



Faribault Branch Communiqué

"AAUW's mission is to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

September 2023



Presidents' Message

Welcome back to another AAUW year as we continue our mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy and education.

We hope everyone had a relaxing summer and that all are ready to share new ideas and talents for us to have another successful year.

September 25, is our first meeting and new this year we are meeting at **2:00 p.m.**

Meetings will continue to be at the **Rice County Historical Museum**. The program will follow meetings.

We have important topics to discuss. Our annual **Halloween Breakfast October 29**, at the American Legion Club will be on the agenda. This is a big fund raiser so please be ready to help.

The beginning of a new year is a great time to bring a friend or a prospective member to our programs. Please continue to help build our membership. Contact Kathy Larson, Membership Chairperson.

See you all on **Monday, September 25, AAUW Meeting**. It will be great to be back together and see everyone.

Co- Presidents: Carmen Tripp & Mary Niermann



Secretary's Report

Aug. 7, 2023 Minutes of Board Planning Meeting

The Faribault AAUW Board met 10 a.m. Monday, Aug. 7 in Buckham Memorial Library's GreatHall. It was a meeting to plan the 2023-2024 budget and activities for the program year. Lead AAUW Co-President Carmen Tripp convened the planning session. Mary Niermann has agreed to assist Carmen by being co-president, and was at the meeting. Also present were: KathyLarson, membership V.P.; Liz

Hartman, AAUW Funds V.P.; Karen Rasmussen, co-membership V.P. and Scholarship Committee chair; Pauline Schreiber, secretary and program V.P.; and Past-President Pat Rice.

The group's first task was to go over the line items in the budget and to create a 2023-2024 budget to be voted on at the September branch meeting. JoEllen Schultz, treasurer, provided Carmen with a copy of the last two program year budgets to help in the process. JoEllen was unable to be at the August 7 meeting.

Carmen announced that Karen Ramussen is also now listed as a finance officer along with JoEllen Schulz. This enables Karen to submit membership dues and other financial information and to assist Kathy Larson with membership and JoEllen with her duties.

Pauline will be program V.P. in addition to serving as secretary. She agreed to that because there is a Program Committee whose members will help plan programs and contact potential speakers. Those on the committee with Schreiber are: Barb Dubbels, Betty Hamsen, Liz Hartman, Julie Olson and Gloria Olson.

Carmen indicated that we will need to vote on the 2023-2024 officers at the September meeting. Diane Hagen will continue as diversity V.P. She hoped that co-public policy V.P.s, Sue Willcutt and Sue Stout, will continue in that role.

Other highlights of the meeting:

* Membership booklet: It was discussed how to best update the members' information.

Carmen will contact Pat Umbreit, Year Book editor, as to when she needs information for the booklet.

* Halloween Breakfast: Again, Karen Rasmussen and Kathy Larson will co-chair the event which will be on Sunday, Oct. 29 at the American Legion. A sign-up sheet for members who would like to help with the fundraiser will be passed around at the September meeting. After much discussion, it was decided tickets will be \$15 in advance and \$17 at the door, while childrens' tickets will remain at \$6.

* Book sale. Pauline reported that she spoke to Pat Raftery, a member of the Friends of the Library, who had asked her during the May book sale if AAUW would be interested in partnering with the Friends of the Library, providing we decide to undertake a used book sale. Pat Raftery said the group's board had discussed having their own sale, but decided they would not have enough volunteers to organize and conduct one.

Although at the May branch business meeting members had agreed they could no longer do a book sale on their own, no formal vote was taken. Pauline suggested it be discussed again at the September meeting and a formal vote taken of the membership to decide the issue.

Carmen presented a letter from the Faribault Foundation she has received asking whether AAUW would participate in a new venture. A special board of women is being formed. Each member of the board would donate \$1,000 to the Foundation and then qualify to be a member of the board and help decide how the donated money is distributed to help organizations in the community. Members liked the idea that the new board would help women's' causes. However, Karen Rasmussen brought up the fact that AAUW By-Laws prohibit branches from donating to other non-profits. When asked in the past

to fund non-profit causes the hat has been passed. Carmen will bring it up at the September branch business meeting, but it is likely Faribault AAUW could not be represented on the board by donating \$1,000 to the Foundation's new board.

* It is Faribault AAUW's turn to host the Tri-Branch luncheon. We last did it in 2019 when the Buckham West expansion was new. Our member, Isabell O'Connor, provided a storytelling program for the event. It was catered by Arna Farmer and the Senior Center dining room was used for the meal. The Buckham West Commons area was used for the program. Barb Dubbels agreed to chair a Tri-Branch Luncheon Committee. Betty Harmsen, Julie Olson and Pauline Schreiber will be on the committee and at the September meeting other members interested in helping can sign up. The AAUW Board selected Saturday, April 20, 2024 as the day for the luncheon. The committee will determine the location, food and program. Our Branch Program for April will be the Tri-Branch Luncheon and no other meeting.

* Since many members do not like to drive at night, it was decided to try meetings on the fourth Monday of the month in the afternoon. The board meeting will be at 1:30 p.m.; the branch business meeting at 2 p.m. and the program at 2:30 p.m.

Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber



Treasurer's Report

We have a balance of \$11,722.38. .

Submitted by JoEllen Schulz



Social Time

Hi AAUW Sisters,
Let's meet this coming Saturday, September 17th, at 10:30 at Perkins. I've made reservations for the back room ("library") and hope to see you there. *Sue Olson*



Membership

Welcome Back Ladies :)

September gives us an opportunity to meet together and share ideas for this year!

Please think of inviting someone to our September 25th, Monday meeting. With a new afternoon meeting time at 2:00 pm, maybe more ladies can join us.

We happily welcome Gail Kaderlik, as a new member to our A.A.U.W. Faribault Branch. Gail has been an active member of the Faribault community. You might have seen her on stage at the Paradise in some local productions and participating in other community events. Gail is a supporter of our mission

to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy!

Thanks to all our A.A.U.W. members for paying your dues for 2023-24. If you haven't sent in your dues - just a reminder - - pay them at our first meeting or send them to JoEllen **Schulz, Treasurer, 2125 7th. Street NW Unit 307 Faribault, MN 55021.** Dues, like everything else went up. The year memberships are \$91.00. First year dues are \$55.

REMEMBER we can accomplish so much together!!

Let me know if anyone wants information on becoming a member at **Kathy Larson - Membership Vice President** (332- -2525) kathyhilgerslarson@gmail.com

Thanks again for your cooperation !:

Submitted by Kathy Larson



Program NOTE NEW TIME: 2 p.m. Monday, Sept. 25, 2023 at Rice County Historical Society, 1814 Second Ave. NW Faribault.

AAUW will be meeting in the afternoons this program year. Many members have said they do not like to drive in the dark. So, the Program Committee decided to try afternoon meetings. We will evaluate the new time at the end of the year.

Branch business meetings will be at 2 p.m. and the program will begin at 2:30 p.m.

Delane James, head librarian at Buckham Memorial Library will be our speaker September 25. The library Website states, " Buckham Memorial Library strives to inform, enrich, and empower every person in our community". Ms James will address the vision for the library in future years and how it intends to achieve its goal.

Most AAUW members use the library on a regular basis. From research, I found that the first libraries appear sometime before 3000 BC in the Southwest Asia Fertile Crescent, an area that ran **from Mesopotamia to the Nile in Africa. It was also the birthplace of writing, and with writing, the start of history.**

Submitted by Pauline Schreiber

Book Club



In June, the AAUW Book Club read *The Girl with the Blue Star* by Pam Jenoff. In July, we read *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks and in August, we read *A World of Curiosities* by Louise Penny.

We will meet Thursday, September 21, at 2pm to discuss *Truth and Beauty* by Ann Patchett.

Submitted by Barb Dubbels

Emily Nesvold and Liz Hartman. Because of different operating systems and formats, articles other than Google Docs, should be submitted within the text of an email, not as an attachment. Items should be sent by the 10th of the month to either Emily enesvold@gmail.com or Liz ethartmanariz@gmail.com on alternating months. A reminder email will always be sent out.