

**AAUW of North Dakota
State Board Meeting, Saturday, January 26, 2019
10:00 a.m. by Teleconference**

MINUTES:

Call to Order: Theresa Leiphon, President

Roll Call: Alexa Ducioame, Carla Thiele, Luann Stromme, Laurel Goulding, Sandra Sidler, Deb Alber, Sharon Etemad, Kathy Ashe, Connie Lillejord, Theresa Leiphon

Not present: Von Da Lee Grandalen

Approval of Minutes (State Board Meeting, April 14, 2018) – Connie Lillejord

Kathy Ashe motioned. Deb Alber seconded. Motion carried.

Financial Officer's Report – presented by Sharon Etemad

Checking:	8,890.21
Includes - Bismarck/Mandan Funds:	4,240.69
Leadership Grant Funds:	1,200.43
Set Aside Nat Nat Con 20-21	500.00
Savings:	3,547.16
CD's :	10,140.00 (Approx)
TOTAL:	\$28,518.49

4,000 income projected, projected 3,000 budget – \$1,000 from various branches, so far. On par with what we have been in the past.

State Leadership Grant fund an account that was gifted from Bismarck. Deb Alber will send the process (how to apply for grant).

Motion made to approve the Financial Officer's report by LouAnn Stromme

Seconded by Carla Thiele. Motion carried.

Committee Reports:

Membership – Von Da Lee Grandalen – No Report

Public Policy – Sandy Sidler

Working on Title 9, a letter to editor was sent to the Fargo paper. WE ARE NOT IN FAVOR OF CHANGING TITLE 9 AS IT IS WRITTEN. Letter to national from state on Title 9 issue. Taking public comment until January 30.

April 2nd is Equal Pay Day. Will send out a link. With suggestions and ideas. Encourage all branches that they ask their Mayors to note it (proclamation) and as a state group – ask the Governor again.

Mission and Action letter from National – Check it for lots of ideas for what's coming up and things to do.

Theresa will put you on email list, if you are not getting the National newsletter, let her know.

Equal housing for LGBTQ has been shot down. Fair housing - Even if it is voted down in committee, it goes to the floor.

By-laws, Parliamentarian – Kathy Ashe

Kathy reported that there is nothing new coming up for by-laws

Debbie Alber – Communications

If anyone has something, send to Deb. Do not pay renewal fee.

BUSINESS:

Date and site of **2019 State AAUW Meeting:**

WE RISE: Free Event

Advocating at the State Capitol on the 4th. North Dakota Women's network (NDWN) will have this free hands-on learning experience.

Date: Usually in April: Weekends: April 5-6, 12-13, 19-20 (Easter weekend), 26-

Location: Scheduled to be in Grand Forks in 2019, but they have disbanded; Scheduled to be in Fargo in 2020. Since the Legislature is in session, and we want to be more of a presence during the session, it may be a good idea to have the meeting in Bismarck.

A suggestion was made to possibly piggy back with ND Women's Network **WE RISE** event at the Legislature: March 3-4 (Sun-Mon). Attend the sessions and schedule our business meeting the same weekend, at a convenient time (2-3 hours). Suggestion was for between 5 and 7 p.m. on Sunday, March 3, possibly at the Ramada. This suggestion was opened up for discussion.

Motion: Carla Thiele– Moved that we have the annual meeting in conjunction with the **We Rise** event on March 3-4th. Laurel Goulding seconded. Motion carried.

Theresa Leiphon will secure a place for us to hold the meeting.

Volunteers sought: Laurel Goulding and Kathy Ashe will help.

Theresa will get information next week and would like to see those in attendance identified as AAUW members, so will secure nametags. Meeting room at the Ramada Inn.

Affiliate Updates:

Dickinson – Susan Josephson:

Dickinson's group disbanded in September of last year. They had 10 members at the time. No one was able to assume the officer positions. The group will be sending \$121.12 to Sharon Etemad. The members were encouraged to join the National Organization. Currently, Jamestown is the closest group to them.

Devils Lake – Luann Stromme: Laurel Goulding is sharing the leadership role with Luann.

In September, they had their kickoff –

In October, "Meet the candidates" event which was statewide.

Fall Community Book Sale was held in October, they are splitting proceeds with the local library.

November: Held meeting with a ND blizzard, yet found a new member!

In December, held the holiday social

In January - LRSC Library renovation – A tour of the new learning commons (high tech) and group learning environment.

February: Attend a viewing of “The Green Book” – a movie on diversity at LRSC

Fargo – Alexa Duciome:

- 3rd Annual BrainSTEM
 - Ben Franklin School – the entire 7th grade class
 - All workshop leaders are from underrepresented groups in STEM
 - Concordia hosted, still in collaboration with NDSU (site for last 2 years). MSUM wants to be involved next year. More schools want their students to go, as well.
 - Fundraising is needed for lunch
- 60th Annual Used Book Sale
 - A couple whose first date was at an AAUW book sale came all the way from Montana to celebrate the anniversary of their first date
- Programming
 - We continue to host monthly book club Sept-May
 - Changed up monthly meetings. We no longer have meals, with the exception of the January brunch & May potluck
 - Instead of speakers every month, we split months into pairs. Step 1: Learn. Step 2: Action
 - September Speaker: Barbara Headrick, Voter ID Laws
 - October Action: Get out the Vote tables at book sale & Red River Farmer’s Market; early voting & election day graphics for Facebook
 - November Speaker: Ryan Taylor, Food Insecurity
 - December Action: Volunteered at Great Plains Food Bank
 - January Speakers: Danyel Moe & Laura Caroon, ‘LadyBosses of Fargo-Moorhead’. This is a Facebook group you can join. Some 1,800 members now.
 - February Action: Pay Equity planning event
 - March Speaker: Cory Steiner, Innovation in Schools: Transforming a Generation
 - April Action: Pay Equity (cont’d from February)
 - May: Annual potluck
- Additional Events:
 - NDSU Take Back the Night Rally
 - MSUM Take Back the Night Rally
 - FM Women’s March
- Other
 - Changed email format to be more visual

Jamestown – Deb Alber – Has stepped in to replace Joan Slusser as President.

August: Set up a "Get Out the Vote" booth at the University of Jamestown Block Party.

September: Had a kick-off meeting. Currently have 34 members, five of whom are lifetime.

October: We had the Bad Ass Grandma's tell us about Measure 1 - Ethics Commission measure.

November: Christmas Social.

January: Guest speaker, Liz Hunt from the University of Jamestown. She presented on Crucial Conversations Training. (Skills for communicating when the stakes are high).

Hope to do a movie viewing in February on the movie, "On the Basis of Sex - Ruth Bader Ginsbach".

March: Annual Tech Savvy Event, held at the University of Jamestown.

Wahpeton – Carla Thiele.

Held a Garden Tour this past summer, the money raised provided 1 ½ scholarships for women., may look at a wine and cheese event, instead

Hosted a "Meet the Candidate" and had 18 show for the event

November presenter - does STEM projects, they give money to projects, a member holds a STEM project

Christmas tour – 5 homes; Held a Christmas party and did not hold a meeting in December, Equal Pay Day – revamping the scholarship application process – will hold a potluck when scholarship is offered.

Adjournment: Next meeting: Saturday, Feb. 23, telephone conference, 10 a.m.

Meeting adjourned at 10:53 a.m.

Note: I will be out of state Feb. 4-18, but I can be reached by phone (701-740-5586), text, and email (tleiphon@yahoo.com) while I'm gone.