has been finalized, and she just got the notification today. There is a \$5,000 limit on the credit card, and there are four business cards that the group can use for purchases.

**Old Business:**

- AAUW Member Participation Log

- Previously, the Leadership Team requested that this program be used for tracking involvement in AAUW activities (e.g., virtual meetings).
- Those present determined to encourage the use of this log in the future. This topic will be added to the annual meeting PowerPoint.

**New Business:**

- Officer/Leadership Team Candidates for 2020-2021 Year

- Dina Lambert will invite Bonnie Little to the next meeting.

- Change Leadership Team Monthly Meeting Date (Jody Sergienko) Cindy Harp reported on this topic on Jody's behalf.

- Cindy Harp moved to revert the Leadership Team Monthly Meeting to the first Monday of the month at 5:30 p.m. Trish Darcy seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

- Including "Board to Board" Messages for All Members in Newsletter (Cindy Harp)

- Cindy Harp stated that she would like to elevate the "Board to Board" messages by including them in the newsletter. She stated that this would help serve as a reminder of the overarching purpose of AAUW.
- Rebecca Swisher will e-mail Jill to create a section in the newsletter for this information.
- Cindy will send the information to Jill to include in the June newsletter.

**Newsletter Assignments for June:**

- Member Profile

- Kim Monson will coordinate. See above discussion.

- Lead Article (Admin Overview)

- Did not discuss due to time constraints; however, Cindy Harp volunteered to coordinate this section of the newsletter.

**Leadership Meeting Lead:**

- June 1, 2020: (agenda) Cindy Harp; (key) not needed, as this will be held via Zoom.

**Branch Buzz (Trish Darcy):**

- Trish Darcy

**Upcoming Dates:**

- Leadership Meeting – June 1, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. via Zoom
- Annual Meeting – June 7, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 7:02 p.m. first by Becky Mock and second by Kim Monson. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

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