

ND AAUW SUMMER BOARD MEETING
July 23, 2011
Heritage Room, Jamestown College

The meeting was called to order by President Julie Garrett. Roll call was taken by Deb Alber. Branches present were Bismarck-Mandan, Fargo, Grand Forks, Jamestown, Dickinson, Mayville-Hillsboro and Wahpeton. Officers present were Julie Garrett, Naomi Thorson, Deb Alber, Simone Sandberg, Lavetta Syverson, Muriel Peterson and Connie Hildebrand and Sandy Sidler. Members then were asked to introduce themselves.

Minutes of the 2010 summer board meeting were emailed in advance. Members waived the reading of the minutes. Corrections were made to name misspellings and typos. A motion to approve minutes as corrected. Maureen Kelly Jonason (M) Simone Sandberg (2nd). Motion Passed.

Simone Sandberg gave the financial report. Closing balance in the checking account as of June 30, 2011 was \$6,081.10. This includes Impact Grant balances still remaining of \$146.74 for the 2009-10 grant and \$ 862.68 from the 2010-11 grant. Total savings and CD's are \$11, 064.74. A complete account of all deposits and disbursements from 7/1/2009 to June 30, 2011 was distributed for audit purposes. Finance report was accepted.

Naomi Thorson reported on membership. Many dues are still remaining to be paid. She emphasized that branches should be making contacts to make sure their local colleges become Institutional Members of AAUW, this year AAUW is offering a special "130 Year Anniversary" special where dues for institutions will only be \$130. This also makes all students of the member institution eligible for free e-student affiliate membership. She handed out information about the 130th membership campaign. She also encouraged all branches to look at the AAUW Member-at-Large list on the AAUW National website and to invite any members in your area to branch meetings or special events. A Member-at-Large list was passed around. Connie Hildebrand also suggested that we use Marlene Anderson as a resource as she has had special training on the Institutional affiliate program.

President Julie introduced Sandra Sidler as our newly appointed public policy state officer.

Muriel Peterson reported on By-Laws. Since the AAUW (National) vote in June there will again be by-law changes. She said that once the model is posted on the AAUW website that the easiest way for branches to update their by-laws to be consistent with National is to complete the by-laws on-line. After completed, submit copies to Muriel and she will report back to National when branch by-laws are updated and complete.

Lavetta Syverson reported on the AAUW Funds and handed out a printout of ND branch contributions. She also said that LAF puts together a short report called "LAF Express" that highlights what is happening with the LAF program. This is a great tool to share with members. She also passed around a model of the different defined funds that are available as part of the AAUW Funds account. Last year AAUW gave out 3.4 million in various scholarships/grants. Discussion was held on a "ND" defined fund called "Fund 1229 – Conrad, Helen Hunter Currie" that our state and branch organizations may want to make contributions too. Connie Hildebrand will check on this and report back to Lavetta more about this fund so information can be disbursed back to the branches.

Julie reported that North Dakota AAUW was the recipient of many awards at National Convention due to the hard fundraising work of the membership. We were awarded the following:

- 2nd Place – Top Ten Fundraisers – State Per Capita Giving to the AAUW Action Fund
- 8th Place – Top Ten Fundraisers – State Per Capita Giving to AAUW Funds

- 5th Place – Top Ten Protectors – State Per Capita Giving to the Legal Advocacy Fund
- 2nd Place – Top Ten Advocates – State Per Capita Giving to the Public Policy Fund
- 8th Place – Top Ten Advocates – Total State Giving to the Public Policy Fund
- 9th Place – Top Ten Contributors – State Per Capita Giving in Combined Support

Deb Alber reported on the progress of the state website. The site should be functional in September. She invited members to be part of a conference call Aug. 1 to discuss changes/updates to the website model. Our website address will change. Discussion was held on this and it was decided that we will go with the new web address and have our old web address point to the new address until our time runs out on our old account. She also reported that a new contract is being signed. A motion was made that we pay the \$120 annual fee for website updates. Naomi Thorson (M) Lavetta Syverson (2nd). Motion passed. Deb reported that we may still want to do some updates so they are immediate and she would be willing to be web editor. Five other members can also submit updates. Deb will contact some committee members and then submit the contract.

Connie Hildebrand reported for Aruna Seth on the ND Women's Network. She said that things are progressing on the "Ready to Run" program that we are co-sponsoring NDWN through an impact grant with the Jamestown branch. Dates have been set for seminars on Sept. 23 and Feb. 3 in Bismarck. Advertising is going out. The impact grant will utilize AAUW National at the NDWN convention in Grand Forks on Oct. 1. Members discussed making sure AAUW is kept "visible" during advertising. The Jamestown Branch will relay this importance to NDWN so that we don't get lost in the publicity.

Old Business: Maureen Kelly Jonason questioned if leftover grant money can be used or if it has to be returned. Julie reported that the money can be rolled into future impact grant projects or utilized for past impact grant projects. It does not have to be returned to National. Maureen also questioned if it was decided if student affiliates must pay state dues. Muriel reported that the standing rules state that students pay state dues of \$2.00. Maureen Kelly Jonason also questioned if there is any more information on the Voices (media) program. Connie Hildebrand reported that she would check on this and get back to the branches. Maureen also questioned if we actually paid for two state lobbyists. Simone reported that we only paid for one lobbyist this past year, Connie Hildebrand. Maureen also questioned if a report was done for the 2010 Impact Grant that is due in August. Julie reported that it was submitted long ago.

New Business:

The 2012 Annual Meeting will be held in Jamestown on April 20-21. Rooms are reserved at the Quality Inn and Suites. Deb Alber asked if their branch will receive a planning packet and who is responsible for planning the event including signing contracts. There is no planning packet but the by-laws do outline what is required. The branch is expected to sign all contracts, administer their own budget, and plan the meeting agenda and logistics. Deb Alber offered to put together a "Planning Packet" that can be handed down to future meeting hosts as a resource. A lot of discussion was held on a theme and it was finally decided to go with "Running For Our Lives" ND Women in Leadership. Discussion was held on some possible programs including a panel discussion from elected women, an overview of women's issues in ND, Childcare Resource and Referral, and a legislative report on the State of Women in ND. Julie also stated that she would work with the Jamestown Branch planning committee.

Julie reported that our quarterly conference calls will be held Oct. 3, Jan. 9 and March 5 at 5:00 p.m. central time. She will also send out the calendar, conference call number and updated officer lists.

Julie reported that radio promotions have already started on the "Ready To Run" program which is part of our 2011 Impact grant.

Julie stated that the 2012-2013 strategic plan will need to be updated. A committee consisting of Sandy Sidler, Maureen Kelly Jonason and Bobbe Shreve will report on the progress of our current strategic plan and then develop a new plan. Both of these items should be on our annual meeting agenda.

Julie reported that Connie Hildebrand, Pat Shutt, Paul and Mary Robinette and Julie Garrett attended National Convention.

Julie reminded each branch that they need to fill out an annual report on their branch activities for the annual meeting each year.

Simone handed out a report containing the 2010 budget, 2010 actual and the proposed 2011-12 budget. She went over each line item. She remarked that many branches have not yet submitted dues for this year. A motion was made that we use the remaining \$146.74 2009 Impact grant money for website fees as was intended in the original technology grant. Deb Alber (M) Bobbe Shreve (2nd). Motion Passed. A motion was made that we donate the remaining \$862.68 2010 Impact Grant funds to the "Ready to Run" 2011 impact grant. Maureen Kelly Jonason (M) Lavetta Syverson (2nd). Motion passed. A motion was made that we donate \$350 to the Tri-College New Leadership Scholarship. Maureen Kelly Jonason (M) Bobbe Shreve (2nd). Motionl passed. Maureen Kelly Jonason then amended this motion to donate \$300 to the Tri-State New Leadership Scholarship. Lavetta Syverson (2nd). Amended motion passed. A motion was made that we budget \$100 to marketing. Debbie Alber (M) Lavetta Syverson (2nd). Motion passed. A motion was made to accept the budget with proposed changes as presented. Maureen Kelly Jonason (M). Deb Greenwood (2nd). Motion passed. Simone Sandberg will send out a corrected budget via email.

Simone Sandberg reported that State Convention silent auction raised \$435, along with other personal contributions donations of \$745 were made to LAF and \$610 to the AAUW Funds.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Alber
Communications Officer