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3 **AAUW Meeting Minutes**  
4 **February 3, 2018**  
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6 **Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by State President, Theresa Leiphon.

7 **Roll Call:** Members present were Connie Lillejord, Mary Craft Sharon Etemad, Kathy Ashe, Carla Thiele,  
8 Joan Slusser, Susan Josephson, Michelle Fritz and Theresa Leiphon.  
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10 **Minutes** from the AAUW State Meeting held on April 22, 2017 were reviewed. Michelle Fritz moved to  
11 approve the minutes. Carla Thiele seconded the motion. Motion carried.  
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13 **Treasurer's Report:** Sharon reported that AAUW has \$7,914.21 in their checking account.  
14 \$3, 546 in the Savings account. Two CDs have \$5,021.74 and \$5,017.98. They may have earned  
15 additional interest. \$180 profit was made from last year's state meeting. This was passed through to  
16 State fund. In total, \$1,000 was forwarded to Washington. \$1,000 has been given for expenses to the  
17 National Convention for a student. Motion made by Kathy Ashe to accept financial report. Mary Craft  
18 seconded. Motion carried. Sharon Etemad discussed that it has been very difficult to get information  
19 from previous months from the Wells Fargo Bank account. She asked for approval to move monies  
20 (including general accounts). It was suggested that it would make sense and be easier if accounts were  
21 moved to Devils Lake (Western State Bank) as it appears that Sharon has exhausted resources. Michelle  
22 Fritz moved to table this decision for one month. Kathy Ashe seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
23 Sharon was asked to bring back recommendations to the group at next month's meeting. In 2017 -  
24 \$7,713.22 AAUW funds sent to National Level from all branches/affiliates. This is a decrease from 2016 -  
25 \$12,177.54.  
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27 **OLD BUSINESS:**  
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29 1. Theresa congratulated the Wahpeton group for the excellent State Meeting last April. Theresa sent  
30 thank you notes to Linda Gaul and Alicia Hetman from California. Theresa also reported that the  
31 additional \$180 from the state meeting went to the state fund. Introduction of two new presidents:  
32 Wahpeton – Carla Thiele and Fargo- Alexa Ducioame. Theresa reminded the group that she would like to  
33 know if any of the affiliates have any activities that she could attend. She attended the Garden Tour in  
34 July, in Jamestown and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of AAUW in Grand Forks.  
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36 **2. Affiliate President Reports:**

37 **a. Kathy Ashe – Grand Forks:** Had a Founders Day Celebration in January – How did AAUW  
38 begin? In December – Had a program on foster grandparents. No programming in February or  
39 March. April – There will be a push to get to Jamestown for the State Meeting. Grand Forks has  
40 decided to disband, they are in the process of doing so. They will keep the state informed of  
41 their process. \*Suggestion made to join forces across the state. Use technology to keep  
42 communication going. Members could join other affiliates.  
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 45 considering dropping this. In November, they did the Christmas Tour of Homes. In April –  
 46 Hoping to get to the State Meeting and will have a potluck in May.  
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- 48           **c. Joan Slusser – Jamestown:** Had the Garden Tour in July. Partnered with a Senior Volunteer  
 49 Group and opened a Dakota Goods/Used Bookstore. In late August, had a booth at the Annual  
 50 Block Party (for University of Jamestown students). Gave out safety whistles. In October, had a  
 51 sleepover/movie night at Mary Craft's. In November, a white elephant gift exchange and pizza  
 52 party. In January, a Thank You Brunch for the bookstore volunteers. March 15<sup>th</sup> – **Tech Savvy** –  
 53 For middle school boys and girls – Science and Health field demonstrations. April – State  
 54 Convention. May – Will have an end of year potluck.  
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- 56           **d. Susan Josephson – Dickinson:** Had a Book Group and a Movie Group. Also, a STEM event at  
 57 Dickinson State University. The sponsor was Feminist First Friday (both men and women). They  
 58 will have a membership/recruiting meeting in May. Two different scholarship funds – This will  
 59 restore part of their funds.  
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- 61           **e. Devils Lake – Michelle Fritz:** They are going to have a screening of the movie – “Miss  
 62 Representation”. Lake Region State college has purchased tickets for this event, to be held Feb  
 63 20<sup>th</sup>. Access the FaceBook event page: TUGG.com. The fall book sale was very good and the  
 64 next book sale will be April 21<sup>st</sup>. Judge Donovan Foughty presented on the prison systems in  
 65 Norway and State prisons. A follow-up movie and panel discussion followed.  
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67 **3. National AAUW Conference:** Report by Theresa Leiphon: She, Jill Schlenker (Jamestown), and Pat  
 68 Schutt (Fargo) attended the National Convention. Participated in Lobby Day on Capitol hill. Educated  
 69 Senator Hoeven on Title IX – asked legislators to vote for adequate funding for Title IX enforcement.  
 70 They also met with Senator Heitkamp personally and with an aide of Representative Cramer. Supreme  
 71 Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor – walked through the Convention banquet hall and shook 1,000 hands  
 72 while answering interview questions. There will be no national meeting in 2019, but the next National  
 73 meeting will be in 2020- Celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. In 2017 - \$7,713.22  
 74 AAUW funds sent to National Level from all branches/affiliates. This is a decrease from 2016 -  
 75 \$12,177.54.  
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#### 77 **NEW BUSINESS:**

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- 79 1. The State Meeting will be held April 13-14, 2017 in Jamestown at the new Senior Center. There will be  
 80 a social up at the State Hospital. The theme is “Women First”. The business meeting will be held in the  
 81 morning. Election of officers and an awards ceremony will be held at this meeting. The afternoon will  
 82 have a panel of women: First female district judge and First female president of Jamestown University.  
 83 One other possible female speaker yet to be determined. Looking at a national speaker: Open to  
 84 “virtual” speaker, possibly recorded (Title IX). Senator Heidi Heitkamp could do a Welcome – brief (3  
 85 minutes). Joan Slusser has reserved hotel rooms. Theresa will research trainings for meetings.  
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- 87 2. Call to Action – State of the Union address – Passed on this due to time.  
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- 89 3. Membership Dues: Beginning March 16<sup>th</sup>, going from \$49 to \$59 dollars. There is a table that  
 90 shows which part is tax-deductible.  
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92 4. **“SMART START”** in North Dakota. A two-hour salary negotiation workshop. There is a \$50  
93 training fee to become a facilitator. These trainings are being held on the following dates in  
94 2018: Feb 6, Feb 21, March 8, March 20, April 12, April 25, May 8, and June 13. The cost of a first-time  
95 single workshop is \$650 and a subsequent single workshop is \$350. **“WORK SMART”** is for women in  
96 the workforce. We would have to make a commitment. Theresa would like input at March meeting.  
97 Ad Hoc Committee to consider offering these workshops on an annual basis.  
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99 5. **EQUAL PAY DAY: In April** – Motion made to request that Governor Burgum make a declaration  
100 from the State Board of AAUW re: Equal Pay Day. Sharon E. made the motion, Kathy A.  
101 seconded. Motion carried.  
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103 **Adjournment** – by Theresa Leiphon at 11:10 a.m.  
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105 Respectfully submitted, Connie Lillejord, Secretary