



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



AAUW Presidents' Message ~ January 2016

Secretary's Report

FARIBAULT AAUW BOARD AND BRANCH MEETING MINUTES MARCH 28, 2016



The board meeting minute was held in District One Hospital cafeteria, beginning at 5:30, followed by the branch meeting in one of the classrooms, beginning at 6:30.

President Karen Rasmussen called both meetings to order. She greeted those in attendance. The February secretary's and treasurer's reports were printed in the February newsletter. Pat Rice made a motion that the secretary's report be approved as printed. May Bottke seconded the motion. The motion carried. The treasurer's report was accepted, subject to audit, with the motion made by Pauline Schreiber, and seconded by Mary Lillquist. Julie Olson, treasurer, has been working with the national office on trying to clarify who among our members are qualified for 50 year memberships. According to our records, the following branch members either are or are soon to become 50 year members: Betty Harmsen, Julie Olson, Shirley Norgaard, and Carol Quail. Pat Rice is also trying to get the national office to correct a \$2000 contribution as it came from our branch rather than her personally.

Kathy Larson reported on membership, sharing that May Bottke has referred Kris Raaen to join. Kathy also has leads on two other possible new members. New members can join for

\$43.50 in national, state and local dues, as can past members who have been out for more than two years.

Pauline Schreiber reported on upcoming programs. Our Tri-Branch Lunch will serve as our April meeting. Our May program will be the annual potluck picnic, to be held at the home of Diane Hagen, and hosted by Diane, Pauline Schreiber, and Pat Rice. Many of our members enjoyed a play, *Watermelon Hill*, at the Minnesota History Theatre on March 20th.

Karen Rasmussen opened her home to viewings of the British movie, "Suffragette", this past month. It is so easy to forget the sacrifices made by other women, so that we may enjoy a better, more equal life and the right to vote.

Pat Rice gave an update on our upcoming book sale, which is to be held in the former Radioshack store in the West Mall, April 21st through 26th. The committee met on March 11th. Pat Rice, Kathy Larson and Karen Rasmussen will be interviewed on KDHL, March 30th, at 9:30 a.m. Moving books from the Congo to the West Mall will be April 9th, at 2:00. Vans or trucks will be provided by: Karen Rasmussen, Kathy Larson, Dorothy Joy and Gloria Carter. Approximately 15 members of the National Honor Society will help transfer, sort, and return books. The public may begin dropping off books at the mall beginning April 11th. Sorting of books will be April 18th - 20th. Dorothy Joy continues to develop the member work schedule for the sale. The sign-up sheet was routed at tonight's meeting. Pat Rice will contact LeRoy Rockman to ask if he is willing to repair some of our book shelves.

Pat Fuchs has secured the same company as last year, Dick's Sanitation, to recycle books at the same price. We do not need to remove covers. Pat has received a request from Gary and Heather Robbins for the opportunity to go through newer textbooks a few days prior to the sale. They will give a good price. Pat will respond affirmatively to this request. Other buyers have requested information. Ruth Hildebrandt has sent emails to prospective buyers. We will also need to pick up 10 to 12 boxes of donated books from Jerry Friesen. We will also try to advertise through local media outlets: KDHL, Faribault Daily News, and the local television station. The Daily News has already carried an article. Julie Olson, treasurer, will work out a system for transferring funds from the last shift of each sale day to the first shift members of the following day. Pat Rice will contact Julie, and also review the price list for books. We will again have an \$8 bag sale Sunday through Tuesday of the sale..

Book sale committee members continue to work on publicity. Gloria Olson has printed standard and mini-flyers. Gloria has also made up a sample book mark. Gloria, Karen Rasmussen and Cyndy Harrison's husband will print them. Members took flyers tonight to distribute to various businesses, organizations, and individuals.

Maren Grunnet applied for and received approval of a donation of \$250 from Thrivent to be used for promoting education with our fund raising. This money will, among other things, go to the purchase of 150 children's string backpacks to be distributed at the Kids' Karnival at the book sale. The cost for the bags is approximately \$186.50. If a child purchases \$2 worth of books they will receive a free bag. We will need to keep track of how much we make on books through this project. Kathy Larson will need some funds to purchase trinkets for the Fish Pond at the Kids' Karnival. She can use \$63 of the money if it is not needed for printing flyers. We hope to have signs giving credit to Thrivent for its donation, such as "Thrivent Supports Reading."

Betty Harmsen reported on the work she and Barb Dubbels have done on the Tri-Branch Luncheon to be held April 16th, at 11:30 at The Inn. The cost is \$20 and must be paid by April 9th. A sign-up sheet was routed tonight. If you sign up, you must pay. Feel free to invite guests. The speaker is Faye Leach, historian for the Minnesota Daughters of the American Revolution. Faye has written a book about monuments and markers in Minnesota. She will highlight those in this region of the state. One door prize will be given. Those who are interested may take a small tour of Shattuck following the presentation.

If you are interested in purchasing a booklet of the member cameos that have been printed in our newsletter, please sign up tonight or contact Karen Rasmussen. Cost will hopefully be around \$5 per booklet.

Book club this coming month will focus on members' favorite poetry. All are welcome to attend. It will be in the home of Barb Dubbels beginning at 6:30 pm.

Kathy Kasten thanked the writers of Faribault Daily News articles about famous Minnesota women in honor of Women's History Month. We will again donate a book or DVD to the library, possibly a book about our local World War II WASP, Liz Strohfus, who recently passed, or possibly the Faye Leach book, or a new Women's Press book.

Gloria Olson suggested that our branch support changing the name of the Faribault Airport to a name honoring Liz Strohfus. Gloria Olson made a motion that we pursue contacting appropriate persons to rename the airport in honor of Liz Strohfus. Pat Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried. The following will assist Gloria in pursuing the name change: Betty Harmsen, Kathy Larson, Cyndy Harrison and Pat Rice. Colleen Rolling suggested we could possibly use Go Fund Me if needed. Cyndy Harrison suggested involving legislators.

The state convention is April 29th through May 1st in Duluth. The following are planning to attend: Pat Rice, Funds Chair; Karen Rasmussen, President; Pat Fuchs, Co-president; Kathy Larson, Membership Chair; Mary Lillquist, Programs; Cyndy Harrison; Rene' Perrance, Diversity Chair; and Colleen Rolling. The first four will be delegates and the last four will be alternates. Attendees stayed after the meeting to pay the registration fee of \$130/per attendee and complete applications which are to be in by March 31st. Two rooms have been reserved at \$271+/per room for the 2 nights needed. Each room holds four. Pat Rice is accepting donation of items for the silent auction baskets to raise funds for AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund at the convention.

Karen Rasmussen shared that our branch will be hosting the 2018 State AAUW Convention. Pauline Schreiber and committee are doing preliminary planning.

We will be providing two scholarships of \$1500 each. Applications are due May 1st, and are to be sent to Karen Rasmussen. Criteria has been advertised. The SCC recipients will be chosen by past and current branch presidents, and applications will be read April 5th at 3 pm. Karen Rasmussen and Pat Fuchs will go to a luncheon to meet the recipients and present the scholarships on April 25th.

Betty Harmsen, Pat Umbreit, and possibly Mary Osborne will be presenting the Sportswoman of the Year Award to the outstanding high school senior girl in athletics and academics on behalf of our branch. This award is given in our name and no money is involved.

A signup sheet was routed for those who wish to attend a presentation on sex trafficking, to be held in Rochester Wednesday, April 27th, from 6:30 to 8:30 pm. Rene' Perrance is coordinating the trip. Ruth Ann Marsh is driving.

Karen Rasmussen asked for volunteers for office for the coming year, especially for co-president. Colleen Rolling volunteered to work on Programs with Mary Lillquist. Pauline Schreiber volunteered to be Public Policy Vice President and Rene` Perrance will continue to be Diversity Vice President. Please consider serving. (Cyndy Harrison has since volunteered to be co-president. We still need someone to work with Kathy Larson on Membership and if someone would like to help Pat Rice with AAUW Funds. Ruth Hildebrandt has one year left on her 2-year term and Julie Olson has agreed to continue as Treasurer.)

Colleen Rolling asked if there is an AAUW Tour of Tables this year. No, not this year, but she may contact Ardy Murphy if she is interested.

Pat Rice shared information about the Hospital Auxiliary jewelry and accessories sale, April 11th and 12th, at the Knights of Columbus

A motion to adjourn was offered by Kathy Larson, seconded by Gloria Olson. Motion carried.

Submitted by: Gloria Carter, substitute secretary

Program Committee

May Meeting:



Spring Potluck Picnic: Monday May 23,



Treasurer's Report:

March financial info: Checking \$519.88, Savings \$5184.91.

Heads up! Dues can be paid now for the 2016-7 fiscal year. They are as follows: full member \$68.00; new member (not a member for at least two years); \$43.50; life member (national dues paid) \$19.00; honorary life member (50 years paid) \$00.00. There are also student rates available. Because of our great membership efforts this last year we are entitled to five free national dues. A drawing will be held, probably at the May meeting, to determine the lucky winners of these freebies. If you have already paid your dues by that time, you will receive a refund of \$49.

Membership Committee



We **WELCOME** Kris Raaen, our newest Faribault Branch **AAUW MEMBER!**

Kris was invited by May Bottke to join our active organization, to experience our camaraderie and support our mission to advance equity for women and girls.

Kris, a musically talented lady, teaches music and is involved in various music group events in our community!! We are so happy Kris has joined our Faribault Branch. Like the song says "Getting to Know You" will be a pleasure!!

Remember that our **SPECIAL ON MEMBERSHIP DUES - ONLY \$43.50 - FOR 2016-17 FOR NEW MEMBERS- ALSO APPLIES TO FORMER AAUW MEMBERS WHO HAVEN'T BELONGED TO AAUW FOR 2 OR MORE YEARS!!**

SO IF YOU KNOW OF Any PAST MEMBERS WHO WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US AGAIN, JUST TELL THEM ABOUT OUR SPECIAL \$43.50 DUES OFFER!

**FOR MORE MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION CALL:
KAREN KITTLESEN (334-49000 or KATHY LARSON (332-2525)
MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENTS**



Book Sale

For those who haven't yet signed up to work at the book sale, we still need help at the following times:

Thursday, April 22. 2:45 - 5:30, and 5:30 – 8:00

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Sunday, April 24, 2:30 - 5:00

Tuesday, April 26 Any two hour time between 3:00 and 7:00.

In addition we need help with clean up Wednesday morning, April 27th.

Please contact Dorothy Joy at
333-5775 or sdjoysteve@gmail.com to sign up.

Book Club

The book club met on March 15 at the Market Grille to discuss *I Am Malala*, written by Malala Yousafzai and British journalist Christina Lamb. Everyone appreciated Malala's gift for storytelling, her bravery, and the hope she represents for young women. Some members also liked the complex political history of Pakistan that served as background for Malala's story. Our book conversation was brief due to the presence of our special guest, Abdi Ibrahim, who shared her own story of a young Muslim woman seeking an education and a better life in America.



The April 19 meeting returns to Barb Dubbel's home, 2414 Cardinal Drive, at 6:30 PM. **This is National Poetry Month and we will be sharing favorite poems and poets.** A good month for newcomers -- no book to read -- bring something to share or just come and listen! Submitted by Gloria O.

Future Selections:

May: *Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania* by Erik Larson

June: *Elephant Company: The Inspiring Story of an Unlikely Hero and the Animals Who Helped Him Save Lives in WW II* by Vicki Croke

July: *Out of Mind* by Sharon Draper

Calendar of Events:



There are plenty of opportunities to socialize, work on the mission and/or have some ownership of a project or activity to involve **all** of our members in one way or another: Look over the calendar and dates and see what will work for you:

Sat Apr 16 – Tri-Branch Luncheon at The Lodge

Tue Apr 19 – Book Club

Thu Apr 21- Tue Apr 26 Book Sale at Faribo West Mall

Sat Apr 23 – Kids' Karnival at Book Sale

Wed Apr 27 – Packing up books/disposal/moving to storage

Thu Apr 29 – Sun May 1 – State Convention in Duluth

Spring – Highway Cleanup

Mon May 16 – Annual Picnic/Elect Officers/Pay Dues; Time and Place to be Determined

Tue May 17 – Book Club