



**General Meeting
May 10, 2018, 1 pm
TCPUD Board room**

Members Present: There were 17 members present.

Co-president Jan Potter welcomed everyone. Jan introduced our guest speaker Alec Lee cofounder and executive director of Aim High.

Alec was a High School teacher for 20 years before cofounding Aim High in 1986 in San Francisco. Six years ago, it expanded from SF to Tahoe Truckee. His topic today is “Why Summer Matters”.

He started with a couple of questions:

1. Think back to when we were in middle school. MS is an important juncture in kid’s life, grades 6, 7 & 8; and their summer activities are important for their future.
2. Think about summer, the opportunities and the activities we did.

Members gave examples of their summer activities.

Alec grew up in Missouri, and went to summer camp with hands on, new activities. In college he spent summers at Upward Bound, which was just starting a residential program for challenged youth. He saw the importance of summer-based programs that also focus on college in the future.

Aim High is a lever which closes the achievement gap, between lower and higher income youth, with project-based learning, for students of a lower socioeconomic status. AH also closes the opportunity gap not just the learning environment, with opportunities such as kayaking and horseback riding.

Consistently, all students lose about 2 months of learning over the summer. Parents say summer is the hardest time to keep students engaged. This is why summer matters! With project-based learning, parent engagement, and professional development for teachers, Aim High makes summer a time to be different. Teachers at AH are a mix of professional and volunteer, including AH interns.

Aim High was started in 1986, with one campus in SF. In 2018 there are 18 campuses, 2300 students and 500 teachers. A new campus coming to Napa.

Tahoe Truckee AH was started in 2012, with 50 students, at one program at Kings Beach. Due to construction at Kings Beach Elementary this summer, the program moves this year to Alder Creek middle school, with 142 students, 85% will be the first

generation in their family to graduate from college. The median household income is \$27,780.

Aim High students have a high school graduation rate of 90+%, and college graduation (2-4 year) 90+%. Why? Kids at 2-year college, live at home, working and making money, and question why they need to go on.

Do they focus on vocational too? Mostly AH focuses on college. They try to connect their graduates with college opportunities like scholarships, and other groups like Adventure Risk Challenge. In the Bay Area, they encourage their graduates to look for the next "Aim High", other organizations supporting older youth.

Retentions summer to summer is 75%. Faculty this summer: 32 teachers, and interns, 56% people of color. Aim High helps students with school costs: HS stipend \$1500, college stipend \$2500. The applications at AH TT: 88, none turned away. Kids are fed at school with the summer free lunch at B&GC.

There is a reception for Aim High at the Cedar House at 5:30 tonight.

Visitor day TT AH, July 16, 11:30 am.

Call to Order: The general meeting was called to order by co-president Patricia Watters at 2:15 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes from the April 12, 2018 meeting were approved as written.

Reports:

President's – State of the branch, and budget process: Patricia W. Membership grown by 9 members. Mission programs receive support from members and the community: Rotary, TLC, Kiwanis.

We have great social events; and our interest groups are strong.

Tech Trek is reduced from 6 to 5 girls, this allows us to work with TTCSC, with our scholarship. We increased our \$1,000 scholarship to a high school graduate to \$2,000. If this full-time student keeps a college GPA at 3.0 or above, in a STEM field major, the scholarship will continue at \$1,000 for the next three years.

She acknowledged that the Leadership team pulls their own weight:

Reinstated application with IRS for 501 © 4 status; and due to a surplus in our checking account, we purchased a microphone system for the benefit of the membership.

Ann Y, Kym and Patricia went to the bi-annual AAUW-CA convention.

Finance – Treasurers report: Balance in our checking account of \$13,714.48.

Programs – Johnnie Lee reported that for next month, June 14, at Gatekeepers, TC: Meeting Begins 11:30 am, Ann Yuhas leads chair yoga at 12 noon, so bring comfortable clothes, lunch 12:30, followed by the leadership installation. Bandana lunch is no longer happening due to diet allergies/preferences, so just bring your own lunch. Factor in road construction slowdowns.

September meeting: defensible space with April Shackleford, NLTFPD.

No general meeting in July or August.

Carol is hosting a summer party brunch, as an AAUW NT member appreciation, members free, guests \$15. A Tech Trek, Girls State or scholarship recipient will be asked to be our speaker. Sunday August 19, 11 am in Carol's garden!

Nancy and Linda discussed "Cheers for Charity" at Petra, May 23. Make your check out to AAUW-NT, mailed to Linda Larish, by May 19th, \$71.09 includes tax, tip, meal, 2 glasses of wine/beer, and dessert.

Membership – We now have 76 members! New members will be acknowledged in the newsletter.

Communications– Dana will publish the June newsletter on May 30th. Please submit articles on May 28.

Tech Trek/STEM Trek day – Meri McEneny reported that our 5 TT girls are submitting final paperwork to the UCD coordinators for camp July 22-28 at UC Davis. Visit day, to see the girls and Patricia Watters, is Thursday, July 26. Schedules for STEM Trek day on June 9 at the Fairway Community Center were distributed and will be emailed to the membership. The Tech Trek program and STEM Trek day were explained to our new members in attendance.

Girls State – Christine Madden announced Girl's State recipient is HS Junior, Teah Williams, who will go to Pomona College for the program; we've given her \$100 for pocket money.

Bridge-- Nancy's house on May 30.

Book Club – Fritzi Briner's house, May 29, treats by Nancy. The book: Remarkable Creatures, story of two female archeologists.

Gourmet-- Because of winter weather, and poor parking, thinking of changing to no winter gatherings. All are invited, don't let "gourmet" keep you away. Doesn't have

to be dinner, can be brunch, BBQ, depending on season. If interested, please sign up now to get on the schedule. Put your interest on your renewal form.

In-Stitches – Mary Koons says bring your In-Stitches work on the bus to the Crocker Art Museum, rather than to her house this month. Talk to her about pickup spots for members signed up: north tahoe: Safeway KB, parking lot, (can park in state park parking), 2nd spot: North National at Regency (off 267); 3rd spot: Truckee Rec Center. There is a docent tour at 11am at Crocker, May 16, \$8 exact cash for the tour. NTTT will call the night before to confirm.

Old Business: AAUW national amendments. Patricia:

1. Stagger board terms
2. Allow people who are not members to join with membership in the future, and financial commitment
3. Remove educational requirement: Kim Churches says: it's not an American group, rather International, it's not just for University graduates, it's open to junior college and college graduates, and it's not only women.

New Business: The 2018-19 slate of officers, elected, appointed and Special interest groups leaders was distributed. Christine moved approval of the slate of officers, Carol seconded, motion carried.

Jan presented the 2018-19 budget. Shirley Hale moved approval of budget, Ann Y seconded, all approved.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 3:15 pm by Jan Potter.

Announcements – Johnnie Lee: May 30, TRWC breakfast at 7:30 at Ritz Carlton, free, and do plan to support them. Program 8-9am; it is their major fundraiser. Sign up with JL, and Mary Koons will hold a table.

TC Rotary Crab Feed, July 28, fundraiser, at KB event center. Call Patti Boxeth.

Patricia: Give a Grad a Gift: national membership. She distributed forms.

Patricia wishes all a happy Mother's Day!

Respectfully submitted by

Meri McEneny

Fill-in Recording Secretary (please hurry back Sharon and Linda!)

Approved as submitted on 6/14/18