

# AAUW Fargo-Moorhead Newsletter

DECEMBER 2012

## AAUW Legal Advocacy Funds

Pat Schutt requests that we all consider making our annual donation to the Legal Advocacy Fund at the December 10 meeting.

## DECEMBER MEETING ONE WEEK EARLY!

## NO DECEMBER BOOK CLUB.

January 28, 2013

Meet at One S. 2<sup>nd</sup> (Park East Apartments) in the lounge

Book: *Someone Knows My Name*, Lawrence Hill

Leader: Bobbe Shreve

Refreshments: Bonnie Bernardy

## NOVEMBER EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

November Executive Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 17, 2012

Members Present: Joan Justesen, Bobbe Shreve, Mary Markland, and Laurie Wigtil

Member Absent: Lucia Schroeder

### 1. January Brunch

The event will be held January 12 at the Radisson Hotel at 10:00 am. The charge will be \$13.00 and RSVPs must be in by January 7. A sign-up sheet will be passed at the December meeting.

### 2. Branch Merger

National sent Lucia merger and disbandment forms and re-stated that we can no longer remain "joint" clubs. The following will be presented at the November meeting:

- ✓ A motion for merger/disbandment
- ✓ A motion for a name change
- ✓ The need to contact Minnesota to explain why this is happening
- ✓ Both scholarships will remain intact
- ✓ Copies of all paperwork resulting from merger/disbandment to be filed in the NDSU archives

### 3. December meeting gift collection

Bobbe presented information from Path about giving lifestyle items to children who have aged-out of foster care to live on their own. Bobbie will look into further information and present at meeting.

### 4. Strategic planning meeting

It will be presented to members at the November meeting that each person must give one action under each category. The Executive Committee will adopt and present a plan for the group to vote on.

5. Barb has more cards to offer for sale.

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Wigtil

## NOVEMBER MEMBER MEETING MINUTES

Laurie Wigtil [wigtilla@gmail.com](mailto:wigtilla@gmail.com)

AAUW: FM Branch: Minutes of the November Meeting.

November 19, 2012

The meeting was held at the Fargo Frying Pan. 20 members and one guest were present.

Bobbe Shreve called the meeting to order. The guest speaker, Rory Beil of the Dakota Medical Foundation was introduced.

- Current Event:  
Lorna Williams spoke about the four-part Forum feature on the ignition interlock in order to stop people from driving drunk. She wrote a letter to the editor and urges members to research the topic and contact legislators to take action.
- Announcements and consensus items:
  - Bobbi brought a brochure to share from the FM Area Foundation Women's Fund. Joan added that the fund received a matching grant for \$125,000.
  - **Pat will collect for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund at the December 10 meeting.**
  - **Note that the April meeting is on the 15<sup>th</sup> not the 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- Program:  
Rory Beil presented his work with the Cass Clay Healthy People Initiative: Childhood Obesity in North Dakota Project of the Dakota Medical Foundation. People today are less fit and more at risk of dying early than smokers. It costs \$350,000 annually to take care of the expenses caused by physical inactivity and poor eating habits that lead to obesity. This is a predictable consequence of easy access to unhealthy foods: fast foods, etc. The Framingham MA study shows causes linked to social influences and individual behavior. An unhealthy environment is the product of decision making and policies that don't reflect health as a priority. The goal of Rory's project is to reduce overweight and obesity in ages 0-10 by 20% by 2020. You can go to [www.fm-jointhemovement.org](http://www.fm-jointhemovement.org) to show your support. Thank you, Rory.
- Business Meeting:
  - Secretary's Report:  
The October minutes were printed in the newsletter and were approved as written with the correction that Jan Jackson presented the current event.

➤ Treasurer's Report:

Lucia was absent, but it was reported that the balance on hand is \$849.20 including card sales. She has not yet applied for book sale insurance because she is waiting to hear if the mall insurance covers us.

➤ Old Business:

Bobbie brought up the discussion on December meeting donations and suggested we support children who have aged-out-of foster-care and need lifestyle products through **Path**, the Fill the Laundry Basket Campaign. She has a list of products needed and would like our group to fill one basket.

Everyone was asked to write action steps for the five goals and bring to the December meeting to discuss. The Executive Committee will compile and present the result in January. Ask: What do we want to do as a group to make us a more viable club. What can we do to encourage younger women to become members?

➤ New Business:

The January meeting Brunch will be held at the Radisson on January 12 at the cost of \$13 each. We will need RSVPs no later than January 7. Joan Justesen is the contact for the event. Joan also suggested we offer a park & ride to the event. People can park at the Frying Pan and receive a ride to the Radisson.

Mary Markland reported that AAUW International requests that we merge our Moorhead and Fargo clubs. It is suggested that Moorhead merge into Fargo and the Moorhead club would end as of 2012. The Fargo Branch would continue but both clubs can maintain their original start dates within their state. It is also suggested that the club name be changed. Discussion was tabled until some financial questions are answered.

Thank you very much!

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Laurie Wigtil