



AAUW FARGO-MOORHEAD BRANCH

SEPTEMBER 2013

FIRST MEETING OF THE NEW AAUW SEASON: September 16 5:30pm at the Fryn Pan. Our speaker will be New American Ermina Altoka sharing her experience. We will also have lots of start-up business, so please don't miss!

BOOK CLUB meets Sept. 23, 7:30pm, at Park East Lounge, One S. 2nd Str., Fargo.

Book: ***Thinking, Fast and Slow***, Daniel Kahneman

Leader: Barbara Sidler

2013 Grace Hudson Scholarship Recipient By Noell Reinhiller

Tammy Nguyen is the recipient of the Grace Hudson Scholarship for the 2013 academic year at NDSU. This year the award is \$580. (Last year's award was \$550). Tammy is a senior applying for admission to the pharmacy program at NDSU and expects to graduate with a Doctor of Pharmacy degree in May 2017. She is a native of Vietnam, graduating from high school in May 2002. On her application, she said that her professional goal is to become a hospital pharmacist and that she has a strong interest in research. Therefore, she hopes to enter a dual Pharm.D/PhD program. Tammy also has a 7- month old baby.

Tammy has worked as a Vietnamese interpreter at Family Healthcare and Sanford during her sophomore and junior years. She also worked in Dr. Sun's laboratory in the pharmaceutical science department for two years while she was in the McNair Scholarship program. These two experiences were key in her choosing pharmacy and research for her career goals.

Although no one applied specifically for the Grace Hudson Scholarship, Kathy York, NDSU Scholarship Coordinator, reviewed the applicants and forwarded 5 general scholarship applications to the committee consisting of Noell Reinhiller and Ann Burnnett in May.

The following criteria are used to select the recipient of the Grace Hudson Scholarship:

1. Re-entry woman who graduated from high school at least 10 years ago
2. Available to female NDSU freshman, sophomore, junior or senior woman.
3. Able to state definite career goals.
4. Completed current General Scholarship Application.

If you know of any woman with these criteria, encourage her to apply specifically for the Grace Hudson Scholarship.

ANNUAL USED BOOK SALE IS ON!

Let's gear up for our Nov. 1 & 2 Annual Used Book Sale – currently, our only branch fundraiser. The funds we raise from this two-day sale give us the opportunity to support a scholarship at NDSU – The Grace Hudson Scholarship – and The Dorothy Dodd Scholarship at MSUM and the AAUW Educational Fund. Together, our branch is able to make a difference in two women's lives locally and at the national level collectively with all the other branches' donations to support women's educational goals. We make a difference!

Please come to the September meeting prepared to sign up for a sorting shift and a selling shift. We can boast that nearly every member participates in some way in this group effort. We cannot do it without all the helpers. Can you help call people to take a shift or remind them of the one they already signed up for? Can you sort books? (sorters get first dibs on all the great books!) Can you be there for the selling days to take money, tidy up the books, keep the boxes moving? Every hour you serve helps us raise the funding that makes the difference. Please be willing to serve!

The sale will be at the Moorhead Center Mall, exact site to be announced at a future meeting.

May 20, 2013

MINUTES OF THE Annual Meeting of the FM Branch of AAUW
At the home of Lucia Schroeder

Call meeting to Order: Joan Justesen

Approval of April Minutes

Treasurer's report and approval of proposed budget for 2013.

- Lucia reported that there is \$571.40 cash-on-hand. The proposed budget for 2013-14 was presented and approved.

Current Event by Gini Duval

- Gini spoke about teen moms and the college drop-out rate. 61% of women with children do not finish college. A group called "Changing the Odds" is working to help young women understand themselves and keep educated against false ideas.

Election of Officers

- Officers nominated were: President Elect – Laurie Wigtil, Membership Chair – Ruth Stefonowicz, Secretary – Roberta Shreve. A motion was made to close nominations and seconded. A motion was made to accept the slate of officers and seconded. Maureen agreed to continue the newsletter and Beth will contribute articles. Thank you. Beth also agreed to co-chair the 2014 book sale if someone would volunteer to co-chair with her.

Fall 2013 Book sale

- Members decided to hold a book sale in November 2013. Beth and her co-chair will make calls to hold a location in Center Mall, Moorhead.

50th Anniversary of "Equal Pay"

- National theme, "Let Them Eat Cake" will be carried forward to our legislators by Bobbie, Maureen and Joan who will bring a special cake to area legislator's offices.

2014 ND State AAUW Conference

- Our branch will host the ND conference in April, 2014.
- Discussion was held about holding a Women's Summit on Friday with Heidi Heitkamp as keynote speaker a dinner. To bring awareness of women's issues and a call to action.
- Laurie will get bids from area hotels and rental spaces for the conference.
- A sign-up sheet for conference committees will be passed at the September meeting.

Strategic Plan

- Members gathered in small groups to work on the strategic plan. The Executive Committee will get together in June and July to complete the process and the plan will be distributed at the September meeting.

Meeting adjourned

- There was a motion and seconded to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted, Laurie Wigtil

AAUW Executive Board Meeting

June 24, 2013 President Joan Justensen's home

Present: Joan Justesen, Maureen Kelly Jonason, Pat Schutt, Ruth Stefanowitz, Lucia Schroeder, Laurie Wigtil, Beth Anderson, Bobbe Shreve

The meeting was held at Joan's house and participants were served a delicious meal in preparation for an evening of planning.

Reports on the 2013 National AAUW conference in New Orleans by Maureen Kelly Jonason and Pat Schutt. Highlights informing us of resources available to branches from National, a review of sessions offered, new AAUW materials that may be purchased, people available to help branches increase membership.

Discuss book sale. It was decided to hold another sale on November 1 & 2 and to see if the same location in the MCM was available for use. Beth Anderson and Pat Schutt will co-chair the sale, Maureen and Lucia will help with publicity.

Finalized the strategic plan and refined the responsibility list.

Identified potential programs for the 2013-2014 year, including brainstorming presenters. This will be discussed further at our next meeting.

Discussion of annual conference which will be held in Fargo in April, 2014. Further discussion to be held at next meeting.

Next program meeting will be on July 22nd, location to be determined

No minutes for the July 22 meeting have turned up.

AAUW Executive Board Meeting

August 19, 2013

Mtg location: 505 N Broadway

In attendance: Maureen Kelly Jonason, Joan Justesen, Ruth Stefonowicz, Laurie Wigtil, Bobbe Shreve

Joan reviewed the strategic plan and final corrections were made. Bobbe will retype the plan and the 2013-14 program and Laurie will see that they get printed. Ruth shared the latest membership with updates. The need to promote student membership was discussed and it was suggested that Carol Sibley be asked to work with this given her experience with university students.

Maureen shared a proposal by Jocie Iszler who is interested in co-sponsoring a program at Fargo Theater on October 9th. There was a question as to whether AAUW had funds for such a venture. No action taken. Maureen will get more information.

The September branch meeting agenda was planned, including:

Report on the visits to legislators in June by Joan, Bobbe, Lucia, and Pat

Discussion of work needed to prepare for the AAUW Annual meeting to be held in Fargo on April 25th.

AAUW Annual Meeting scheduled April 25, 2014 (initial steps)

-Ruth has contacted Heidi Heitkamp as a potential keynote speaker. Her availability will depend on date of meeting.

-Discussion of her speech topic, included need to avoid being partisan. Speech topic could be "Women in Politics" or something similar.

-Laurie has checked out possible locations for the meeting, including Plains Art, Radisson, Holiday Inn, and Hilton Garden Inn. Cost of rooms is of importance.

A vote was taken to move executive meetings to the Monday prior to each monthly meeting and to be held at the same place as the meeting.

June 10 "Celebration" of the 50th Anniversary of the Equality Amendment

In early June, Bobbe Shreve, Pat Schutt, Lucia Schroeder and Joan Justesen made appointments and met with Heidi Heitkamp, John Hoeven and Amy Klobuchar's local staff. Bobbe had cakes made with a portion missing to demonstrate the difference in women's pay for comparable jobs. All offices were welcoming and friendly, gave us significant time to explain the ongoing pay equity issue and to distribute AAUW materials. We left pledge cards for the legislators to sign and return, demonstrating their support for pay equity. Amy Klobuchar is a co-sponsor of the current legislation before congress, which was good to know. Maureen sent pictures of our visits to AAUW.

September Financial Report from Finance Officer Lucia Schroeder

Our balance as of Sept. 1, 2013 is \$912.90. We have 32 paid members for 2013-2014. All MN and ND dues as well as national dues have been forwarded. We have two new members: Kjersten Nelson recruited by Yvonne Condell and Molly McLain, who joined the Fargo branch after moving from Jamestown where she was a member of the Jamestown AAUW branch. She plans to hold dual membership. Welcome, Kjersten and Molly!

MEET MOLLY MCLAIN

Newest member Molly McLain comes to us with great enthusiasm for AAUW and all it does for women and girls in the US. Molly was an active member of the Jamestown branch until she moved recently to Fargo taking the job of community organizer for Planned Parenthood. She will be traveling often to help spread the word throughout ND that reproductive rights are under attack from the legislature. She was also pleased to hear that AAUW ND is encouraging all branches to get involved with the voter ID issue in ND. She has done some research on how the procedures for getting all North Dakotans access to the state-issued photo ID that will be required in the next election, Unfortunately, it seems that very little has been decided by the Powers-that-Be to date! We need to organize NOW to educate ND voters and we don't even know what the requirements will be!

Lucia passes this news-bit from the Internet on to us:

"NEW YORK -- Bank of America agreed to pay \$39 million to settle a gender bias lawsuit by female brokers who claimed they were paid less than men and deprived of handling their fair share of lucrative accounts, court papers made public on Friday show.

"The settlement was disclosed less than two weeks after news that the bank reached a \$160 million settlement with hundreds of black Merrill Lynch & Co brokers who alleged racial bias in pay, promotions and how big accounts were allocated.

"About 4,800 current and former female financial advisers and trainees at Bank of America and Merrill, which the bank bought in January 2009, are eligible for the latest settlement. "