



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

Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

President's Comments

I want to tell everyone how proud I am of the F-M AAUW Branch members responsible for a successful Used Book Sale event. It was amazing and, as always, I enjoyed the company of several members who volunteered to help. Not that we had much time to chat since we were busy all three days.

The leadership of the Co-Chairs, Liz Poppenhagen and Liz Cambron, was outstanding. Thanks to everyone, including some spouses and grandsons, who helped with this event. It was a pleasure and I am already looking forward to next year! We also want to thank the Moorhead Center Mall, management and staff, for donating space, helping with promotion and several other things that contributed to a successful sale.

I need to mention that I broke both ankles a week ago. I have a diagnosis of osteoporosis and should have known better than to wear slip on shoes that I can too easily step out of and lose my balance. No more, I have DEFINITELY learned my lesson. I should be back for the December Branch meeting wearing the "boots" as I understand it. I will be happy to see everyone again. I am blessed and grateful for the great support of friends and family as well as the best of professional care.

Our November Branch Program looks to be an excellent one and full of information that we all will welcome. The Presenter is our own Amy Jacobson, Public Affairs Director of Planned Parenthood, MN, ND, and SD.

There is no question that women's health and rights is a pivotal issue right now. Extreme anti-women's health lawmakers at every level have doubled down on their attacks on Planned Parenthood, launching an all-out effort to defund or outright shut down Planned Parenthood health centers, eliminate access to safe and legal abortion, and make it harder for millions of women, men, young people to get the care they need. Planned Parenthood supporters have played a key role in stopping these extreme lawmakers from enacting their dangerous agenda before.

Susan Helgeland
FM Branch President

November Program

Amy Jacobson will lead a discussion on the major issues that impact women's health and rights, both nationally and for us in North Dakota at the Fry'n'Pan in Fargo at 7:15 to 8 pm on Nov. 9th, 2015.

In 2012, Amy served as the Campaign Manager in the successful effort to defeat a statewide ballot measure that would have enshrined discrimination into the North Dakota state Constitution. And in 2014, she was the Campaign Director for North Dakotans Against Measure 1 - defeating a sweeping 'Personhood' measure by a 2-to-1 vote margin on the ballot.

One of Amy's proudest achievements is co-founding WE Rise: Women Empowered, a women's lobby day that works to demystify the legislative and electoral process. She resides in Fargo, ND, with her husband, Todd, and young daughter, Tess. Amy is privileged to have volunteered for the past four years as the Troop Leader for Tess's Girl Scout troop.

AAUW October 12, 2015, Branch Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Jan Jackson at 6:30 p.m.

Ruth Stefonowicz moved and Lisa Rorvig seconded that the meeting agenda be approved. Motion carried.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved as corrected by Alexa Ducioame concerning the Tech Savvy committee's members (adding Liz Cambron and Lauren Singelmann) and intentions (that the workshop will be held even if the AAUW grant is not obtained).

Finance Officer Lisa Rorvig presented the Treasurer's report:

Beginning balance \$630.06

Expenses 249.00

Ending balance \$381.06

Liz Cambron, Co-chair of the Book Sale Committee, reported that the first two days of the sorting schedule will be unavailable, and an extra day will be added on the Thursday before the sale. She circulated sign-up sheets for workers at both the sorting and sale shifts. She also explained the procedure for labeling member donated art and passed out index cards for that purpose. She showed the bag stuffers with information on AAUW and the scholarships that are benefited by the book sale and reminded members to bring plastic bags to the sale for customer purchases. Callers are needed to fill any vacant work slots.

Jocie Izsler, Membership Chair distributed a current membership list and sent around a master copy for any corrections or additions. Jocie reminded us that “Membership is everyone’s job.”

Program Chair Ruth Stefonowicz distributed the 2015-2016 program booklet and announced the November Branch program will have Amy Jacobson from Planned Parenthood as the speaker. Ruth collected the signatures of all members present and will designate program booklets for absent members.

Alexa Ducioame gave a demonstration on how to access and use the FM AAUW Facebook page and encouraged members to publicize activities via this website.

Old Business: The venue change will be discussed at the November Branch meeting.

New Business: Liz Cambron, Student Affiliate at NDSU, is talking with a women’s activist group on campus and using the seven step process provided by AAUW to begin the affiliation of our Branch with NDSU students. Kathy Hogan offered her support for this project.

Jan Jackson announced the book club meeting on October 26 will discuss *The Girls of Atomic City* by Denise Kiernan at 7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library.

POWER FAILURE INTERRUPTS MEETING

The lack of electricity prevented the showing of the video “One AAUW,” but five Branch members, with the aid of smart phone flashlights, presented information on local implementation of the goals of the organization: Advocacy, Education, Philanthropy and Research.

Yvonne Condell spoke of AAUW’s long tradition of providing fellowships for women, which has grown to become the largest source of funding women’s advanced degrees in the world. Yvonne is a former chair of the national selection panel with responsibility for choosing fellowship recipients.

Noell Reinhiller described the origins and current status of the two scholarships supported by the FM AAUW Branch: The Grace Hudson scholarship at NDSU and the Dorothy Dodds scholarship at MSUM. Noell distributed a handout depicting both women as leaders in their fields and loyal AAUW members.

Sandy Sidler, Public Policy Chair, supplied copies of the new 2015-2017 Public Policy Program listing a wide range of goals, principles for action and the Biennial Action Priorities, which are support of a strong system of public education, the achievement of economic self-sufficiency for all women, and to guarantee equality, individual rights and social justice for a diverse society.

Maureen Kelly Jonason talked about the Research resources of AAUW, from “Health Statistics of Women College Graduates” in 1885, which refuted the theory that higher education causes

infertility, to the current edition of “The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap,” which is updated twice a year.

Sara Lindberg explained the efforts of the Legal Advocacy Fund, which aids plaintiffs in workplace and educational institution discrimination and sexual harassment cases and violations of Title IX. The Office for Civil Rights has released a free resource manual for use by Title IX Coordinators, which is available on the AAUW.org website.

Noell Reinhiller suggested that our Branch identify the Title IX Coordinators in our area schools and provide copies of the manual from AAUW. Kathy Hogan recommended we add the college and university coordinators also, and perhaps disseminate the manual electronically. This proposal will be discussed at future Board and Branch meetings.

Sara urged Branch members to view the “One AAUW” video on their personal computers and to take advantage of the useful information on all facets of AAUW that is available at AAUW.org.

The meeting was adjourned.

Sara Lindberg, secretary

Book Sale Success

Thank you to all the branch volunteers for a successful used book and member donated art sale!! This year we collected close to 4,000 books in donations and made a total of \$3,098.25 (\$122 going towards branch profit). We received many compliments on the selection of books, as well as how organized the whole sale was. Of our left overs, we were able to have other organizations such as PACODES pick up boxes of books. Thank you to the co-chairs Liz Poppenhagen and Liz Cambron, and taskforce: Sara Lindberg, Noell Reinhiller, Susan Helgeland, and Verlaine Gullickson. The sale wouldn't have been a success without the help and expertise of Lisa Rorvig, Maureen Kelly-Jonason, Alexa Ducioume! A big **thank you** to the teamwork during sorting, set-up, and sale days/clean up: Susan Larson and her husband, Sandy Sidler and her husband, Ev Quigley and her husband, Barbra Sidler, Maureen Kelly-Jonason, Bonnie Bernardy, Verlaine Gullickson, Jocie Iszler, Lisa Rorvig and her mom, Elizabeth Smithmeyer and her mom, Ruth Stephoniwicz, Sara Lindberg, Jan Jackson, Pat Schutt, Lorna Williams, Lois Altenburg and family ;as well as Melissa

Rademacher the Moorhead Center Mall manager, and the Moorhead Center Mall janitors, and all the donors!

November 9, 2015 Agenda

Monday, November 9, 2015 at 5:30 pm at the Fry'n Pan, Fargo. 5:30-6:30 pm dinner, 6:30-7:15 pm business meeting, 7:15 to 8 pm, the program presentation with Amy Jacobson.

Call to Order – Vice President, Jan Jackson

Approval of Agenda – Additions, Deletions, Changes

Approval of October Branch Minutes – Secretary, Sara Lindberg

Finance Report – Finance Director, Lisa Rorvig

Old Business – Stem National AAUW Stem Report – Alexa Ducioame

Venue Discussion - Jocie Iszler

New Business – Recommendation of Board for Editor of Newsletter

Public Policy Report – Public Policy Chair - State Board meeting

Used Book Sale Report – Co-Chairs - Liz Poppenhagen and Liz Cambron

December Meeting – Lisa Rorvig

Announcements

Adjourn

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Erin Prochnow, Executive Director of the YWCA of Cass Clay, will be the featured speaker at our December 14, 2015 meeting. You are invited to bring items to donate to the YWCA and Ms. Prochnow will deliver them to the YWCA.

Listed below is a list of current needs at the YWCA. There are not suggestions for holiday gifts on this list because the YWCA will have already completed their Unique Boutique, which provides gifts for the residents and their children. Thus, Ms. Prochnow asked that we donate items from their Needs List.

If you have any questions about this list or what to give, please contact Lisa Rorvig at 218-329-9502.

<p><u>MOST URGENT NEEDS:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Women’s Winter Coats * Children Size 4,5,6 diapers, size 4T&5T pull-ups * Teen boy fall clothing sizes small-XL * Canned Fruits and veggies * Boxed side dishes (EX. Hamburger Helper) 	<p><u>Transitional Housing/Household:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dressers * Cleaning product (no pine sol) * Kitchen Garbage Cans * VCRs, DVD players and audio/video cables * Mattress pads, full size mattress pads * New Bowls, can openers, pizza pans & cutters, knife sets, cutting board, wall clock, pitcher
<p><u>Childcare/Study Buddies:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * New/Gentle used baby monitors * Enfamil infant formula * Double & single strollers * Boys and girls PJ’s sizes 6/7 & 8/10 * Boys clothing sizes 6/7,8/10,10/12 * Boys size 5T underwear 	<p><u>Hygiene:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Nail clippers * New/Un-opened shampoo and conditioner * New/unused women’s face wash * Women’s New Underwear Size 7/8 * New/Un-opened shaving cream * New women's casual socks
<p><u>Cleaning/Maintenance Items:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Hand soap * Clorox 7 bleach * Laundry Baskets * Dish scrubbers/cleaning solutions * Toilet Bowl cleaner * Dish soap * Light bulbs 	<p><u>Other:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Dixie cups * Small fans * Gas, phone, & grocery gift cards * Magic erasers * AAA Batters

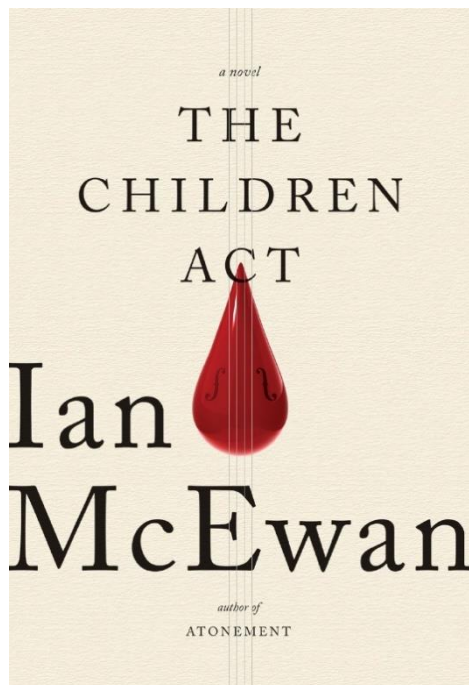
NOVEMBER BOOK CLUB

November 23, 2015 7pm-9pm

Moorhead Public Library

Book: The Children Act, Ian McEwan

Leader: Sara Lindberg



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Update

- HuffPost Women created a video reminding us all what the real definition of “Feminism” is.
- Goldieblox created a video that envisioned females as protagonists/heroes in famous Hollywood blockbuster films
- A café run by acid attack survivors attracts visitors from around the world.
- 6 Russians formed an all-female International Space Station simulation crew and drew a variety of sexist questions.
- Nepal made history by electing its 1st female President
- South by Southwest (SXSW) made the decision to call off panels on video-game culture and sexual harassment following threats of violence. Lisa Maatz, AAUW’s VP for government relations, applauded Vox & BuzzFeed’s response.
- HuffPost Healthy Living reminded us that Carrie Fisher, who played Princess Leia, has been a powerful voice against the stigma of mental health.
- Huffington Post published an article entitled “Please Don’t Threaten My Son for Dating Your Daughter”

