



Sierra Outpost

Backpack Project—only slightly modified this year

—Kim Monson

The backpack project has come to fruition once again this year. AAUW Mariposa was able to donate 60 filled backpacks to the students of Mariposa County. On Saturday, July 25th we donated 40 backpacks stuffed with school supplies and a dental kit to needy middle school students. We could easily have handed out another ten. At the Health Fair in front of John C. Fremont Hospital, our first forty packs were gone by 11:30. (Additional packs given out were supplied by Mariposa County Health and Human Services, John C. Fremont Hospital, and [Alliance for Community Transformations](#)). By Saturday, August 1st, we will have handed out our last twenty to needy north county students.



To minimize possible exposure

to the Covid-19 virus threatening our community, the students and parents stayed in their cars. They drove up in front of the three tables loaded with backpacks for elementary, middle, and high school students. Students were able to look through the car windows and choose backpacks that appealed to them. Mask-wearing volunteers then handed over the backpacks through the car windows.

AAUW Mariposa wishes to thank Cathy Owens who coordinated the project and spearheaded the ordering and distribution of school supplies, Kim Monson who organized the backpack stuffing effort, and Rebecca Swisher who coordinated with JCF Hospital to hand out the backpacks to

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the community. We thank Carolyn Baker, Kathy Delany, Shelly Gerken, and Dawna Hunter for organizing the school supplies for stuffing the backpacks. Lastly, we thank the dozens of you who contributed the fifty-two backpacks and an additional \$410 in cash to the effort. AAUW coffers paid for the last eight. Fair warning! We went through the 60 backpacks so quickly this year that we may add another dozen to the total for next year.

Leadership Team Notes

Where do we go from here?

—Jody Sergienko

Welcome to the 2020-2021 operating year of the Mariposa Branch of AAUW. This upcoming year will be one like none before. We have challenges and changes before us that honestly none of us saw coming. Rather than reviewing the challenges and roadblocks that we face, let us take a look at the opportunities opening up.

Like an oyster, we are being constrained, and deep inside we are vulnerable. There are irritants, fears and risks which, like sand in the shell, hurt us. Our oyster coats the sand in layers of nacre creating something of beauty. As the oyster cannot remove the grain of the sand, we cannot remove a virus or rewrite history. However, we can use this time and those issues to move forward shaping a more equitable future.

We have an opportunity to reach out to our community and address headline issues right here at home. Before this year's journey begins, we, the leadership team, want to ask you all: where do we want to

be on the other end of this? What kind of world do we want to send our next generations out into when the world opens up again? Connecting with the next generation, I have been listening to young college age women and men who have been impacted by the shutdowns. There is a lot of uncertainty out there. Such as, "How do I choose a major when I don't know what the future will look like?"

That question becomes an opportunity for those of us who have weathered a few storms to support them. We have become the elders of our community. What does the past (our past) have that we can share? How did we overcome and persevere?

Please contact each or any of us on the leadership team with your ideas, questions, suggestions, concerns, resources. How do you want to shape 2020-21?

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Check our Facebook and website pages for announcements and most current news.

"Board to Board" article on hiatus for this month

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Leadership Team

AAUW Mariposa Leadership Team

2020-2021



Cindy Harp
Co-Administrator



Jody Sergienko
Co-Administrator



Dina Lambert
Finance and
Co-Membership



Bonnie Little
Co-Membership



Rebecca Swisher
Recording Secretary
Co-chair: Tech Connect



Trish Darcy
Chair: Tech Trek



Kim Monson
Co-chair: Tech Connect

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Membership

Annual Meeting— a virtual success

—Dina Lambert

Thank you to our AAUW MEMBERS who attended our first VIRTUAL Annual Meeting today on Zoom! Here is a brief recap of the meeting.

- We recognized our current Leadership Team for the 2019 – 2020 year as well as the extended board and project and SIG Leaders.
- We recapped the successful 2-part series on rural healthcare access.
- We talked about our member gatherings including the mini member meetups (more on that below) and the holiday party.
- We talked about our new project called **Tech Connect**. We were awarded a \$500 grant from AAUW CA to get this project off the ground. This will replace Speech Trek. It is a modified version of Speech Trek using multimedia.
- The official part of the meeting was the financial report presentation and the nominees for the leadership team for 2020 – 2021, and then we voted.
- The Zoom attendees voted unanimously (including two votes via email) for the seven nominees.
- Jody gave a brief talk on COVID-19 and how it has affected our activities for the year.
 - * We have cancelled the yard sale for October, 2020
- * We will be rescheduling the Mad Hatter fundraiser for 2021
- * We will continue our leadership meetings via Zoom (notices will be sent out for all members to join if they wish)
- * We had to cancel the two remaining mini-member meetings
- * We don't know what will happen with Dinner with a Scientist at this date
- * AAUW State has cancelled Tech Trek for this summer. We are hoping to do something special for the girls who were selected for the 2020 camp since they will not be able to attend.

Mini-Member Meetups

The Leadership Team wanted to have at least six meetings that would give all members the opportunity to attend. These meetings we titled "mini-member meetups." We held them on Saturday mornings at the Pony Express so that they could be a relaxed coffee and conversation get-together. Our intent was to have somewhat of a meeting-type setup that would entice members to join in, somewhat similar to what other service clubs do as monthly meetings. The mini-

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A great year in review

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member meetups sometimes had an agenda or a topic and sometimes they were so casual that they gave the attendees the opportunity to start a conversation on a topic of their own—something they were passionate about. Recap of the Mini-Member Meetups:

- August – Led by Jody with discussions on the new program idea of rural healthcare
- September – Led by Dina Lambert introducing all the projects for the year
- November – Led by Becky Mock with discussions on our first program on Rural Healthcare and on some of the political issues happening at the time as well as politics in Chile and Argentina
- February – Led by Rebecca Swisher – topics varied to current events and member interests
- April and May meetups were canceled because of COVID.

Special Interest Groups (SIG)

In early August I will be sending out an email about the current SIG groups. This

will be your opportunity to voice your opinion. Do you have an idea for a new SIG? We always welcome new ideas for ways to connect with our members. You will be receiving a survey with all of the SIG choices. Check them all out and then sign up for one or two.. (or more!) that tweak your fancy. Don't miss out. It is a great way to get to know other members better while enjoying specialized activities.

Finally, thank you to all who have participated in a leadership position for the 2019 -2020 year. We appreciate the SIG leaders, Project Leaders, and our extended board. We appreciate all of you and are sad for those who have decided to step down. Sharon Enrico - thank you for your years of service with handling advertising and the now infamous yard sale! Cathy Owens – thank you for your leadership with the backpack project and for coming up with the innovative way we handled it this year. Margaret Brandenburg - thank you for being our member liaison and goodwill ambassador. Becky Mock – Thank you for serving on the Leadership Team the last two years!

We Sponsor Community Forums

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Health

Covid Corner

-Jody Sergienko

It is August already! Perhaps you, as well as I, are really tired of hearing about COVID this and virus that. HOWEVER: No, this is not going away. No, we will not have a vaccine in the near future. No, it is not a hoax. Scary? Yes, however having good up-to-date information can really help. That is what this new column is here to do.

Let's start with where we are at as a community.

- Cases in Mariposa remain low compared to other areas around us.
- School is still out for the summer.
- Bars and indoor venues are closed, unless they serve food at outdoor seating.
- And many local business remain open with precautions in place:
 - * outdoor seating
 - * limited capacity
 - * mask wearing
 - * sanitizing measures

This will be our norm unless numbers of cases in our community climb, or there is a virus spread that cannot be contained with contact tracing and isolation.

Most in-person social events are cancelled until further notice. Do not despair, the number of online events has grown dramatically!

- Check out www.mariposaartscouncil.org for "Music on the Screen" concerts and more.
- If you are on Facebook, there are videos such as Sir Patrick Stewart reading sonnets.
- Groups such as Yosemite Western Artists and others on Facebook are hosting virtual galleries.
- And of course, several of our SIGs have adapted to the virtual world as well.

What can you do to keep yourself, your family, and our community safe? The advice from our county officials remains the same:

- **Stay home** if you are vulnerable. The circle of people with whom you are in physical contact is called a "bubble" and each one of those has its own bubble. Control how many bubbles yours overlaps. This limits the numbers of diverse people with whom you come in contact.
- When you are out and about wear a mask (correctly).

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Health

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- Keep six feet distance between you and the rest of us.
- Wash your hands before heading out and after getting back.
- Use hand sanitizer when entering/leaving buildings.

And the biggest thing you can do for your health is to maintain it!

- Don't put off doctor appointments.
- Keep up with immunizations.
- Maintain a healthy diet.

- Exercise regularly.
- Pay attention to your mental health too. What brings you joy and resets your "happy batteries?"

If you have questions ask them. Click [here](#) to get to Mariposa County's new dashboard. It will provide you with the most up-to-date Covid-19 statistics for the county.

Check out Mariposa [AAUW's Facebook page](#) and [website](#) for more information.

Event Calendar

August 1	Backpack Distribution —North County: Contact Cathy Owens for details
August 3	Leadership Team Meeting: 5:30pm, via Zoom
September 7	SIG- Book Group: 4:30pm, via Zoom



We Open Eyes

Membership



Meet Our Members

Spotlight on Kay Price

—Kim Monson

Seven years ago, inspired by the knarled oak trees visible from our bedroom window, my husband and I decided to name our then-new vacation rental business "Knarly Oaks Vacation Rentals." Not long after that decision, we were perusing the Sierra Artist's Gallery in town and came upon Kay Price's "Oak in Fog." That photographic image was a perfect representation of our business name, so we bought three copies, one for each house. It just so happens that Kay Price is also a member of AAUW, so I thought we should get to know her a little better!

Born in Oklahoma, Kay Price moved to California by way of Texas when she was in 8th grade. Her family resided in Venice, California. She attended California State University at Northridge, earning a BA in liberal arts. Los Angeles Unified School District then lured her to a teaching career



Oak In Fog by Kay Price

in the elementary and middle school levels.

Kay and her husband, Ray, purchased property in Mariposa in the early 1990's with the intention of building a home and retiring there. That dream became a reality in 1998 when Kay retired

from teaching. They have been Mariposa residents ever since.

Although she now has work in several galleries throughout the Sierras, Kay was not the original photographer in the family. She says their daughter, Kim, inspired and mentored her as she developed her talent. They attended a photography workshop together and Kay was hooked.

Other than taking wonderful photographs in Yosemite and the National Forests around Mariposa, Kay has traveled to Iceland, Greenland, Scandinavia, and Great Britain to whet her artistic appetite. She and Ray love to travel, so these trips are dual-purpose. Kay says she is looking forward to the end of Covid so they can hit the road again.

We Value Education

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**Becky Mock**

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

Garden Group**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
2020-2021**

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.

What's Your Passion?**Photography?****Movie?****Ukualadies?****Wine and Whine?**

(nothing fancy— just afternoon get-togethers to visit)

Travel Tips?**Meditation?****Writers Anonymous?****E-power?**

(share new e-device tips)

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.

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SIG - Book

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

Our next meeting will be on

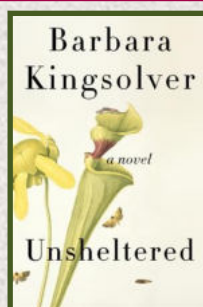
Tuesday, September 7, 2020 at 4:30 pm

at our own homes via "Zoom" on the internet
where we will be discussing:***The Splendid and the Vile***

by Erik Larson

June, 2020 Discussion Review
—by Sharon Enrico***Unsheltered***

by Barbara Kingsolver



(1870's) had their own set of problems: their completely different values, religion vs. science in the town and work-place, and not much income.

On Tuesday, June 9th, five members of the book group met via Zoom to discuss *Unsheltered* by Barbara Kingsolver. While Kingsolver is a favorite author for many, this book didn't resonate as much.

The book shifted back and forth from the 1870's to present time with a dilapidated house remaining the constant that tied the two eras together. Throughout the novel, ideas, opinions and circumstances became the foundations that were either built upon or torn down.

The challenges Willa and her husband Iano (present time) faced were many: a move to a dilapidated house with a cranky father-in-law, a new baby and his mother's death, a returning 20-something daughter with strong opinions, and not much income. Thatcher and his wife Rose

Not only was there grief around losing family members, but there was the added grief of losing what they thought was true. "Kingsolver felt like the regular rules have failed us, that the world no longer provides the "shelter" we expect – a good job after a degree, a pension at the end of a career, adequate health care, and so on."

The book ends on a positive enough note, but most of what comes before is pretty negative. Maybe unsheltered means we step out into the daylight and "see" more. Maybe it means we need to downsize and cut back on materialistic ways. Maybe it means that sheltering each other is more about love and compassion than consumption and growth. You can decide.

We decided reading in the time of COVID-19 needs to be a little lighter.

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SIG - Book

Contact [Saralynn Nusbaum](#)

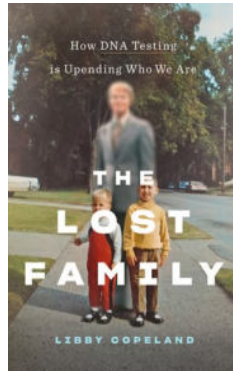
July, 2020 Discussion Review
—by Saralynn Nusbaum

The Lost Family
by Libby Copeland

DNA kits have become a popular Christmas gift item. But before you spit in that vial, that your well-intentioned relative bestowed on you, read this book!

The author uses the experience of Alice Collins, a woman who is thrown for a loop when AncestryDNA results contradict her impression that her forebears were Irish, English and Scottish...not so! The unfurling of Alice's story is a bit drawn out, but her eventual discovery illustrates the hidden history that genetic testing can uncover.

The author drops in stories of other people who searched out family secrets. For some, as the man who learned his grandfather was



African-American, not Italian, the information adds richness and context to their lives. For others, as the woman who received a letter from a lawyer asking her to stop contacting her biological father, or the woman whose half siblings wanted nothing

to do with her, the rejection can be painful. We learned a new acronym - "NPE" shorthand for non-paternity event or not the parent expected. Wouldn't that rock your world?

The author contends that most people are glad they unearthed the facts, even if the consequences were difficult. None in our group has had their DNA tested and I didn't note that any of us were terribly anxious to do so.

The following SIGs are on hiatus. Contact the SIG chair for information and/or ideas.

Garden

Contact: [Micki Finney](#)
Or [Karen Smith](#)



Great Decisions

Contact: [Becky Mock](#)



Hiking

Contact: [Trish Darcy](#)



International Study

Contact: [Tiina Wilson](#)



Play Reading

Contact: [Dawn Johnson](#)



Wine

Contact: [Carolyn Baker](#)
Or [Cindy Harp](#)





SIG: Garden

Contact [Karen Smith](#)

The Joys of Vegetable Gardening

---Karen Smith

July 2020: Still holed up at the house. I had been looking forward to a long summer eating fresh veggies from the yard.

Having been 'locked down' since March I had months of time to prepare the garden beds, sprout the seeds and plant all my little children. By June everything looked great! Big bushy plants were poised to produce a bounty of veggies.

Then one morning when checking on the 'kids', I noticed two pepper plants had been stripped bare of leaves! What?? Who did this dastardly deed? Then I noticed all the tops were gone off the carrots.

1. **Step one:** Time to get out the game camera. Reviewing photos the next morning, ground squirrels, gray squirrels,



Carrots with no tops

mice and wood rats were all caught red handed in the garden. Oh, and an opossum.

2. **Next step:** Launching the Animal Repeller Battery Operated Rodent Repellent Ultrasonic Rat Deterrent. The noise has chased the squirrels away, but the nibbling mice, rats and opossum are still nightly visitors and are now interested in the tomatoes. Ten of the pepper plants have been

relocated to the upstairs deck.

While still fighting off the rodents, I noticed two beautiful tomatoes were being attacked by little black ladybug looking beetles. NO! Right before my eyes they were being devoured at warp speed by hundreds of miserable beetles. Off to Creekside to get professional advice. They had no idea what the beetles were and suggested *Spinosad*, which they didn't have. So back home to visit Amazon and make my order. Having to wait several days while watching more tomatoes consumed had me on edge. Prowling the garden with the water hose spraying the beetles off the tomato plants became my mission. Thursday, July 23 the day the *Spinosad* is supposed to

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Garden woes (Continued from page 12)

arrive! Take that you suckers!

While eating breakfast on the deck this morning I spied a ground squirrel running by with a tomato in its mouth. Is that Blossom End Rot on that tomato bush? I give up.

Remember, you don't have to be an accomplished gardener to join the AAUW Garden Group. I am a shining example of not being accomplished! Hope we will be able to do something together this year!!!!



Pepper with no leaves

More garden woes



Jill's sorry excuse for a squash



Aren't Early Girl tomatoes supposed to be larger than 1.5 inches and a little riper by now?

We Open Eyes



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Mariposa AAUW
2020 - 2021 Budget Worksheet

	2019-2020 Budget	2019-2020 Actuals	Variance	Notes	2020-2021 Proposed Budget
Beginning Balance	\$ 18,926.76				\$ 18,926.76
Income Actuals are Net Profit					
INCOME					
District Portion of Dues	1,275	1,105	(171)	75 members @ \$15 / member	1,125
Donations					
Undesignated	500	36	(465)		100
Designated:				\$2000 total projected designated	
Backpack	1,157	1,094	(63)		1,157
Tech Trek	250	0	(250)	Portion paid by the TT girls parents	250
Speech / Connect Trek	93	500	407		93
Dinner w/ Scientist	500	0	(500)	ABC usually donates (Don't know if they are)	500
Fundraisers					
Yard Sale	2,000	3,772	1,772	Canceled for 2020	0
Spring Event	0	-203	(203)	Possibly going to schedule for 2021	2,000
Ads	200	100	(100)		100
TOTAL INCOME	5,975	6,403	428		5,325
EXPENSES					
Administration					
Directory	300	287	(13)		300
Awards/Gifts	150	150	0	drawing for most zoom attendance	150
Insurance	400	368	(32)		400
Postage	185	151	(34)	Mail all directories plus new member pkts	300
Supplies	200	156	(44)		200
Website Hosting / Google Acct	75	84	9		100
Phonevite	50	25	(25)		25
Meetings	350	150	(200)	Zoom subscription	200
Chamber Dues	100	0	(100)		100
Member Events					
Holiday Event	150	64	(86)	5 * 75 members possible sm gift to all members	375
Annual Mtg/Brunch	200	0	(200)		200
Programs					
Facilities	250	0	(250)	Canceled for 2020. 2021 possible	100
Hospitality	125	0	(125)	Canceled for 2020. 2021 possible	75
Miscellaneous	250	0	(250)		250
Projects					
Backpack	2,000	2,756	756	Completed	1,800
Tech Trek	4,600	123	(4,477)	5 Girls 2021 - Price \$900 Girls from 2020 (4500)	9,200
Tech Connect	1,100	0	(1,100)	New Program Tech Connect	1,100
Dinner w/ Scientist	1,800	0	(1,800)	Don't know if this will happen	1,800
Scholarship				2 \$500 plus \$100 for expenses	1,100
Leadership Development	3,750	0	(3,750)	Convention if there is one or other leadership ideas	2,000
Marketing	200	0	(200)		200
Equipment	200	0	(200)	New projector to be used for Tech Connect	1,000
Miscellaneous	300	0	(300)		300
TOTAL EXPENSES	16,735	4,314	12,421		21,275
Projected Checking Account Balance June 30, 2021					\$ 2,976.76

NET ON PROJECTS (DONATIONS LESS EXPENSE) - NET AMOUNT PAID BY AAUW GENERAL FUND AND / OR DESIGNATED PROJECT FUND

Backpack	1,661.75		1,661.75		338.75
Tech Trek	123.00		123.00		0.00
Tech Connect	0.00		0.00		500.00
Dinner w/ Scientist	0.00		0.00		0.00
	1,784.75				838.75

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Mariposa AAUW Treasurer's Report June 30, 2020					
	Jun-2020	Fiscal YTD	Fiscal Budget	YTD Variance	
Beginning Balance	\$ 19,465.40	\$ 16,857.61			
INCOME					
Dues					
National	\$ 885.00	\$ 1,150.50	\$ -	\$ -	
State	\$ 300.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	\$ -	
District	\$ 630.00	\$ 1,104.50	\$ 1,275.00	\$ -	(170.50)
Total Dues	\$ 1,815.00	\$ 2,655.00	\$ 1,275.00	\$ -	(170.50)
Donations					
Undesignated	\$ -	\$ 35.50	\$ 500.00	\$ -	(464.50)
Designated:	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Backpack	\$ 401.00	\$ 1,094.25	\$ 1,157.00	\$ -	(62.75)
Tech Trek	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	(250.00)
Speech/ Connect Trek	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00	\$ 93.00	\$ -	407.00
Dinner w/ Scientist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 500.00	\$ -	(500.00)
Fundraisers					
Yard Sale	\$ -	\$ 3,771.85	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	1,771.85
Spring Event	\$ -	\$ (203.00)	\$ -	\$ -	(203.00)
Ads					
	\$ 50.00	\$ 100.00	\$ 200.00	\$ -	(100.00)
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 2,766.00	\$ 7,953.60	\$ 5,975.00	\$ -	428.10
EXPENSES					
Dues					
National Dues	\$ 885.00	\$ 1,150.50	\$ -	\$ -	
State Dues	\$ 300.00	\$ 420.00	\$ -	\$ -	
Total Dues Expended	\$ 1,185.00	\$ 1,570.50	\$ -	\$ -	
Administration					
Directory	\$ -	\$ 286.68	\$ 300.00	\$ -	13.32
Awards/Gifts	\$ -	\$ 150.00	\$ 150.00	\$ -	
Insurance	\$ -	\$ 368.00	\$ 400.00	\$ -	32.00
Postage	\$ -	\$ 150.70	\$ 185.00	\$ -	34.30
Supplies	\$ -	\$ 156.44	\$ 200.00	\$ -	43.56
Nametags	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Website Hosting / Google Acct	\$ 18.00	\$ 84.00	\$ 75.00	\$ -	(9.00)
Phonevite	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ -	25.00
Meetings	\$ -	\$ 149.90	\$ 350.00	\$ -	200.10
Chamber Dues	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 100.00	\$ -	100.00
Member Events					
Holiday Event	\$ -	\$ 64.39	\$ 150.00	\$ -	85.61
Annual Mtg/Brunch	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	200.00
Programs					
Facilities	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	250.00
Hospitality	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 125.00	\$ -	125.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 250.00	\$ -	250.00
Projects					
Backpack	\$ 2,076.64	\$ 2,755.50	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -	(755.50)
Tech Trek	\$ -	\$ 123.34	\$ 4,600.00	\$ -	4,476.66
Speech Trek	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00	\$ -	1,100.00
Dinner w/ Scientist	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,800.00	\$ -	1,800.00
Funds Assessment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	300.00
Leadership Development	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,750.00	\$ -	3,750.00
Marketing	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	200.00
Equipment	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 200.00	\$ -	200.00
Miscellaneous	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	300.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 3,304.64	\$ 5,884.45	\$ 17,035.00	\$ -	12,721.05
Ending Balance	\$ 18,926.76	\$ 18,926.76			

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AAUW - Mariposa Branch
Leadership Team Meeting
Meeting Minutes
July 13, 2020, 5:30 p.m.
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

Meeting Called to Order at 5:03 p.m. by Cindy Harp.

Attendees:

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

Minutes: (*Rebecca Swisher*):

- Rebecca Swisher reported that the June 2020 minutes were approved electronically and sent to Jill for inclusion in the July/August newsletter.

Membership Update (*Dina Lambert*)

- Dina Lambert reported that she and Bonnie Little spoke yesterday. Bonnie will do most of the new member communications and will plan an in-person activity if/when COVID-19 restrictions lift.
- Dina stated that five (5) members are not renewing, as they have moved away, fifty-seven members (57) have renewed, and nineteen (19) have not renewed. Of the latter group, she has heard from some about their intention to renew. She and Bonnie will follow-up with the others in this group.

Finance Report (*Dina Lambert*)

- June 2020 Finance Report: Dina Lambert presented the June 2020 financial report.
 - Total income: \$2,766.00
 - Income: \$1,850 in dues, \$401 for backpacks, \$500 grant for new Tech Connect program, \$50 for ad
 - Total expenses: \$3,304.64
 - Expenses: \$18 for website hosting (more due to needing to renew domain), \$25 for phonevite, \$2, 076.64 for backpack project
 - Balance: \$18,926.76
 - Rebecca Swisher moved to accept the June 2020 report as presented. Kim Monson seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Standing Projects:

- **Dinner with a Scientist** (*Marilyn Saunders*)
Cindy Harp reported that, at this time, we are unsure of whether this event will occur, as we are waiting to hear if the school is going to open for Fall 2020. Group discussion occurred regarding the possibility of either hosting an on-line event or a spring event should we not be able to host at University of California (UC) Merced in the fall. Dina Lambert reported that Tavis will pay for the busing again if this event occurs. She has not heard from Marilyn about the budget in case our previous partners are unable to participate. We will defer to Marilyn regarding how she wants to pursue this event.
- **Backpack** (*Cathy Owens, Kim Monson & Rebecca Swisher*)
Kim Monson stated that she is prepared to deliver the stuffed backpacks. Rebecca Swisher and Kim will meet to handoff the backpacks. Rebecca reported that Public Health has put together oral hygiene kits for all of the backpacks, including those donated by AAUW.
- **Tech Trek** (*Trish Darcy*)
 - * Planning the event for the 2020 Tech Trek girls.
 - * Trish Darcy reported that this is on hold at this time due to COVID-19. However, there is a group dedicated to planning this event should we be able to host an in-person gathering.
- **2021 Tech Trek girls**
Trish Darcy reported that this is also on hold at this time due to COVID-19.
- **Tech Connect: Multimedia Messages** (*Rebecca Swisher and Kim Monson*)
Kim Monson reported that she is unsure of whether schools will be open. Rebecca Swisher stated that we could plan to create a fully virtual event, as this new program is well set up to be done online rather than in person.
- **Community Programs:**
Kim Monson stated that the Democratic Club will be hosting a virtual presentation. Jody Sergienko recommended that we take a look at how we plan to move ahead over the next six months. She suggested that we look at hosting multiple smaller on-line events. Further discussion was tabled for a future program planning meeting, date to be determined.
- **Fundraisers:**
"Mad Hatter's Party" (*Sandi Gabe*)
Cindy Harp reported that this has been postponed until 2021.

Programs:

- **College Partnership with Reedley College in Oakhurst** (*Cindy Harp*)
Cindy Harp reported that this partnership is on hold until further notice due to COVID-19. Cindy discussed that the College Partnership is an official AAUW program, which requires a formal agreement with the college. Dina Lambert reviewed some of the AAUW national information and dues discounts provided for college students. Jody Sergienko stated that we could look into reaching out to individual students locally. Bonnie

Little reviewed that there were two different approaches presented: AAUW membership for college students and AAUW Mariposa support for local college students. Discussion was held regarding the needs that local students have voiced related to the challenges of moving to an online learning environment. Further discussion was tabled for a future program planning meeting, date to be determined.

Old Business:

- AAUW Member Participation Log:

Those present noted that the log is not in use currently for virtual meetings. Rebecca Swisher recommended using this for program events, but noted that it would be a bit much to expect SIGs to use it at this time. Those present agreed with this recommendation.

New Business:

- SIGs (*Dina Lambert*): Dina Lambert reported that someone has stepped up to lead each of our current SIGs.
- Hospital Presentation in September/October (*Trish Darcy*):
Trish Darcy proposed that we host Matthew Matthiessen to present on the vote for the hospital bond measure via Zoom to our members. Jody Sergienko recommended that we do this via a Facebook Live event as well as a Zoom event. Dina Lambert recommended that we post the recording to YouTube and link it from our website. Kim Monson moved that AAUW host Matthew's bond measure presentation via Facebook and Zoom and post recordings to social media. Jody Sergienko seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions. Trish will advise Therese Williams that we are interested in hosting this event on a weekday evening at 6:00 p.m., preferably the first week in October, and she will get back to us with the details.
- Donation to the Library (*Bonnie Little*):
Rebecca Swisher reminded those present that, unfortunately, AAUW is not allowed to advertise for or donate to other organizations' fundraising events. There is the possibility that the Library will charge a "room fee" for use of the facilities. We will table this discussion until we hear about the room fee from the Library.
- 2019-2020 Budget vs. Actual (*Dina Lambert*):
Dina Lambert reviewed the 2019-2020 budget vs. actual financials, which she used to develop the proposed 2020-2021 budget.
- 2020-2021 Budget Projections (*Dina Lambert*):
 - * Dina Lambert presented the proposed 2020-2021 budget, including income and expenses.
 - * Group discussion occurred regarding the details of the projected income. Cindy Harp moved that we accept the proposed income budget. Jody Sergienko

seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

- * Group discussion occurred regarding the details of the projected expenses with much of the time spent on reviewing old and new projects. Kim Monson recommended that AAUW Mariposa sponsor a scholarship for high school seniors. Purchase of new PA system and A/V equipment was included as a line item on the proposed 2020-2021 budget.
- * Kim Monson moved to accept the full 2020-2021 proposed budget as updated. Jody Sergienko seconded. All in favor with no nays or abstentions.

Newsletter Assignments:

- Member Profile:
Kim Monson will write up the member spotlight article for August 2020.
- Leadership Article (Admin Overview):
Jody Sergienko will write the lead article for the August 2020 newsletter.
- Board to Board:
Cindy Harp will submit Board to Board information for the August 2020 newsletter.

Leadership Meeting Lead:

August 2020: (agenda) Jody Sergienko

Branch Buzz (*Trish Darcy*):

Trish Darcy will send out the Branch Buzz.

Upcoming Dates:

- Back to School Event (Backpack Project) – July 25, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. at John C. Fremont Healthcare District (JCFHD) hospital in Mariposa
- Back to School Event (Backpack Project) – August 1, 2020 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the North County at the Coulterville Park
- Leadership Team Meeting – August 3, 2020 5:00 p.m. via Zoom

Task Description	Reason a Priority	Deadline	Assigned To	Next Step
Contact Chamber About Dues		August 31, 2020		

Action Items:

Meeting Adjourned at 6:44 p.m. by Cindy Harp.

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