AAUW Fargo-Moorhead January 2013

**AAUW BRUNCH AT THE RADISSON IN DOWNTOWN FARGO**

**Saturday, January 12th at 10AM**

Ann Braaten from NDSU will present the program at the Brunch, speaking on “The Hastings Needlework Company”.This is a great time to invite guests! Cost is $13.

**Contact Bobbe Shreve to make reservations no later than January 7th!** **(**235-6534 or shreve@mnstate.edu) If you signed up during the December meeting it is not necessary sign up again. Beth Anderson will serve as greeter at the Brunch and Ruth Stefonowicz will present a current event item related to AAUW’s mission and theme.

**The EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE** will meet at 11am on Saturday, January 19th, at Atomic Coffee in downtown Fargo. (Note time change!) All members are welcome to attend.

**News from our New Jersey AAUW friend**

Leslie Carson, the AAUW guest from New Jersey who visited the Fargo/Moorhead area in the Fall, sent holiday greetings to our Branch. She said, “We have completed our 50 state goal by traveling to Nebraska, South Dakota and North Dakota and made lovely new friends along the way. We have now been to every state in the union.” She also said that they had been hit by Hurricane Sandy and were without power for a week. Leslie has kept in touch since their visit, noting the success of both ND and MN in electing women to the legislature. She even contributed to Heidi Heitkamp’s campaign!

JANUARY BOOK CLUB: Jan. 28, 7:30pm, One S. 2nd (Park East Lounge) *Someone Knows My Name* by Lawrence Hill, Leader: Bobbe Shreve, Refreshments: Bonnie Bernardy

RECOGNITIONS OF NOTE:
A. In one of the latest AAUW publications, Yvonne was featured.

B. Noell Reinhiller was enrolled in the AAUW Legacy Circle and received a Legacy Circle Pin. Please congratulate her and perhaps we should ask her to tell the group at our Feb mtg how to achieve this membership.

December 10, 2012 meeting minutes of the FM BRANCH OF AAUW:
18 members were present as well as guest, Cathy Breedon.
Bobbe Shreve called the mtg to order.

REMINDERS:
**Please register for the Jan 12th AAUW BRUNCH by January 8th and pay the brunch charge when you register.** The branch has to pay for those who don't show after they register, so please send your money in when you register. That way if you can't make it for some reason, the branch will not have to take the fee from our budget. We would love to have guests there and be sure to register and pay for them by Jan 8th also. Ann Braaten from NDSU will talk to us about "The Hastings Needlework Company."
BOOK CLUB will not meet in December. Next mtg. is January 28th.

Current Event:
Janet Miller presented a current event about women. She talked about Joe Stine's essay from TIME magazine, "How I replaced Shakespeare." Message: everything is geared to technology these days..education, business, churches etc. Janet recommends this article.

Minutes:
The November minutes were approved with the following correction: Lorna's letter to the *Forum* was not published in the Letters-to-the-editor section, but she did submit a letter encouraging the support of the use of interlock devices for repeat DWI offenders and encouraged AAUW branch members to also write in support of interlock devices. The Nov minutes mentioned the article published in the *Forum*, but that article was focused on drunk driver stories and not on the use of interlock devices.

Treasurer's Report:
There is a balance of $824.00 as of Dec 9th which includes income of $29.00 from the sale of greeting cards. The membership approved a disbursement of $200.00 to help pay expenses for Junior High Girls to come to NDSU and learn about science and math through the Expanding Our Horizons conferene . Noell moved we support them and Irene H. seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Presentation:
Cathy Breedon did a fantastic presentation on nutrition for our age group. Be sure you take enough Vitamin D , especially in the winter but also in the summer--main message of the evening! Cathy distributed a very helpful printed guide for us. Thanks, Cathy!!

Strategic Planning:
The action steps for our goals will not be developed tonight; we will wait until the Feb. mtg.

Branch Merger:
Bobbe read the options for decisions on this to everyone again. She also reviewed the conversation she had with National just today and reported that the executive committee moves to disband the Moorhead branch and merge members with the Fargo branch. A motion was then made to rescind the tabled motion made at our last mtg. so we could discuss the new motion from the executive committee.

After much discussion, Janet Miller moved and Sandy SIdler seconded the motion to again table this discussion until we have summarized all the previous and new information on our options. Motion carried.

Legal Advocacy Fund:
Pat Schutt reported on the legal advocacy fund and read an article about the military being sued for sexual assaults, an example of how the money for advocacy can be used. 1 in 5 women and 1 in 100 men responded "yes" to being sexually assaulted or harassed while serving in the military. The legal advocacy fund helps identify and prevent this. Pat asked for contributions and the "hat was passed!"

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.
Joan Justesen, recording for Laurie Wigtil