

AAUW ND Annual Meeting April 18, 2015
Dickinson Public Library

President Deb Alber called the meeting to order at 2:45 MST.

Roll Call: Devils Lake – 1, Dickinson – 6, Fargo – 3, Grand Forks – 2, Jamestown – 2, Wahpeton – 3

Theresa Leiphon made a motion to accept the January board meeting minutes as written. Jill Schlenker seconded. Motion carried.

Linda Steve presented the Treasurer's Report: ND coffers have \$22, 636.

Theresa Leiphon made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. Susan Helgeland seconded. Motion carried. Linda noted she had checks for one driver per branch. Linda asked for discussion on putting some of the surplus funds into a CD. Norma Nosek made a motion to put \$14,000 into a one-year CD to see if the interest rates go up. LaVetta Syverson seconded. Motion carried. The board still needs to discuss what, if any, action to take on the \$4440 donated by the Bismarck/Mandan branch.

Chair Reports:

Membership – Naomi Thorson – 152 paying members, 16 Life members. Wahpeton had four events at the college and yet signed up no e-affiliates. LaVetta made a motion to waive state dues for all student affiliates and GGG recipients. Theresa seconded. Motion carried. Branches will have to decide individually whether or not to charge students and GGGs branch dues.

Public Policy – Sandy Sidler was not present, but President Deb Alber congratulated all of the branches who participated in Pay Equity Day endeavors.

C/U Partners – Molly McLain was not present. Past president Maureen Kelly Jonason asked Devils Lake about the membership of the Lake Region Community College's membership, and Theresa confirmed it had lapsed, but the branch was working on getting it renewed.

Funds Chair – the report said that over \$11,000 was sent in to the AAUW Fund by ND branches.

President Deb Alber said the board still needs a Bylaws/Parliamentarian and a Communications/COSM Chair.

Unfinished Business:

President Deb Alber mentioned that the board still needs to discuss what to do with the Bismarck/Mandan branch funds donated. A committee of Deb Alber and Kathy Ashe was made up to work on a plan to spend this money.

Kathy Ashe presented the Strategic Plan and pointed out the few changes including an emphasis on membership development. Theresa made a motion to accept the Strategic Plan as written, and Susan Helgeland seconded. Motion carried. President Deb Alber thanked Kathy Ashe for leading the revisions.

Kathy Ashe thanked the nominating committee and reported that the nominating committee succeeded in filling several positions: Von Da Lee Grandalen for Membership Chair, Mary Craft for AAUW Funds chair, and Theresa Leiphon of Devils Lake as president-elect. Deb reported that she sent out 158 ballots of which 136 were electronic and 22 post cards. She received 38 electronic responses and 6 post cards back. The candidates were elected.

Molly McLain was not present to report on Pay Equity Day, but President Deb Alber had already summarized branch activities. Naomi Thorson reported that she wrote a letter back to the legislator who sent a message criticizing AAUW to the rest of the legislators criticizing his lack of knowledge about AAUW.

President Deb Alber presented a Prairie Rose Award to the Grand Forks branch for reinstating their used book sale fundraiser and praised their collaborating with several other community groups.

President Deb Alber installed the new board members with a lovely ceremony.

President Deb Alber thanked outgoing and long-serving board members LaVetta Syverson and Naomi Thorson and gave them gifts. She then drew for a couple more door prizes she brought.

President Alber reported that AAUW ND did not get the 2014-2015 Impact Grant and suggested we wait a year to apply again.

President Alber reported that she took in the COSM training on how to make better use of the 2-Minute Activist as an advertising tool and she asked for a volunteer to be the second person requested by the national office. Theresa Leiphon volunteered to take the training later in the month.

President Alber reminded everyone the next annual meeting will be in Devils Lake in April 2016. Maureen asked if the annual meeting guide book prepared by Grand Forks a few years ago was passed on to Dickinson – no. Kathy Ashe said she will look in her electronic files and send a copy if she still has it.

President Alber said the summer board meeting will be in Jamestown in either July or August.

President Alber reported that 5 North Dakota members are attending the national convention in San Diego in June.

President Alber adjourned the meeting at 3:50 MST.