



Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

President's Comments

Welcome back! I'm excited to share with you some of our plans for this year.

Our first group volunteer event for the Jeremiah Program Empowerment Training will take place on Monday, September 25th. We need volunteers to help bring a meal for the women and their children that will be served from 5:30 to 6:00. Then, we will watch their children until 8:00 PM while they go through the training. Their groundbreaking was this summer, and the housing will open in January. If you'd like to volunteer, please email farmoor.aauw@gmail.com.

The program committee was hard at work this summer brainstorming themes and recruiting speakers. I want to thank Susan Larson for all her work to facilitate this and make sure we have another impressive lineup this year. You can see the list on page 11 of the newsletter.

The Pay Equity Task Force also kicked off this summer. Evelyn Quigley has been leading the charge to host a free salary negotiation event for women in our community. The event will likely take place in the spring, and we are looking to collaborate with other local organizations.

The Book Sale Committee has started planning for our 59th Annual Used Book Sale, which will take place October 27th-29th in the Moorhead Center Mall. Proceeds from the sale support the AAUW Educational Foundation, the Grace Hudson Memorial Scholarship at NDSU, and the Dorothy Dodds Scholarship Fund at MSUM. You can find out more about these scholarships on our website under Programs. Please contact Bonnie Klein at bonnieklein@cord.edu if you are interested in volunteering for a 2-hour shift at the sale. It's a lot of fun, and we need your help to make it happen.

We are planning to host the 3rd Annual BrainSTEM event in May, and we also donate money to other programs like the Tri-College Leadership Program and Expanding Your Horizons. As we develop more community projects, we have a greater financial need. In response to this, we have formed a Fundraising committee chaired by Liz Cambron.

You are all welcome to join these committees or bring other new ideas to the board at any time.

I am pleased to announce the September 11, 2017 FM AAUW program on the Economic Status of Women in ND & MN led by Mylynn Tuffe and Debra Fitzpatrick. Their bios are below. The meeting will be 5-8 at the Biltmore on Main and dinner is \$20 (including tip). **Please RSVP to farmoor.aauw@gmail.com ASAP.**



Mylynn Tufte is the North Dakota State Health Officer. Her previous experiences as a health management executive and former critical care nurse bring an extensive background to the top leadership role in the ND Department of Health. In addition to overseeing the department of health, the state health officer implements state laws governing the department within the guidance of the governor and regulations adopted by the State Health Council. The state health officer also is a statutory member of a number of boards and commissions. Tufte has also been appointed by the Governor of ND to serve as the Chair of the ND Commission on the Status of Women. Tufte earned a bachelor's degree in nursing from Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, followed by a Master of Business Administration degree and a master's degree in information management degree from Arizona State University.

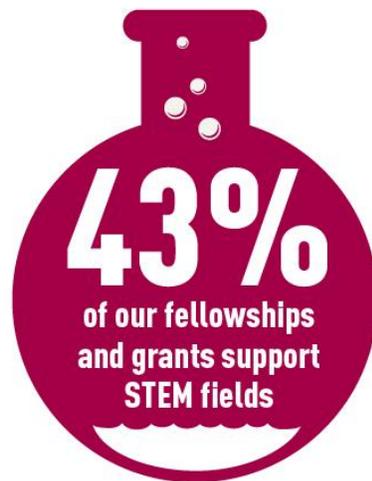


Debra Fitzpatrick is the Co-Director of the Center of on Gender and Public Policy at the Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota. In her role as director of the Center she leads a partnership with the Women's Foundation of Minnesota examining through an intersectional lens the status of women and girls in Minnesota and advancing related public policies such as the Women's Economic Security Act, as well as research and outreach efforts in the areas of women and electoral politics, gender and judging, women in science & technology policymaking and women-centered non-profits. Debra earned her BA from the University of Minnesota, where she also received an MA in Public Affairs from the Humphrey Institute. More complete information can be found at www.debrafitzpatrick.com.

Alexa Ducioame,
President

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F-M AAUW Affiliate Business Agenda

September 11, 2017 – 5:30 to 8:00 pm

Biltmore on Main, Fargo, ND

AAUW Mission Statement: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Call to Order and Welcome: President Alexa Ducioame

Approval of Agenda (additions, deletions, changes)

President's Comments: Thank you to Susan Larson, who led our program planning this summer. We have another great line-up this year.

Approval of May Minutes: Secretary Amanda Savitt (as printed)

Financial Report: Finance Officer Liz Cambron (as printed)

Continuing Business:

Need for President-Elect

New Business:

Book Sale

Jeremiah Program volunteering Sept 25th

Membership: Kathleen Nelson (MN) & Rebecca Moore (ND)

Public Policy: Sandy Sidler

Bylaws: Verlaine Gullickson

Book Club: Sara Lindberg

Fundraising: Liz Cambron

Pay Equity: Evelyn Quigley

Announcements:

Adjourn.

May 8, 2017 F-M AAUW Affiliate Annual Meeting

Present: 25 Members

President Susan Helgeland welcomed all and gave her Annual Report, highlighting some of the year's activities, such as the January Brunch with its program on the Women's Movement of the 1950's, 60's and 70's, the February program on Parents Raising Gender Expansive Children and the March program featuring Ruth Buffalo who related her experiences as a female and ethnic minority. She acknowledged the Book Club and its Chair Jan Jackson; the Board of Directors for their planning and assistance; and the importance of social media in recruitment of new members and publicizing activities.

Susan announced a program planning committee meeting will be held on June 24 from 9-11 a.m. at Magnolia's in downtown Fargo. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Susan reported on the ND AAUW Convention held in Wahpeton and praised the ND AAUW President Theresa Leiphon of Devils Lake for her leadership. Ms. Leiphon expects to visit every ND Affiliate during her presidency. F-M AAUW member and ND House of Representatives member Kathy Hogan spoke at the Convention, among other things, about the reinstatement of the ND Commission on the Status of Women, which our members intend to support with suggestions for appointments. The F-M Affiliate was commended at the Convention for the work done on the Title IX project to obtain names of each ND school's Title IX representative.

Kathleen Nelson attended the MN AAUW Convention in Willmar in which 27 of the 30 Affiliates were represented. Senator Amy Kloubechar spoke to the delegates via Skype and the Director of the MN Women's Consortium, Kabo Yang, spoke of that organization's advocacy of equity and justice for women in Minnesota. An LAF plaintiff, Paul Thein, Vice President of Student Affairs at Feather River Community College in California, spoke about his whistleblower action exposing the College's violation of Title IX. Kathleen accepted for the Moorhead Affiliate two awards from the state for donations; one for first place for per capita giving and sixth place for total giving.

Susan called the meeting to order and all members recited the AAUW mission statement. There were two additions to the agenda.

Susan asked for two people to attend the Tri-College Leadership events at MSUM along with her and Alexa—one at the dinner May 19 and one at the lunch May 20.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved.

Financial Officer Liz Cambron presented the treasurer's report. The beginning balance was 804.95, ending balance \$566.18. Liz presented the proposed budget for 2017-18, showing expected income of approximately \$1300 and expected expenses of approximately \$1200. The Board recommended the budget be adopted; Verlaine Gullickson moved to adopt the budget, Kathleen Nelson seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Alexa Ducioame described the Brainstem event to be held May 16 for Ben Franklin students. One of the goals this year was to involve instructors from underrepresented groups. Volunteers are still needed to lead hands-on workshops, three sessions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This year boys will also be attending.

Alexa gave an update on the Jeremiah Program, which is an organization whose purpose is to aid single mothers with young children. A residence is being constructed where the women and children will live, with day care

available while the mothers pursue their education and receive empowerment training. F-M AAUW will participate by volunteering to provide food and/or childcare as needed, beginning in September.

The Nominating Committee composed of Liz Cambron, Carol Sibley and Juliann Garrett announced the slate of candidates for officers for the next two years. For Secretary, Amanda Savitt; for ND Membership, Rebecca Moore and Romayne Kilde; for MN Membership, Kathleen Nelson. Voting was done by ballot. The elected officers are Amanda Savitt, Rebecca Moore and Kathleen Nelson. The President-Elect position is unfilled at this time.

Public Policy Chair Sandy Sidler gave a summary of the efforts of AAUW in Congress, which included 800 interactions by AAUW lobbyists on Capitol Hill. She also passed along the “Cheer of the Week” and the “Jeer of the Week.”

Kathleen Nelson offered to share the Congressional Voting Record showing Senators’ and Representatives’ votes in relation to AAUW issues.

Alexa passed a signup sheet for a Pay Equity Committee. Based on the positive energy generated by Evelyn Quigley’s presentation last month, the Committee will focus on the following goals: Encourage women to go into STEM occupations, recruitment of women executives, sponsor or conduct pay equity workshops, and promote workplace flexibility in day care opportunities and scheduling. A brief discussion about the ND Commission on the Status of Women was held with a plan to suggest to Governor Burgum that Evelyn Quigley be appointed, with letters of support from the F-M AAUW Affiliate and individual members. Alexa will contact Evelyn for her approval.

Rebecca Moore volunteered to help with social media tasks.

Jan Jackson announced the summer schedule of Booked for Lunch will be the second Wednesday of June, July, and August at the Sons of Norway at 11:30 a.m.

A discussion of voting in the national AAUW election was held. One of the propositions on the ballot this year is to open membership, not requiring a college degree, to anyone who supports AAUW’s mission and goals. Yvonne Condell, an AAUW member for 55 years, encouraged a yes vote on this issue and spoke eloquently on the benefits for the organization. Yvonne moved that the F-M AAUW endorse this position and Verlaine Gullickson seconded the motion. The motion was carried. Two laptops were available for members to vote on the spot.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sara Lindberg,
2016-2017 Secretary

AAUW Minnesota News

In preparation for our upcoming meeting, AAUW members might want to take a look at the legislative summary affecting the economic status of women in Minnesota. The Minnesota Office on the Economic Status of Women published a summary after formal listening sessions around the state to establish the challenges that still remain for women. In general, these challenges include transportation, affordable housing, affordable child care and earning enough to make a livable wage. The entire summary and much more can be found at:

<http://www.oesw.leg.mn/Newsletter/OESWNewsletterIssue15.pdf>.

On October 10th, Rep. Paul Marquart and Sen. Kent Eken are hosting a session sponsored by Moorhead Community Education entitled Minnesota Politics: You Matter. The purpose of the session is to teach constituents to use the resources provided by the State of Minnesota to track legislation, learn about how laws may affect you and your family and much more. The session is free. Register by calling 216-284-3400 or register online on the Moorhead Community Education webpage.

Kathleen Nelson

MN Liaison

Fundraising Committee Update

New this year is our fundraising committee! Our mission for this year is “to raise funds for local scholarships, educational programs, and outreach”. The money will go towards paying outside program speakers for travel/dinner, scholarships, and making donations to other local organizations that have relied on donations from our branch to fund their events, such as the NEW Leadership Development Institute. We plan to have little fundraisers at affiliate meetings for starters. We are opened to ideas and would love to have more people join us! Contact Liz Cambron for more information, liz.cambron@ndsu.edu.

September Fundraiser:

Vintage Point Gift Basket

(value \$125)

Come to our affiliate meeting and participate in our silent auction for this gift basket from a local shop, Vintage Point! *Cash/check only

<http://vintagepointfargo.com/>



Used Book Sale Task Force Update

Our 59th annual used book sale is almost here! Every year we hold a used book sale to fundraise for national and local scholarship to NDSU and MSUM. Our task force has been hard at work planning to make sure we have another successful event. This year we are starting a “Member recommended” book section, so members can pull out books as they’re sorting to showcase! The next task force meetings will be **Sept. 16th and Oct. 7th, 10am at the Fryn’ Pan on Main.** All are welcomed, *especially new members!*

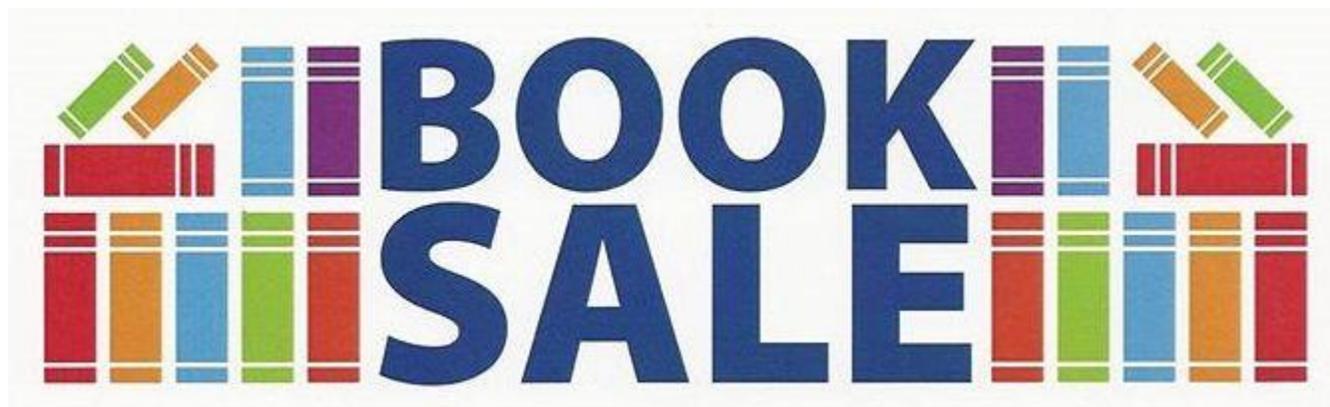
As our only major fundraiser, we ask all members to participate with at least one shift (partial shifts are OK too!). Sign-up sheets and event flyers will be circulated at the September and October branch meetings. We are searching for one more person to help organize Sunday’s clean up as well.

Sorting days: Oct. 22-26th

Contact Kathleen Nelson or Sara Lindberg to volunteer for sorting days.

Sale days: Fri, Oct. 27th 9-5pm (full price)
 Sat, Oct. 28th, 9-5pm (half-price sale)
 Sun, Oct. 29th, 12-3pm (\$5 fill-a-bag sale)

Contact Bonnie Klein or Liz Cambron to volunteer for sale days.



Announcements

Jeanne Bujalski Kelly

July 21, 1927 - August 12, 2017

Our deepest sympathies go out to Maureen Kelly Jonason and her family, on the passing of her mother Jeanne Bujalski Kelly. Maureen is a beloved member who has contributed greatly to not only our branch, but also to our state and community. We are all here for you.

<http://boulgerfuneralhome.com/obituaries/jeanne-bujalski-kelly/>



Meet an F-M Member

To get to know our members better, we are excited to highlight our branch members in every newsletter!

Please contact Sara Lindberg to provide your info!

orchella@msn.com

Want to get involved?

The Fargo-Moorhead branch is currently looking to fill the president-elect position.

For more information please contact any board member or email farmoor.aauw@gmail.com

AAUW Book Club 2017-18

**All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library
Books will be available for purchase at a discount at Zandbroz,
downtown Fargo**

September 25	Book: The Underground Railroad, Colson Whitehead Leader: Marjorie Walsh
October 23	Book: Sisters-in-Law, Linda Hirshman Leader: Nancy Johnson
November 27	Book: Lab Girl, Hope Jahren Leader: Noell Reinhiller
January 22	Book: Soldier Girls, Helen Thorpe Leader: Sara Lindberg
February 26	Book: LaRose, Louise Erdrich Leader: Verlaine Gullickson
March 26	Book: Hidden Figures, Margot Lee Shetterly Leader: Sandy Sidler
April 29	Book: My Life on the Road, Gloria Steinem Leader: Sibyl Olson
May 21	Book Selection for next year

F-M AAUW 2017-18 Programs & Dates to Remember

SEPTEMBER

The Economic Status of Women in ND and MN

Mylynn Tufte & Debra Fitzpatrick

OCTOBER

Women as Authors: Reflections on writing about gender, theology and climate change

Dr. Hilda Koster

NOVEMBER

Cultivating Cultural Sensitivity: An Essential Practice for Effective and Intentional Leadership

Laetitia Mizero

DECEMBER

Multifaceted Approaches to Breaking Generational Cycles of Poverty

Cody Schuler & Diane Solinger

JANUARY BRUNCH

Crucial Conversations for Effective Leadership

Lonnie Pederson

FEBRUARY

Falling in Love with Math and Science: Women in STEM

Dr. Jane Schuh & Betty Gronneberg

MARCH

Title IX, assault, harassment and discrimination

Jennifer Cook, ACLU & Title IX representative from MSUM

APRIL

Equal Pay Day

Hosted by AAUW Pay Equity Committee

MAY

Annual Potluck Meeting

The public is welcome to attend our meetings. The format is 5-6 p.m. Social Hour; 6-6:45 p.m. Dinner; 6:45-7:15 Business Meeting; 7:15-8 p.m. Program

Interested in joining or have an announcement
for the newsletter? Contact us!

F-M AAUW ELECTED OFFICERS



**Alexa Ducioame
President**



**Amanda Savitt
Secretary**



**Susan Helgeland
Immediate Past President**



**Kathleen Nelson
MN Membership Chair**



**Liz Cambron
Finance Officer/Newsletter
editor**



**Rebecca Moore
ND Member Chair**

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