



**AAUW FARGO-MOORHEAD BRANCH
DECEMBER 2013**

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MINUTES of the November 18, 2013 FM Branch of AAUW
Meeting location: Family Health Care Center

The November meeting was held in the Family Health Care Center located at 301 NP Avenue, Fargo, ND, with 17 members present. The meeting was called to order by Joan Justesen, President, at 5:30pm. Patricia Patron, CEO of the Health Care Center welcomed the group.

-Minutes from the October meeting were approved as printed in the Newsletter.

-Treasurer's report was approved with \$146 on hand as of November 18, 2013 after distributions to National AAUW and local scholarships. LAF funds will be collected at the December meeting.

-Old Business:

Members were informed of a change in the AAUW mailbox address with mail now being sent to President Joan Justesen's home address. This will save the cost of paying for a postal mailbox. AAUW receives very few mailings, making a mailbox an unnecessary expense.

Minnesota AAUW is looking for persons to fill positions of VP for Membership, Secretary, and STEM representative. If you are interested, contact Joan Justesen.

-New Business:

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Plans for the State AAUW Annual Meeting scheduled for April 25-26 were discussed. An evening dinner will be held at the Plains Art Museum, catered by Mosaic Foods at \$14/plate. The Saturday meeting will be held at the Howard Johnson motel. Heidi Heitkamp is being asked to speak on the topic of women in leadership.

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***Expanding Your Horizons, co-sponsored by AAUW, is scheduled for April 12th at NDSU in Loftsgard Hall.**

-Program:

Patricia Patron, CEO of the Family Healthcare Center, gave a guided tour of the Family Healthcare Center located in the historic 100-year-old Pence Automobile building at 301 NP Avenue in Fargo. The Center is a 501c3 program that offers health care at low or no cost to people who face barriers such as no health insurance, low income, language barriers, homelessness, etc. The program employs 17 full or part-time language interpreters besides physicians and dentists who provide primary and chronic care, well baby care, optometry, dental and nutrition counseling.

The Center moved into the current building in October 2012, doubling its space from before and allowing for an extensive, much needed dental program. Now the health care clinic for those who are homeless is set up to be more welcoming and includes social workers in the program. The building itself is beautifully designed and conveniently located in downtown Fargo. Ms. Patron noted that the building was a \$15 million project with \$1 million left to raise. The tour was an excellent reminder of a very valuable resource in our community, one that deserves our support.

Submitted by Bobbe Shreve, Secretary

Executive Meeting: 3:30pm on Friday, Nov 15, 2013

Items not reflected above:

Present: Joan Justesen, Lucia Schroeder, Bobbe Shreve, Ruth Stefonowicz, Laurie Wigtil

Announcements:

*Maureen Jonason and Molly McLean attended the Shape the Future event in Wahpeton. The focus was especially on building membership.

*Pat Schutt will make a report on the Fall Book Sale with recommendations for future sales to present at the December mtg.

Treasurer's Report:

Lucia Schroeder reported that this year's book sale brought in \$1852 minus expenses for total of \$1416, about ½ of what was made in 2012. The lesser amount partially resulted from added cost of space rental (\$250) and advertising. It was decided that we would no longer maintain a mailbox at the Moorhead Post Office because of the small amount of mail received. When rental runs out, the mailing address will be changed to Joan Justesen's home address.

It was decided that we would not attempt to sell Tshirts

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