

October 3, 2011

AAUW Conference Call

Present: Juliann Garrett, Lavetta Syverson , Marlene Anderson, Connie Hildebrand, Simone Sandberg, Roberta Shreve, Maureen Kelly-Jonason, and Debbie Alber.

Treasurer's report was emailed out to participants. Simone asked if there was any questions about the report. Maureen questioned why we keep so much money in savings. Simone said that the reserve in savings has been there for a long time and that the only money added to the savings account is \$100 per year to keep the account active. Lavetta stated that since our membership numbers are going down it might be because we are not actively promoting AAUW and that spending money to do that might be in our organizations best interest.

Simone also stated that the Fargo-Moorhead branch still owes for the summer board meeting. Maureen stated that she has emailed her branch treasurer and the funds should be coming.

Simone stated that we have received \$500 of the \$1000 impact grant but that no bills have been received. Connie responded that we committed most of that money to the Women's Network for the Ready to Run program and also the approximately \$800 left over from the 2010 impact grant. An additional \$500 should be coming as a result of sending in our action plan. This would give us about \$1800 to be used.

State Convention – Deb reported that her committee is working on the 2012 State Convention. The Women's Network will not be hosting the day long workshop put on by National and this must now be incorporated into our State Convention. She reported that the April 20-21 date is not working well for the college. She would like to move it up a week to April 13-14. Maureen moved that we hold our convention April 13-14, 2012. Marlene second. Motion carried. Deb will check on room availability with hotel and college facilities. She will send out an email once she knows. Vetta responded that we should stay with the theme of the convention.

Website – Deb reported that the website is now operational. The password she sent out was incorrect and she has sent out the corrected version. Marlene asked how many branches were going to put up a web page. Most of the branches would not be contributing to that. Deb also reported that she would like to get a copy of the standing rules in a word document and not a PDF file. She also stated that she thought that we should have some type of financial account tied to our website that we could receive monies for registrations, etc. such as pay pal. She mentioned dues and it was stated that National dues can be paid on-line but states have to opt in. Discussion was held about this and it was stated that we need to bring this up again at our state convention so that all branch members can pay on-line. Connie reported that those States who have used the National AAUW on-line dues system that this has worked well for them.

Vetta suggested that we should have them register and then pay at the door. Deb responded that the problem with that is we will guarantee so many meals and if they don't show up we are responsible for paying for the meals.

Connie asked what pay pal would cost. Deb responded that for small dollar amounts (under \$1000) the fee is 2.3 % of the transaction plus 30 cents per transaction. So if the registration fee is \$30 the cost to State AAUW would be .69 (2.3%) plus .30 for a total of \$.99 on a \$30 transaction. This fee is paid by the recipient of the funds. It does not cost the person paying the registration anything. The topic was tabled for now with future research needed. Lavetta motioned that we move forward and explore paypal. Maureen second. Motion passed. Lavetta will look in to pay pal and send out more information about it.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Debbie Alber
Secretary