

AAUW ND Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2016
7:30pm

The AAUW Board met via a conference call on February 9th ,2016. Present were: Debbie Alber, President, Theresa Leiphon – President Elect-Devils Lake Pres., Roberta Shreve, State Secretary, Susan Helgeland – Fargo Pres., Sara Lindberg – Fargo Branch, Susan Josephson, Dickinson Pres., Linda Steve, State Treasurer, Kelsey Murray – Jamestown Pres., Lisa Marie Burnette – Grand Forks Pres., Mary Craft – State Funds Chair, Sandy Sidler – Public Policy Chair, and guest Renee Stromme – ND Women’s Network. Rollcall was answered by sharing a personal activity that fuels a passion or uses a unique talent. Minutes from the previous meeting were approved and the treasurer’s report was filed as presented.

Old Business:

Members were encouraged to promote the *Get Out to Vote* campaign, especially to college students. Remind voters that they must now have either a State ID form to vote or an absentee ballot, which can be used in their home district. The Fargo Branch plans to have a table set up on the NDSU campus, encouraging students to vote.

Branches are encouraged to apply for grants of \$100 to use to recruit new members. There is a total of \$600 available for these grants. Request an application from Molly McLain.

National has mandated bylaw changes that every branch must incorporate into their bylaws. Because they are mandatory a vote is not needed for this. Fargo and Grand Fork are in the process of making these changes. Branches are asked to mail the final changes to Deb Alber so they can be reviewed when finalized.

AAUW is participating in the Title IX Handbook project, which requires every school to have a Title IX coordinator. DPI has available names of schools with \$250 for printing handbooks to distribute to schools so they can make copies for their coordinators. We will need to contact schools to find out names and addresses of these coordinators so each can be sent a handbook. There are 179 school districts so branches will need to coordinate which districts each Branch should contact to avoid overlap. Task: Identify Title IX coordinators with contact information. In smaller schools the contact is superintendent/principal. Let Debbie Alber know which school districts your Branch is contacting to avoid overlap.

The 2016 Annual Meeting will be located at Devils Lake. The topic for the meeting will be *Investments and Financial Wellness*. Rooms have been reserved at the Holiday Inn and the AAUW meeting will be held at Lake Region State College. There will be a presentation on “Protecting Your Income Before and After Retirement”. They will need assistance to find resources for the training. They are considering charging admission for community members. The presentation would be separate from the regular meeting. It was suggested that there be a follow-up on FUSE and Human Trafficking, topics that were presented last year, perhaps as a luncheon speaker. The Work Smart program may be offered or a financial advisor would also be good. Also, the *Get Out the Vote* would be a good topic at that time. (There is a Tool Kit on the National website on this topic.) Send ideas to Teresa. Debbie and Teresa will check on resources from National.

Updating State Awards: No action has been taken yet. The committee would like membership awards with monetary value. Perhaps the award could be applied to membership dues.

New Business:

ND Leadership Grant is to be used to send someone to a national meeting. \$400 is available to be used for attendance at the National AAUW Meeting. President Deb has applied again for this grant.

Guest Renee Stromme reported about the need to encourage women to attend political sessions in Bismarck on March 13, 2017. She said that we need more college women to attend. She is asking for AAUW North Dakota and branches join together with the ND Women's Network to support writing for an AAUW Community Action grant for \$7000 to try to bring more college women to *We Rise for 2017*. Applications are due by March 15. The following motion was made by Susan Helgeland, 2nd – Lisa Marie Burnett “AAUW will collaborate with Women's Network to write a AAUW Community Action Grant to support the 2017 We Rise project.” Motion Passed. A writer and editor are needed for the grant. It was suggested that we ask Maureen Jonason if she will help with grant.

Pay Equity Day is April 12. There is a proclamation available with a sample on the AAUW website, to present to mayors. Fargo is making plans for this as is Wahpeton and Devils Lake. Pay Equity handouts are also available online from National. Adding a news conference would be good and as would encouraging members to write letters to editors. It is helpful to promote events that encourages press publicity on it.

The Regional Rep from Texas will be attending the annual meeting and giving a report on getting out to vote, etc. Debbie will check with National to finalize the visit. National would like to know who might like to participate in a phone-a-thon to contact past members who have not rejoined.

The next meeting will be in late March or early April to plan the final details for the annual meeting.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted:
Roberta Shreve - Secretary