



**General Meeting
Boys and Girls Club
Kings Beach
February 9, 2017**

Jan Potter welcomed our new member, Courtney and our guest speaker Patti Boxeth. Patti spoke on the impact of fire imagery in our Tahoe Basin. The program she described is called The Alert Tahoe Project. Patti described the project, how it came to be, who manages it and provided many interesting facts. It was reassuring to learn how this project has already proven its benefits in preventing the spread of wildfires.

Following the presentation we all enjoyed home-made soups and bread provided by the Gourmet Group.

Members present: Jan Potter, Nancy Cline, Diane Morrison, Vera Daegling, Terry Yagura, Gisela Steiner, Susan Hassenplug, Sue DeVoe, Donna Benner, Carol Eyre, Martha Cirata, Courtney, Christine Marsh-Madden, Rachel, Trudy Lesem, Meri McEneny, Dana Loury, Pat Castelucci, Johnnie Lee Don and Linda Larish.

1. The meeting was called to order by Jan Potter at 12:43pm.
2. Carol Eyre moved that the minutes from our previous meeting be approved as submitted and Christine Madden seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved.
3. REPORTS:
 - A. Finance Officer: Nancy Cline reported, in Ruth Arizaga-Whisler's absence, that we have approximately \$800 surplus funds from the 20016-17 fiscal year. These funds will roll over to the various programs for the coming fiscal year. We have approximately \$10,000 in our bank account which would finance one year (approximately 9,000 is required) in case our branch would need to close. The Board will vote on the proposed budget (about \$9,000) at the March meeting, it will be presented at the general meeting in March and voted on by the membership at the April meeting.
 - B. Programs: Terry Yagura reported that our next general meeting will be a Chautauqua presentation on Thursday, 3/9/17 at 1:00pm at The Gatekeeper Museum. Trudy Lesem, Vera Daegling and Linda Larish will be the presenters. The April meeting will be on 4/13/17 at 1:00pm at the Tahoe Yacht Club. Ellen Magnani will present a slide show and will be talking about her daughter-in-law's experience as an astronaut on the Russian Space station. Our May meeting will be the inter-branch event in South Lake Tahoe on May 13 at 11:30 AM.
 - C. Membership: Martha Cirata reported that we have three new members in the last week bringing our total to 69 members.
 - D. Communications Officer: In Patricia Watters' absence, Nancy Cline reported that Patricia needs articles for the newsletter by 2/19/17.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Nominating Committee: Nancy Cline happily reported that all positions for next fiscal year are filled except for Communications Officer. Two members have expressed interest in accepting that position and will talk with Patricia Watters. The position can easily be filled by two members. Ruth Arizaga-Whisler would like someone to step forward by January, 2018 to shadow her and learn how the complex finance program works and be ready to assume those responsibilities in the 2018-19 fiscal year.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Tea Party/Fund Raiser: Carol Eyre has graciously offered to host another High Tea this June in her garden. It will be catered and again will cost \$25/person. Meri McEneny, Johnnie Lee Don, Rachel Swift and Linda Larish will help Carol plan the party. It is tentatively scheduled for June 22, 2017 and all members, spouses and friends are invited. TLC & Rotary members will also be invited since they support our Tech Trek program. Some Tech Trek girls will help serve. All revenues will support our Tech Trek program.

6. INTEREST GROUP REPORTS:

A. Book Club: The next book to be discussed is The Black House on Tuesday, 2/28/17 at noon at the Tahoe Yacht Club. Please bring your lunch to the meeting.

B. Bridge: Sue DeVoe reported that matches continue as weather permits.

C. Gourmet: soups today were provided by Nancy Cline, Martha Cirata, Jan Potter, Johnnie Lee Don and Linda Larish. Bread was provided by Rachel Swift. The Gourmet Dinners are being scheduled, again, as weather permits.

D. Great Decisions: The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 2/21/17 at 10am at the Tahoe Yacht Club. The topic is the European Union.

E. In-Stitches: The next meeting will be at Johnnie Lee Don's on Wednesday, 2/15/17 at 12:30pm and soup will be served.

F. Friday Nighters: This will take place on Friday, 2/24/17 at 7 pm at Johnnie Lee Don's home. It will be an evening of taste-testing candy.

OTHER BUSINESS:

A. Tech Trek: Meri McEneny reported that there are nine Tech Trek candidates to be interviewed. Six will be selected. The interviews will take place on March 10th and will take much of the day. They will take place at North Tahoe Middle School. At present there are three interviewers but Meri would like to add another. Anyone interested should contact Meri.

B. STEM Day: Meri McEneny reported that the first annual STEM Day will be on Saturday, 6/10/17 from 8am to 4pm at the Fairview Community Center in Tahoe City. The plan is to have a professional woman speaker in each of the four categories (science, technology, engineering and math). Meri McEneny and Christine Marsh-Madden have already recruited two speakers, one a scientist and the other a technology professional. They will need some member support to help with registration, to bring snacks and desserts and to help the presenters. Meri and Christine would like a strong AAUW presence. All Tech Trek nominees and selected young women through high school will be invited. It is hoped that this program will keep these young women involved with STEM & AAUW.

Jan Potter adjourned the meeting at 1:20 pm.

Announcements:

A. There will be a chili cook off to benefit Boys and Girls Club King Beach at 5:00pm at the Kings Beach Boys and Girls club.

B. There will be a presentation on Climate Change in the Tahoe Basin at 6:00 pm tonight in the UCD Science Center at Sierra Nevada College.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Larish, Recording Secretary

Approved 3/9/2017