

AAUW North Dakota Board Meeting  
October 18, 2014  
North Dakota State Hospital, Jamestown, ND

Meeting was called to order by President Alber. Roll call was answered by Deb Alber, Jill Schlenker (Jamestown Branch), Maureen Kelly Jonason, Sandy Sidler, Jan Jackson (Fargo Branch), Kathy Ashe, Lavetta Syverson, Sara Anderson (Grand Forks), Norma Nosek, (Wahpeton), Muriel Peterson (Bismarck), and Cathy A. Wolfe (Devils Lake).

Cathy A. Wolfe volunteered to take minutes for the meeting in Bobbe Shreve's absence.

Jill moved to accept the April 26, 2014 Annual Board Meeting minutes. Maureen 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

The financial report was submitted for review and will be filed. The financial report for the annual meeting was not included. It was requested that the Fargo branch provide a copy of the annual meeting financial report for review. Maureen was going to check on getting a copy.

The budget was presented. Jill moved that we accept July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2015 budget with the following adjustments. Increase line 33 – marketing to \$500 and increase line 35 support for National AAUW funds to \$120. Jan 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion carried.

Discussion was also held on making the National convention (president's budget) a line item every year so it doesn't stress the budget every other year. Discussion was also held on the Tri-College New Leadership Scholarship and the benefits of supporting this group. We need more information on this for future funding consideration.

The board was reminded that all branches are required to pay a \$25 summer board fee to our state treasurer for board meeting expenses. Also several branches need to remit dues for the dues increase. It is now \$10 per member an increase of \$2. These should be submitted to Linda Steve, our state treasurer.

Chair reports were read from CU Program Chair (Molly) and by Public Policy Chair (Sandra). Deb mentioned that National would like all branches to report their public policy work on the report form on the national website and she would also like to hear about all branch activities for our state website.

Unfinished business:

Public Policy grant – Deb reported that we did not receive the public policy grant from National but that she will post it on the website and that all public policy action items are still very easy for members to try in to regular branch activities.

New Business:

Jill Schlenker reported that the Jamestown branch received a \$6,000 grant from National AAUW to hold a Tech Savvy (STEM) event in Jamestown in January. She invited all branches for assistance with the event as many volunteers are needed.

Muriel Peterson, member of the Bismarck/Mandan branch officially presented a check for \$4,440.69 to the state. This was money left in their branch treasury after the branch officially disbanded. It was with great sadness in the loss of the branch that the donation was accepted. Discussion was tabled for a future meeting on how these funds should be used.

Muriel Peterson was presented the board with documentation for a special leadership endowment fund that she had set up with the North Dakota Community Foundation. The documentation was written that after the disbandment of the Bismarck/Mandan branch that the endowment would pass to the State AAUW organization. The endowment grant monies (approximately \$400 per year) are to be used to assist attendees for the costs incurred (except food) to attend a national or state AAUW convention. Norma motioned and Maureen 2<sup>nd</sup> to accept the responsibility of the endowment. Vote: Yes – Fargo, Grand Forks, Wahpeton, Jamestown, No – Devils Lake. Motion carried. Deb will check with the ND Foundation on more details of the grant. The board thanked Muriel for her generous donation to the women of the state.

The board has several unfilled positions. She requested suggestions for possible candidates for AAUW Funds chair, By-Laws/Parliamentarian chair, and a Media/Publicity chair.

Deb reported that the Dickinson branch has begun planning for the Annual meeting. The theme will be on human trafficking.

The next board meeting will be in January and March. Potential dates will be surveyed with members.

National convention will be June 18-21, 2015 in San Diego.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Cathy A. Wolfe, Devils Lake