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**Fargo-Moorhead (F-M) Affiliate**

May 2020

## American Association of University Women

Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

### President's Comments

Hello!

I hope you are all staying safe and healthy. I'm looking forward to seeing your faces again when we hold a zoom video conference for our annual meeting on Monday, May 11. We'll open with a social from 5:00 to 5:30 PM to chat, then have our business meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. If you can't call in with video, you can also call in on your phone. If you haven't used Zoom before, I'd recommend you try logging in a little early.

This is my last year as president, and I want to thank you all for your hard work. We got a lot done this year. We advocated for women at Take Back the Night rallies on MSUM and NDSU campuses in the fall and at the Women's March in March, where we sold pussyhats to raise money. Thank you to our expert knitters, Kathleen Nelson and Deb Nelson, for leading the charge. We also raised money for scholarships at our 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Used Book Sale led by Alice Christianson. We held our 4<sup>th</sup> annual BrainSTEM outreach event at Concordia this year for Ben Franklin's 7<sup>th</sup> graders. We learned from some phenomenal speakers this year on topics of Reproductive Rights in America; Women and Climate Change; Women and Politics; and Human Trafficking.

We postponed a few of our spring events, but it will still be a while before a vaccine is available for COVID-19. Next year is going to have to look different, but I know that our new president, Amanda Savitt, is up for that challenge. We want your feedback and ideas on the program planning committee this summer as we figure out the best way for us to stay connected and engaged in the community. This pandemic has highlighted some of the gender inequities in our country and there's more work to be done. I'm looking forward to seeing what we accomplish next year.



**Alexa Ducioame**

President

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### F-M AAUW Book Club 2020

During this uncertain time, we have canceled the May book club meeting.

The tentative plan is to carry over the two remaining books, *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro and *The Library Book* by Susan Orlean, to the fall for discussion.

If conditions permit, we’ll meet this summer to choose books for the rest of the 2020-2021 schedule. You’ll be notified via email.

Keep reading; it’s the perfect self-isolation activity!

# F-M AAUW Affiliate

## Annual Membership Meeting Agenda

<https://cord.zoom.us/j/97711902160>

Call (312) 626-6799 | Meeting ID: 977 1190 2160

*AAUW Mission Statement: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

**Call to Order and Welcome:** President Alexa Ducioame

**Approval of Agenda** (additions, deletions, changes)

**President's Comments:** Thank you and COVID-19 update

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

**Financial Report:** Finance Officer Deborah Nelson (as printed)

Annual Budget

**Continuing Business:**

- Recap of projects from the year
  - Book Sale
  - BrainSTEM
  - Pussyhats
  - Salary Negotiation
- ND and MN Convention recaps

**New Business:**

- Elections
  - Secretary, Finance, Membership
- Chairs/Committees
  - Webmaster/Social Media
  - Program planning
  - Membership?
  - Book Sale/Fundraising?

**Membership:**

Kathleen Nelson and Bethany Reinhardt

Membership Folders – Alexa

**Public Policy:** Sandy Sidler

**Bylaws:** Verlaine Gullickson

**Pay Equity:** Evelyn Quigley

**Announcements:**

**Adjournment**

# F-M AAUW Branch Financial Report

March 2020

Submitted by Deborah Nelson April 30, 2020

<b>BEGINNING BALANCE:</b>		<b>\$9,797.21</b>
<b>INCOME:</b>		
Donations for Dick Nelson Memorial	\$125.00	
Pink hat sales	\$320.00	
<b>TOTAL INCOME:</b>	<b>\$445.00</b>	
<b>EXPENSES:</b>		
Expenses convention planning	\$20.00	
Expenses for Pink Hat sales	\$50.00	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES:</b>	<b>\$70.00</b>	
<b>ENDING BALANCE:</b>		<b>\$10, 172.21</b>
Minus Booksale	\$1,980.00	
Minus BrainSTEM	\$4,559.00	
	<b>Available funds</b>	<b>\$3,633.21</b>

# FM AAUW 2020/2021 Proposed Budget

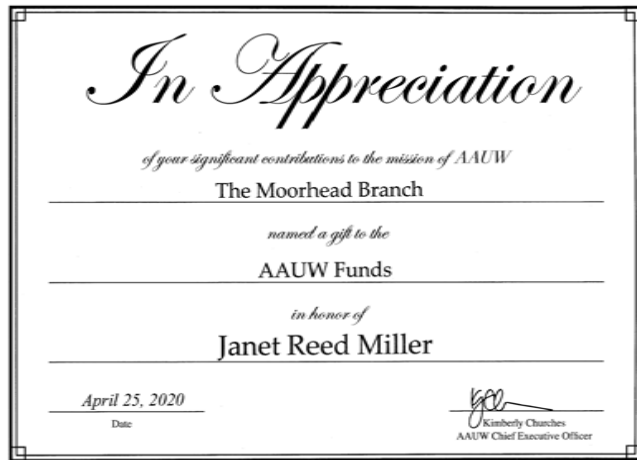
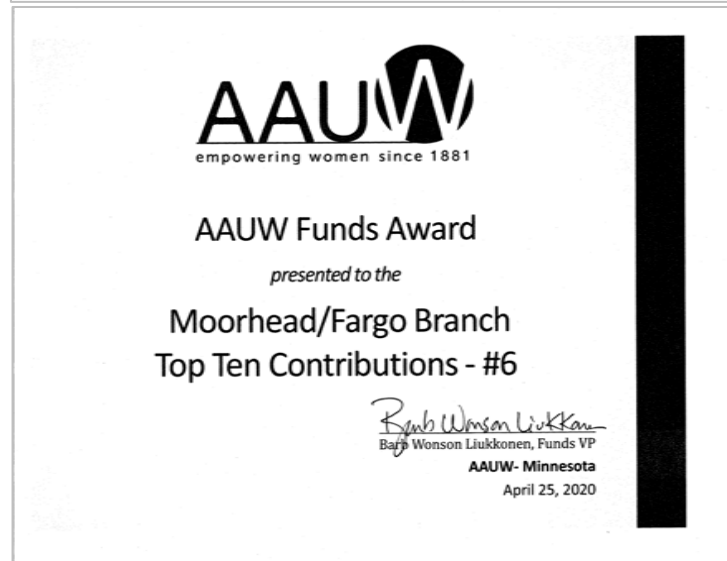
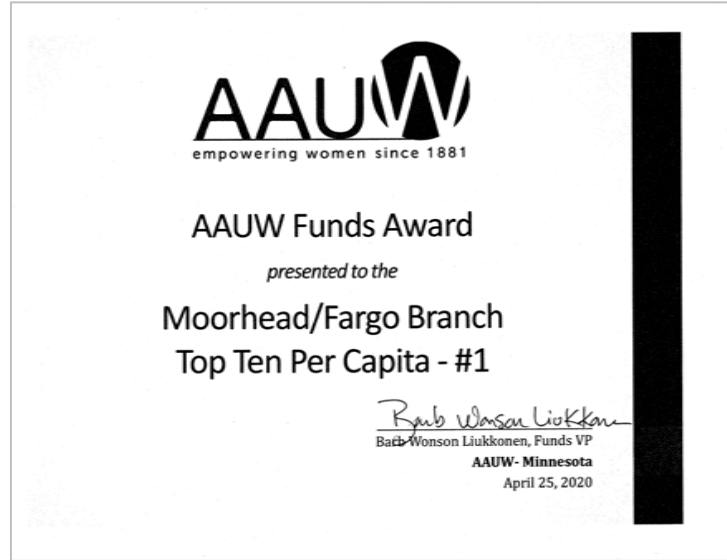
	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020 proposed	2019-2020 Actual	2020/21 Proposed
Cash on Hand April			\$376	\$868	\$842	\$876
Income:						
Book Sale Total	\$2,480	\$2,400	\$3,000	\$2,000	\$2,430	\$0
Membership Dues	\$559	\$494	\$520	\$579	\$416	\$400
Inkind				\$200		
January Brunch	\$60	\$0		\$500	\$570	\$600
Donations/Memorials				\$100	\$367	\$500
Brain Stem Donations/Grants					\$9,750	
Pink Hat Sales					\$320	\$300
Grants						
Grant for Work Smart/Start Smart						\$1,500
Art Show	\$122	\$50				
Total Income	\$3,221	\$2,944	\$3,896	\$4,247	\$14,695	\$4,176
Expenses:						
Book Sale Distribution				\$2,000		
Dorothy Dodds Scholarship			\$600		\$600	
Grace Hudson Scholarship			\$600		\$600	
Scholarship to Concordia					\$600	
National Education			\$1,500		\$380	
New Leadership Institute Donation	\$300	\$500	\$500		\$500	Carry over from 2020
Expanding Your Horizons donation						\$150
Misc Donations		\$250	\$250			
Operating Expenses						
Newsletter		\$0		\$50		\$25
Post Office Rental	\$60	\$60	\$64	\$70	\$80	\$90
Postage/printing	\$100	\$20	\$20	\$50	\$45	\$100
Quicken software				\$60		\$50
Miscellaneous	\$250	\$50	\$50	\$150		
Program Expenses						
Honorarium				\$100		
Catering for Jan Brunch				\$450	\$271	\$450
Speaker meals	\$140	\$100	\$120	\$0		
Event Insurance		\$185	\$185	\$185	\$190	\$190
Table for Woman's March					\$50	\$50
Convention Planning					\$20	
Brain Stem Expenses					\$5,191	
Supplies for Table Events						\$200
Work Smart/Start Smart Program						\$2,000
Get out the Vote						\$100
Book Sale Expenses				\$100		
State Fees						
ND	\$30	\$30	\$30	\$50		\$50
ND Summer mtg	\$25	\$25	\$25			
MN Silent Auction				\$50		\$50
Total Expenses	\$905	\$1,220	\$3,944	\$3,315	\$7,927	\$3,505
Dedicated Accounts for 2020/2021						
BrainSTEM					\$4,559	
Start SMART/ Work SMART Grant					\$1,500	
Balance	\$2,316	\$1,724	-\$48	\$932	\$709	\$671

## Minnesota News

Minnesota AAUW did not hold an annual convention this year. On April 25<sup>th</sup>, the AAUW MN board meet electronically. Deb Nelson and Kathleen Nelson were appointed as delegates to vote for new board members for Minnesota. The biographies of the candidates were available in the April edition of the Minnesota Pine which is available online. [The Pine April 2020](#).

Also contained in the April Pine are annual reports from each current board member which includes their accomplishments and future goals, a detailed budget for upcoming year and detailed financial statement. Other reports that are often just available in print in the convention booklet are also available through the Pine. Members are encouraged to take a look at what is happening in Minnesota.

The web address for the Pine is <https://www.smores.com/7xk8h-ballot-information?ref=email>



## Membership News

It is time to renew your membership for the 2020-21 year. During the month of April members should have received an email with a link to renew your membership. Please contact [Deb Nelson](#) if you did not get the email or cannot locate it. Our current membership is 33. You should mail your dues to Deb at 2914 30th St S, Moorhead, MN 56560.

## From the AAUW Archives



Gisela Konopka was born in Berlin in 1910. She graduated from Hamburg University in 1933, the year of the National Socialists' takeover in Germany. The Nazis withdrew her German citizenship and banned her from teaching. She spent time in the Fuhlsbuttel concentration camp; after her release she fled to Austria, then France, and finally the United States.

Konopka specialized in social group work. In 1947 she joined the faculty of the School of Social Work at the University of Minnesota. She published widely and traveled extensively, serving as a consultant on youth, delinquency, child welfare and mental health issues. She earned her Doctorate of Social Work from Columbia University in 1957.

*The Adolescent Girl in Conflict*, published in 1966 is Konopka's best known book. It was discussed by the Fargo

AAUW Book Club in 1978! Gisela Konopka received the AAUW Achievement Award in 1977. She died in 2003 in Minneapolis.

## Program Overview and Dates to Remember

### FM AAUW 2020

Location and Time Details on our website calendar or Facebook events

<b>May</b>	<b>1-2</b>	ND AAUW Annual Convention – Theme: 100 years of Women's Suffrage – Time and method of communication TBD
	<b>18</b>	Book Club: book selection for next year – Postponed – date TBD
<b>June</b>	<b>4</b>	Moms Equal Pay Day
<b>August</b>	<b>13</b>	Black women's Equal Pay Day
<b>October</b>	<b>1</b>	Native women's Equal Pay Day
	<b>29</b>	Latinas' Equal Pay Day

Purple = Board (open to all)

Green = Book club

Blue = speaker (learn & plan)

Red = Action

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

**F-M AAUW ELECTED OFFICERS**



Alexa Ducioame

President



Susan Helgeland

Immediate Past  
President



Amanda Savitt

President-elect



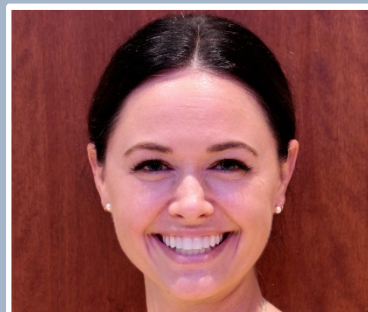
Deborah Nelson

Finance Officer



Kathleen Nelson

MN Membership



Bethany Reinhardt

ND Membership

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