



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

Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

President's Comments

Happy Autumn to all of you! I will not be with you for the Branch program on Monday, October 12, 2015 since we are traveling to NC. Our very capable Vice-President, Jan Jackson, will conduct the meeting. I am sorry to be missing the meeting, seeing all of you and listening to a fabulous program presented by our own F-M AAUW members about our own AAUW! We are fortunate to have several new and prospective members who have asked for more information about what AAUW is all about. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to learn about our own organization! Do not miss it.

I also want to mention an important event that is coming up on October 23-25, 2015 at the Moorhead Center Mall. It is our 57th Annual Book Sale event and the co-chairs, Liz Cambron and Liz Poppenhagen as well as their committee, Verlaine Gullickson, Sara Lindberg, Noell Reinhiller and me have been very busy. Please sign up for helping on this wonderful event. We need you and I promise you will enjoy it.

We have had a request for women who have lived experience from the 50's, 60's and 70's decades to volunteer to be interviewed by NDSU Women's History students. Professor Ashley Baggett, NDSU Department of History, has asked for those of us who are OLD ENOUGH to participate in the educational effort. She says, "We need women who would be willing to share their experiences particularly as it relates to their involvement with the Women's Movement, gender based violence, reproductive choice, etc." Dr. Baggett is doing this as part of their final for the end of semester. She would like the students to learn about the lives and experiences of women who lived in those decades as they relate to the broader experiences of women in those periods. Let me know if you are interested. The interviews will take place in early November. Dr. Baggett would like your name, phone and email contact information.

Call 701-391-8824 or email me at srhlgeland@gmail.com if you are interested.

Susan Rae Helgeland
F-M Branch President



October 12, 2015 Agenda

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm – Social Hour, Dinner Immediately at 5:30 pm

6:30 pm – 7:15 pm Business Meeting; 7:15 pm - 8:00 pm October Program

BRANCH BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

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Call to Order- Vice President, Jan Jackson

Approval of Agenda – Additions, changes or deletions

Approval of September Branch Meeting Minutes – Secretary, Sara Lindberg

Finance Report – Finance officer, Lisa Rorvig

Book Sale Co-Chairs, Lisa Poppenhagen and Liz Cambron

Membership Chair – Jocie Iszler

Program Chair- Ruth Stefonowicz – 2015-16 Programs Available

Social Media Chair – Alexa Ducioame, 15 minute Presentation

Old Business – Tech Savvy Grant to National – October 14, 2015 - notification date;

Venue Change Recommendation – November Branch Meeting

New Business

Announcements

Adjourn

AAUW September 24, 2015, Branch Meeting Minutes

SOCIAL-DINNER HOUR 5:30-6:30 P.M.: President Helgeland announced a request by an NDSU professor for volunteers to be interviewed by students for a class project. The study is about women's lives in the 1950's, '60's and '70's. Several members agreed to be contacted.

A membership information sheet was circulated to gain more details about each person's educational and professional background in an effort to use the potential expertise of each person in Branch activities.

MEETING 6:30 P.M.: President Susan Helgeland called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Ruth Stefonowicz introduced and welcomed new member Deborah Dubrovlny.

The meeting's agenda was approved. Pat Schutt moved and Alexa Duchioame seconded that the May meeting minutes be approved. Motion carried.

Finance Officer Lisa Rorvig distributed copies of the proposed budget and the September treasurer's report. Ruth Stefonowicz moved and Liz Cambron seconded that the budget be approved. Motion carried. The treasurer's report showed a balance on hand of \$630.06. The report will be filed for audit.

President Helgeland announced the Board approval of the application by the Branch for a Tech Savvy grant from AAUW for a workshop for 7th grade girls in places. Liz explained the addition of selling member-donated art at the sale, for which the receipts will be retained in the Branch treasury.

President Helgeland asked for a volunteer to do the monthly newsletter in the absence of Beth Anderson who is hospitalized.

PROGRAM 7:15 P.M.: Susan Helgeland introduced the speaker, Deb White, MSUM Professor in the Sociology Department and Coordinator of the Tri-College Leadership Institute.

Ms. White in her program titled "Tri-College New Leadership Development: History, Mission and Current Status" reported that 500 women have participated in the twelve institutes in the region since 2004.

The annual five day leadership institutes encourage civic and political participation, provide leadership training and support, and recruit women from under-represented groups. There is no charge for the 40 participants, and scholarships are available for childcare and travel. Tangible skills such as public speaking, running for office, fundraising, grant writing, media skills, and public policy advocacy are taught in workshops.

Ms. White illustrated the need for leadership training by showing statistics on the vast under-representation of women in the world in number of females in lower houses of government. The U.S. is 76th with 19.4%. In the region Minnesota has 33% females in the state house, 4th in the nation, but North Dakota has only 19%, 38th in the U.S.

Ms. White concluded by mentioning the success of some of the graduates of the institutes and encouraging members to be applicants or volunteers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Helgeland announced Liz Cambron has been appointed as the NDSU Campus Connection.

Pat Schutt announced a Planned Parenthood meeting in St. Paul on October 22.

Jocie Iszler announced the “Style Like a Child” event at the Fargo Theatre on September 26 sponsored by the North Dakota Women’s Network.

The October Branch meeting will be held on October 12 at the Fry’n Pan with the program focused on AAUW’s mission and goals and their implementation both nationally and locally.

The meeting was adjourned.

Announcements

WELCOME

Welcome the following ladies to the Fargo-Moorhead Branch! We look forward to getting to know you and having you as a valued member.

- Sharon Andrews
- Deborah Dobrovolny

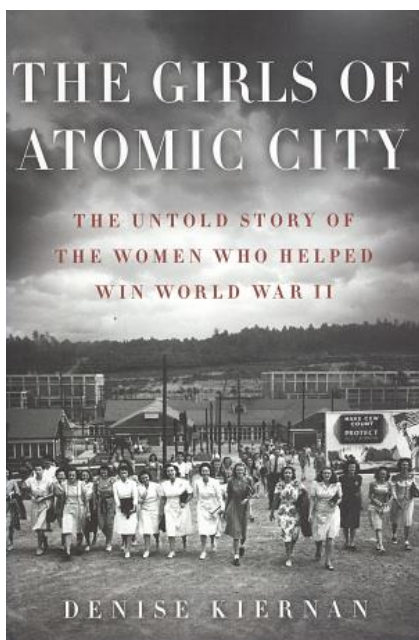
OCTOBER BOOK CLUB

October 26, 2015 7pm-9pm

Moorhead Public Library, Oct thru May.

Book: The Girls of Atomic City, Denise Kiernan.

Leader: Jan Jackson



FM AAUW 58th Annual Book Sale

Clear your calendars for mid October 2015! F-M AAUW 58th Annual used book sale scholarship fundraiser is almost here! We need you help to earn money for these scholarships. Volunteers still needed! Sign up to volunteer for sorting and sale days. Each shift is 3 hours with plenty of jobs for everyone. Hand out flyers and remember to post in local announcement boards.

Sorting Dates and Time:

Monday October 19th (10am-7pm), Tuesday October 20th (10am-7pm), Wednesday October 21st (10am-7pm), and Thursday October 22nd (10-7pm)

Sale Dates and Time:

Friday October 23rd and Saturday October 24th (9am-5pm), Sunday October 25th (12pm-5pm)

New this year: Member donated art sale with proceeds going to the branch. Bring any art pieces to donate on a day of sorting. For each art piece, please label the back with: price, if you want it back if does not sell, name and phone number.

Questions? Contact Liz P. (701) 541-4519 or (701) 281-1040; Liz C. (773) 818-5863

