



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

## Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

### President's Comments

I am excited to announce the Program for our April 11, 2016 F-M AAUW Branch Meeting. Our presenter is: Billi Jo Zielinski, President and CEO of Make-A-Wish® North Dakota. I have known Billi for over two decades and have the highest regard for her. We have asked Billi to speak on the issue of Pay Equity since April 12, 2016 is the National AAUW Pay Equity Day. The title of her presentation is "Know Your Worth."

Billi joined Make-A-Wish North Dakota in the fall of 2013 and helps advance the mission to grant the wishes of children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy. Billi is truly a Jill-of-all-Trades. She has broad volunteer experience and has worked in human services, the steel industry, served as a Peace Corps Volunteer and worked in politics and government before joining the nonprofit sector. Billi received her Political Science degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead and also currently serves her community through the park advisory board. She, her husband and their two children returned to the Fargo-Moorhead area in 2012.

We have asked the Moorhead, Fargo and West Fargo Mayors to sign the official Pay Equity Proclamation and I will have copies available at the Branch meeting. **Our April 11, 2016 F-M AAUW Branch meeting is at the Fry'n Pan on east Main, Fargo.** The Dinner begins at 5:30 pm. The Business Meeting is at 6:45 pm and the Program begins at 7:15 pm. See you on Monday night!

Susan Rae Helgeland  
F-M Branch President

**EQUAL PAY DAY IS APRIL 12.**  
**TAKE ACTION TO CLOSE THE GENDER PAY GAP!**

Women are paid on average just **79 percent** of what men are paid.

You can change this. AAUW Start Smart salary negotiation workshops can help.

Bring a workshop to your local college campus. Host a workshop.

AAUW **START SMART** salary negotiation for students

**April 11th, 2016 Agenda**

**WELCOME-** President, Susan Helgeland – April 12, 2016 *Equal Pay Day* Update.  
Fall WorkSmart Program.  
MN and ND State Conventions Update.  
Liz Cambron submitted an AAUW state grant for college member recruitment.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA-** Additions, deletions, changes

**APPROVAL OF MARCH BRANCH MINUTES-** Secretary, Sara Lindberg

**TREASURER'S REPORT-** Finance Officer, Lisa Rorvig

**CONTINUING BUSINESS-** By-Law changes and nominating committee report:  
Maureen Kelly Jonason.  
Venue change topic – Alexa, Liz and Jocie.

**NEW BUSINESS-**

**PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE-** Chair Sandy Sidler

**MEMBERSHIP UPDATE-** Acting Chairs Alexa Ducioame and Liz Cambron and Jocie

**PARLIAMENTARIAN/BYLAWS UPDATE-** Chair Maureen Kelly Jonason  
Nominating Committee Report

**ANNOUNCEMENTS-** Next Branch Meeting **May 9, 2016** at the Moorhead Public Library. If you need a ride, please contact Maureen Kelly Jonason

## AAUW-FM Branch March 14, 2016 Meeting Minutes

AAUW Branch Meeting March 14, 2016 Green Mill Restaurant

Approximately 27 members and guests present

President Susan Helgeland called the meeting to order with the AAUW Mission Statement: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

Susan encouraged members to consider attending either of the AAUW State Conventions in April; in Duluth, Minnesota, or Devils Lake, North Dakota.

Two corrections were made to the February meeting minutes: The equal pay workshop referred to was in Boston, and Mary Joe Schneider is a member of the nominating committee. The minutes were approved as corrected.

Sara Lindberg reported that the Title IX Committee has obtained the names and email addresses of the Title IX Coordinators of several schools in this area and is waiting for further instructions on how to proceed from the State President. All of the ND AAUW branches will participate in the goal of the project to provide a Title IX Resource Manual from the Department of Education to every public school in North Dakota.

Alexa Duchioame reported that volunteers are needed for two STEM events next month: Expanding Your Horizons on April 9 for middle school students and the Science Olympiad on April 16 for high school students.

Finance Officer Lisa Rorvig reported a beginning balance of \$621.01 and an ending balance of \$578.01.

Public Policy Chair Sandy Sidler spoke about the voter ID requirement for college students and Equal Pay Day on April 12.

Alexa and Liz Cambron from the Membership Committee introduced several guests and welcomed Angela Smith, a new member. They also reminded prospective members of the March 15 deadline for joining to receive an extra three months at the yearly dues amount.

Program Chair Ruth Stefonowicz announced the April branch program will be at the Fry'n Pan with Billie Jo Zielinski speaking about Pay Equity. Billie Jo will also

participate in the event with the three city mayors proclaiming April 12 as Equal Pay Day.

Parliamentary Chair Maureen Kelly Jonason presented the by-laws changes which will be voted on at the Annual Meeting in May.

#### Announcements

AARP is sponsoring the film “Joy” at West Acres Cinema on March 17.

The League of Women Voters State Convention will be at the Rourke Art Museum on March 19 beginning at 9 a.m.

The Hjemkomst exhibit “Aprons Galore” will be on April 19 from 4-7 p.m.

AAUW Book Club will be at 7 p.m. on March 27 discussing *Mountain to Mountain* by Shannon Galpin, at the Moorhead Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned.

Dr. Angela Smith, Assistant Professor in NDSU’s Department of History, Philosophy and Religion Studies, presented a program and slide show entitled “Female Power, Identity, and Brothels: A Case Study in late 19th Century Fargo.”

Dr. Smith concentrated on Melvina Massey, an African American woman from Virginia who was the owner and operator of the Crystal Palace, a large ten bedroom house, for 20 years. She first appeared in the Fargo city directory in 1891; she owned property including two houses; and in 1901 she was sentenced to one year in the State Penitentiary for selling alcohol on her premises.

Melvina Massey was discovered in the archives by Dr. Smith’s students of Public History, which led to the digital documentaries they produced about her and her business in Fargo, available for viewing at [www.fargohistory.com](http://www.fargohistory.com).

Among the research questions considered in the examination of Massey’s livelihood were:

What was the role of race in prostitution in Fargo? Massey paid a monthly “fine” of \$56.50 to continue the sex trade and in 1908 accused the police of attempting to force her to replace her black employees with white women.

Who were her customers? Perhaps men who arrived with the railroad after it crossed the river in 1871, and seasonal bonanza farm workers.

How did slavery influence the career choices of prostitutes?

Sara Lindberg, secretary

## Announcements

### Branch Bylaws Changes

Proposed branch changes were offered in the March newsletter. Please bring any concerns or needed changes for consideration to the April meeting or contact Maureen at 701-429-4716. Proposed changes will be voted on at the annual meeting in May.

### Board Election

The nominating committee reported that Alexa Doiciame will stand for the President-Elect position, and Liz Cambron has agreed to run for the Treasurer. Additional nominees are welcome. These two positions will be voted on at the May annual meeting.

### We ask that all members consider additional opportunities to serve on the board:

1. The Social Media chair maintains the website and Facebook page. The person in this position attends the monthly board meeting, shares her perspective as a branch member, but does not vote on motions. Alexa will be happy to help the new person get started. Please see Susan or Alexa if this position interests you.
2. The Bylaws Chair/Parliamentarian position is appointed by the President to refer to the bylaws and parliamentary procedure during meetings as needed. Typically, changes are not needed to the Bylaws until changes are voted on at the national convention in the summer of odd years. The person in this position attends the monthly board meeting, shares her perspective as a branch member, but does not vote on motions. Please see President Susan or Maureen if this position interests you.

Next year, we will need members to step forward to run as Secretary and Membership Chair. Please keep these leadership roles in mind.

**Announcements Cont'd**

**Welcome New Member!**

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

- Dr. Kendra Greenlee

**April Branch Meeting**

This month's meeting will be back at the **Fryn'Pan**. Please come with feedback of the two new venues as we will be discussing venue changes!

**APRIL BOOK CLUB**

**When:** Mon, April 25, 7pm – 9pm  
**Where:** Moorhead Public Library  
**Book:** Helga's Diary, Helga Weiss  
**Leader:** Sibyl Olson

**2016 Used Book Sale Taskforce**

*Enjoy helping students and love books?* Consider joining the taskforce for this year's used book sale fundraiser! Call for volunteers will be at the April branch meeting. For more info, contact Co-Chair Liz Cambron (773)818-5863  
 liz.cambron@ndsu.edu

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!**

**North Dakota Science Olympiad - April 16, 2016**

If you can volunteer, please contact NDSU's Center for Science and Mathematics Education by email at ndsu.otl@ndsu.edu or by phone at 701-231-7015 or 1-800-726-1724.



- VP Joe Biden is Touring College Campuses to Combat Sexual Assault
- Fewer Women Run Big Companies than Men Named John
- Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau Champions Feminism
- AAUW Barriers and Bias Report is Released!
- Women Who Changed History
- Malala and her Father Lean in Together
- MisFix FM Business to Teach Women Home & Car Repair
- Tennis Tournament Chief Resigns Over Sexist Comments
- Inspiring Quotes from FLOTUS and Justice RBG
- Woman Engineer Launches "Blind" Job Match App
- International Women's Day Quotes & Videos!