



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

Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Branch

President's Comments

September and October have been busy months for us.

I want to commend the book sale committee for the fabulous job organizing our 59th annual used book sale. Thank you to Liz Cambron and Kathleen Nelson for their leadership as chairs this year. There are a lot of meetings that go on behind the scenes to make this event happen. I also want to thank all of you who volunteered for a shift for sorting or the sale. We raised more money this year, which means more money for the AAUW Educational Foundation, the Grace Hudson Memorial Scholarship at NDSU, and the Dorothy Dodds Scholarship Fund at MSUM, as well as to our branch!

An exciting new event organized by the fundraising committee will bring members and their families together. Join us **Thursday, November 16th** at the West Acres theater for the opening night of *Wonder*. You can read more about the movie fundraiser on page 9 of the newsletter; make sure you order your tickets through the link.

I am pleased to announce the November 13th, 2017 FM AAUW program on *Being at Home in the World: Cross-Cultural Leadership Lessons to Guide your Journey* with our speaker Laetitia Mizero Hellerud, whose bio is below. The meeting will be 5-8pm at the Biltmore on Main and dinner is \$20 (including tip). Please RSVP to farmoor.aauw@gmail.com by November 12th.

Alexa Ducioame
President





November program

Being at Home in the World: Cross-Cultural Leadership Lessons to Guide your Journey

Laetitia Mizero Hellerud is the Founder and Owner of UBUNTU CONSULTING, which provides educational services in the areas of Multiculturalism, Diversity, and Refugee/Immigrant Issues. She was also the co-founder of Luminata, a refugee and immigrant women's association in the Fargo-Moorhead area. Laetitia holds a BA in English from the University of Burundi and a MS in Management from the University of Mary. She worked for Lutheran Social Services in several capacities for ten years between 1999-2015, most recently serving as the Director of the New Americans Program and State Refugee Coordinator.



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FM AAUW AFFILIATE BUSINESS AGENDA

November 13th, 2017 – 6:30 to 7:00 PM

Biltmore on Main

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

Call to Order and Welcome: President Alexa Ducioame

Approval of Agenda (additions, deletions, changes)

President's Comments: Officers

Approval of May Minutes: Secretary Amanda Savitt (as printed)

Financial Report: Finance Officer Liz Cambron (as printed)

Continuing Business:

Book Sale

New Business:

Strategic Plan

Membership: Kathleen Nelson (MN)

Public Policy: Sandy Sidler

Fundraising: Liz Cambron - Wonder

Pay Equity: Evelyn Quigley

Announcements:

Book Club, Sara Lindberg

Adjourn.



AAUW Affiliate Meeting Minutes October 9th, 2017

Present: 16 members, guests, speaker

President Alexa Ducioame welcomed all and thanked volunteers for the Jeremiah Program and Take Back the Night.

The minutes of the September meeting were approved.

Liz Cambron distributed the Treasurer's report showing a beginning balance of \$921 and an ending balance of \$562. Liz mentioned that there are silent auction items and bookmarks available for purchase.

As Book Sale Chair, Liz Cambron discussed the book sale. Volunteers are needed for the book sale and for book sorting. Bringing family members to help is also encouraged. If members cannot volunteer, they are encouraged to donate. Advertising for the sale has been done. Volunteers are also needed for clean-up following the book sale. If members want copies of flyers or posters to distribute, they can email Noell Reinhiller. Members were encouraged to 'share' the event on Facebook. Liz also described the items available in the silent auction.

Liz also presented a membership update. The branch got several new members and renewals last month, and Liz encouraged members to bring friends to meetings or to introduce them to the organization.

Public Policy Chair Sandy Sidler highlighted Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the House passage of a 20-week abortion ban, and the Supreme Court hearing a gerrymandering case. Illinois has made abortion available to all women, regardless of income or insurance. The governor of Rhode Island signed a bill guaranteeing employees of companies with more than ten employees four sick days per year. There is continued attention from AAUW on DACA.

Pay Equity Task Force chair Evelyn Quigley was not present, but Alexa presented updates on their work in her absence. MSUM is working on becoming a college and university partner. The branch is working with NDSU and Concordia to improve connections with the higher education community. A relationship with the North Dakota Women's Network is being developed, but a formal relationship is on hold until a new executive director is appointed. The task force is seeking to conduct a workshop for pay equity when funding is available.

Book Club chair Sara Lindberg informed the meeting that the next book club book is Sisters in Law by Linda Hirshman. Book club will take place the last Monday of the month. The book is about Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg.

The meeting was adjourned.

The program

Hilda Koster is a religion and environmental scholar from the Netherlands. She offered her reflections both as a writer and as a scholar of climate and ethics. Hilda does not consider herself a writer, but takes great pleasure in her scholarly writing.

Hilda's most recent book is called *Planetary Solidarity*. In it, she sought to bring women theologians and ethicists on issues of climate, justice and gender. The authors have differential access to the English speaking market and she takes pride in giving them greater access.

Hilda contends that to find our voices as academics and scholars, we must be feminists. She described the work of Kate Millet, and discussed its relevance to modern circumstances. Millet introduced the idea of patriarchy as a political structure, and politicized previously non-political spaces. Feminism has become more sophisticated, but in the Trump era, misogyny and sexism have become mainstream, and Millet's work is relevant again.

Today, misogyny and public harassment are typically directed at professional women who articulate a voice, a phenomenon aided by the internet. Nearly half of a poll of women experienced harassment online, and a greater proportion of young women experienced this harassment. There have been serious psychological and developmental effects on women as a result of this harassment. Hilda posited that this harassment is an attempt to "put women in their place."

Hilda is personally concerned about the women she teaches and her daughter, and the effects that online policing of women's speech has on young women's willingness to have a voice.

Hilda emphasized that this concern should be expressed, not as a limit on free speech, but as a change on norms. She teaches her students that feminism is a much needed perspective, and articulates a vision of a society in which everyone can flourish.

Hilda discussed her experiences in academia and in the study of theology, and how these experiences influenced her as a feminist at length. She also discussed the relationship between environmental issues and women's issues in the United States and around the world. Hilda also answered questions from the audience about her writing and her book.

Amanda Savitt
Secretary



AAUW Minnesota News

As a result of ongoing efforts to increase our membership and with great assistance from one of our newest members, Magda Chalikia, MSU-Moorhead has joined us as a new College/University partner! MSUM joins Concordia College and NDSU who are also C/U partners. We hope that these partnerships will increase our contact with faculty and students in our community.

Students attending C/U partner universities qualify to join AAUW as E-student affiliates, which includes a free membership to AAUW national, electronic access Campus Connections, Outlook and AAUW research reports. Students are also welcomed to attend our local programs. If you know a student attending one of these institutions, encourage them to investigate this opportunity.

<https://www.aauw.org/membership/college-university-partner/for-students/>

The presenter at our September program, Debra Fitzpatrick, sent a message that one of her projects on November 18th in Bismarck, **The Infinity Project** so co-sponsoring a training for women who aspire to serve on the bench. Below is the link for more information.

<https://judicialserviceprogram.eventbrite.com>





Meet an AAUW F-M Member



Liz Cambron

Lizzette Cambron of Fargo has a BS degree in Health Science/Pre-Med from Aurora University, Aurora, IL. She is currently a Graduate Research Fellow for the National Science Foundation at NDSU pursuing her Ph.D.

Her hobbies and pastimes range from spending time with her dog, reading, drawing, and painting to hiking and running.

Liz has been an AAUW member for four years and has held many leadership positions in the Fargo Branch. She has been responsible for attracting younger members through NDSU, chairing the book sale, writing and disseminating the monthly newsletter, and filling the Treasurer's job, among other roles. The major issues she'd like AAUW to focus on are to help the next generations by sharing and teaching skills such as salary negotiation; by being mentors, and by advocating for younger women. She likes to bring new ideas to the branch and to find ways to make the branch more visible in the community. "Our branch does amazing work and I want everyone to see that!"

Liz offers as the best book she's read this year *When God Winks at You* by Squire Rushnell, a collection of short stories that are used as examples of how God works in our everyday lives. She credits the book with helping her through some difficult times.

Amanda Savitt

Amanda Savitt of Fargo did her undergraduate work in economics and environmental studies at Carleton College, Northfield, MN, and is currently a doctoral student at NDSU in emergency management. Amanda worked for two years as an investigative assistant at the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, D.C, and is currently employed at NDSU as a research assistant.

In her free time Amanda likes to cook and read, and she kick boxes several times a week. She and her sister have a weekly podcast.

Having joined AAUW about a year ago, Amanda is already serving as secretary for the branch and she also hopes to be involved in recruitment and finding opportunities for the branch to engage in community activities. She believes AAUW's current focus on pay equity, especially for women of color, is extremely important and timely.

Amanda recommends *Autumn* by Ali Smith as the best book she's read this year, saying, "It's a novel about post-Brexit Britain, incredibly poignant and moving, and feels tremendously relevant for the political moment we're currently in."

Fundraising Committee Update

New this year is our fundraising committee! Our mission for this year is “to raise funds for local scholarships, educational programs, and outreach”. We are opened to ideas and would love to have more people join us! Contact Liz Cambron for more information, liz.cambron@ndsu.edu.



\$1 from every ticket to WONDER sold through 11/19 will go to the FM AAUW branch

Join FM AAUW members & their families
Thursday, November 16th 7:00 PM, West Acres Theater

*Tickets MUST be purchased online through the link provided.

*Tickets are normal price; no additional cost to you

*ANY tickets bought through the link count. Even for showtimes on future dates or in different cities!

*You can also purchase tickets at our meeting 11/13.

Use this link to purchase tickets:

<https://www.fandango.com/wonder-199146/movie-overview?a=13034&cmp=13034%3Awonder00235>

Share our fundraiser on Facebook!

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1950035285246811/>

Used Book Sale Task Force Update

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 59th annual used book sale a success! This year's sale made a profit total of \$3009.62. Money distribution is as follows: National (50%) \$1504.81; branch (10%) \$300.96, local scholarships (20%) \$601.92/each. We made an increase this year compared to last year's sale of overall \$622.33. We were able to increase our contribution to the Dorothy Dodds and Grace Hudson scholarships by \$124.27! Both WDAY and Valley News Live came to the sale for a feature on their evening news. This year we had 23 members volunteer overall, but we always ask all our members to volunteer their time. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it's only possible with the help of members. I'm sad to say I will not be able to chair next year's sale but these past 3 years as chair have been amazing. All the work that goes into this fundraiser pays off with not only the money we raise but with the chance to show the community what the Fargo-Moorhead AAUW branch does!

Thank you to the members and friends who volunteered, donated books, and even purchased books!



From the AAUW Archives

In 1924 the International Study Group was formed, with the public invited to lectures. Later this group evolved into the Fargo-Moorhead Open Forum.

In 1931-32 the Branch sponsored a lecture course for the community which included Major General Smedley Butler speaking on “Blowing the Lid Off Crime,” Jehan Waliker on “India and Her World Relations,” and Captain C.W.R. Knight, “Filming the Golden Eagle,” in which a live eagle flew over the audience at matinee and evening performances!

In 1933 the Branch selected movies suitable for children at the Fargo Theater Saturday mornings. Admission was 5 cents.

Announcements

AAUW Book Club 2017-18

**All meetings are held at 7 p.m. at the Moorhead Public Library
Books will be available for purchase at a discount at Zandbroz, downtown Fargo**

November 27	Book: Lab Girl, Hope Jahren Leader: Noell Reinhiller	March 26	Book: Hidden Figures, Margot Lee Shetterly Leader: Sandy Sidler
January 22	Book: Soldier Girls, Helen Thorpe Leader: Sara Lindberg	April 29	Book: My Life on the Road, Gloria Steinem Leader: Sibyl Olson
February 26	Book: LaRose, Louise Erdrich Leader: Verlaine Gullickson	May 21 Book Selection for next year	

Meet an F-M Member

To get to know our members better, we are excited to highlight our branch members in every newsletter!

Please contact Sara Lindberg to provide your info!
orchella@msn.com

Want to get involved?

The Fargo-Moorhead branch is currently looking to fill the president-elect position and 2nd membership chair. For more information please contact any board member or email farmoor.aauw@gmail.com

F-M AAUW 2017-18 Programs & Dates to Remember

NOVEMBER

Being at Home in the World: Cross-Cultural Leadership Lessons to Guide your Journey

Laetitia Mizero

DECEMBER

Multifaceted Approaches to Breaking Generational Cycles of Poverty

Cody Schuler & Diane Solinger

JANUARY BRUNCH

Crucial Conversations for Effective Leadership

Lonnie Pederson

FEBRUARY

Falling in Love with Math and Science: Women in STEM

Dr. Jane Schuh & Betty Gronneberg

MARCH

Title IX, assault, harassment and discrimination

Jennifer Cook, ACLU & Title IX representative from MSUM

APRIL

Equal Pay Day

Hosted by AAUW Pay Equity Committee

MAY

Annual Potluck Meeting

The public is welcome to attend our meetings. The format is 5-6 p.m. Social Hour; 6-6:45 p.m. Dinner; 6:45-7:15 Business Meeting; 7:15-8 p.m. Program



Interested in joining or have an announcement
for the newsletter? Contact us!

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Amanda Savitt
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Kathleen Nelson
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Liz Cambron
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