



Faribault Branch Communiqué

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

May 2023



Presidents' Message

Happy May! This month May brings so much joy, sun and flowers, but it is also a busy month for our Faribault AAUW membership.

First our AAUW Book Sale starting Thursday May 18-May 22, at Faribo West Mall. If you have not signed up to help, please do so as this is one of our big fund raisers for scholarships. Liz Hartman has the sign-up sheet and has it posted on email. So please join in the fun and help.

Our annual picnic is May 22 at 5:30, at Diane Hagen's home, 735 Ravine Street, Faribault. The cost of \$15, is to be paid at the picnic. The delicious menu consist of Chicken Salad on a Croissant, Pasta Salad, Mixed Greens, Fruit and Bars. We need a count by May 15 for the caterer. Please call or email me as soon as possible at 507-330-3941 or (cwtripp866@msn.com). Put this on your calendar as it will be a time to share and review our year.

We are also working on a slate of officers for the next year and would love to have others volunteer to share some time in our organization. We do want to keep going and provide our community with gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy.

Co-Presidents: Carmen Tripp and Pat Rice



Secretary's Report May Minutes

The Faribault AAUW Branch met at 6:15 p.m. Monday, April 24, 2023, in the Rice County Historical Society's Carlander Program Room. Co-presidents Pat Rice and Carmen Tripp convened the meeting. Twenty members attended.

March minutes were printed in the April newsletter. No corrections or additions were noted.

Treasurer JoEllen Schultz gave the treasurer's report. The Branch has \$12,111.08 in its checking and savings accounts.

Karen Rasmussen, scholarship committee chair, will be sending out invitations to apply for the Faribault Branch Local Scholarships. Two \$1,500 local scholarships were approved at the March meeting. Those who apply need to have at least 24 college credits and be enrolled for the next semester at a college. Women doing master or doctorate work can also apply. Scholarship checks are written to both the college and student. If the recipient does not use it for college, the check cannot be cashed. The Branch is also committed to giving two \$750 scholarships for women attending South Central College.

Membership Vice President Kathy Larson announced that national AAUW dues are going up. The dues for the 2023-2024 program year will be \$91, of which \$72 will go to the national AAUW, and \$19 to state and branch. "Shape the Future" dues for new members will be \$55, of which \$36 goes to national and \$19 to state and branch. All but \$3 of dues are tax deductible.

Mary Niermann, Program V.P., announced that the spring picnic will be 6 p.m. Monday, May 22 at Diane Hagen's home. It will be catered again by Anna Farmer Catering at the cost of \$15 per member. A signup sheet was passed around. Members need to sign up in advance, but can pay on the night of the picnic. For auditing purposes it was suggested that members write two checks; one for dues and one for the picnic meal. Both can be made out to Faribault AAUW. Cash for the meal will be accepted.

Niermann, also, announced that she would not lead the Program Committee for the 2023-2024 programming year because of her duties as a member of the Buckham West Senior Center Board. She will continue to be a member of the Program Committee.

Diane Hagen, Diversity V.P., announced that the Faribault 2023 International Festival will be Saturday, July 8 in Central Park. A committee was formed to come up with ideas for activities the branch could sponsor that day. Emily Nesvold and Sue Stout volunteered to be on the committee with Hagen. It was, also, suggested that Rene Perrence, a member who has helped with Branch activities at the International Festival in the past, be contacted to be on the committee.

Pat Rice reported that she has arranged for minimum security prisoners from the Faribault prison to move the books on Wednesday, May 10, from storage in the Congregational Parish House basement to the Faribo West Mall. Bonnie Becker will provide a van for the move. Liz Hartman, who volunteered to sign up member volunteers for sorting books and shifts at the used book sale, passed around a signup sheet. The sale is May 18-23. Rice, also, contacted KDHL Radio, and will be on the radio to promote the sale.

Carmen Tripp announced that Liz Harman had volunteered to host those members who will be viewing the Minnesota AAUW annual meeting on "Zoom" on Saturday, April 29. She thanked Liz for doing so.

Tripp added that the Faribault Branch had the most members attending the 2023 Tri-Branch Luncheon April 22, hosted by the Northfield Branch at "Ruth's on Strafford" in Dundas. Fifteen Faribault members attended. The food was excellent. The program was presented by Laura Riehle-Merrill, Title IX coordinator for Carleton College of Northfield. She spoke of how much of her work is about sexual harassment and abuse prevention, or helping students who've encountered either.

Kathy Larson reported that the Branch's application to the Faribault Chamber of Commerce's "Hometown Heros" program, to honor member May Bottke, 98, has been accepted. May Bottke is a treasure to not only the Faribault Branch, but the entire community, for her many years of "giving back" by playing her keyboard or piano for musical programs at senior housing complexes, nursing homes, senior centers, and many other events. She, also, had a 40 year teaching career and put on an annual Kindergarten Circus at Lincoln Elementary School. Her "Hometown Heroes" banner should be up around Memorial Day, either on Fourth Street or Downtown.

It was announced that the spring quarterly birthday party will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 3 at the Signature Bar and Grill.

The monthly coffee will be 10:30 a.m. Saturday, May 20 at Janna's Market.

Pauline Schreiber made a motion to adjourn the meeting; JoEllen Schultz seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Following the business meeting, Katie Rotvold, Director of Curriculum and Instruction for the Faribault Public Schools, spoke to Branch members about what is being taught in the Faribault Public Schools and about state standards.

Submitted by Secretary Pauline Schreiber



Program

The annual picnic will be on May 22 at 5:30. We will meet at Diane Hagen's home at 735 Ravine Street. The cost will be \$15. Arna Farmer will be catering.

Menu:

Chicken salad croissant
Pasta salad
Green salad
Fresh fruits
Lemon bars
Chocolate bars

Please sign up with Carmen as soon as possible. I need approximate numbers by May 17.

Submitted by Mary Niermann



Membership

I found this on the National AAUW website: Become a national member and connect through our website, plus enjoy special members-only discounts, e-newsletters, webinars, calls to action and more. |

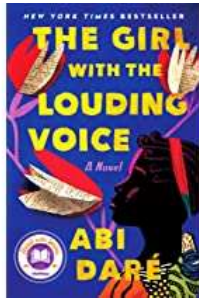
National Membership Dues: \$72*/annual

Faribault Branch dues will be: 72* + 19 = \$91.

Shape the Future dues for new members will be \$36 + 19 = \$55

**All but \$3 of the annual dues are tax deductible.*

Submitted by Karen Rasmussen



Book Club

April was poetry month for the book club and once again, we had a variety of poems which were serious as well as humorous. We also had wonderful poems submitted via email from Kathy Kasten and Wendy Williams. Kathy found out that Alexander McCall Smith has written poetry. One entitled "Friendship" begins thus:

Sometimes I look at my life
And reflect as I suspect we all do,
On what I have not done:
On the things that I thought
I might achieve, but never did;

May's book is *The Girl with the Louding Voice* by Abi Dare. We will meet Thursday, May 18 at 2pm. at Barb Dubbels'.



Treasurer's Report

Checking balance as of May 1, 2023 is \$12,088.58

Submitted by JoEllen Schulz



Social Time

We will be skipping our regular 10:30 coffee and treats at Janna's on Saturday, May 20th as that's right in the middle of our book sale and we'll be together for our spring picnic at Diane Hagen's house on Monday, May 22nd. Also, 12 of us gathered to celebrate birthdays at The Signature

for lunch last Wednesday, May 3rd.

Submitted by Sue Olson

Photos from the Spring Birthday luncheon. Compliments of Karen Rasmussen.

Thanks Sue for setting this up! Blessings, Karen



Scholarship Announcement

Check out the link for our Faribault AAUW 2023 Local Scholarships: (Thanks Emily for the website help!)

- Go to faribault-mn.aauw.net
- Click on "Faribault AAUW 2023 Local Scholarships"
- There's a link on that page to go directly to the Google form application

Share this information with women college students.

I could use some help distributing flyers. I've attached the flyer if you care to print it out and have places to post them. Or, I do have some printed if you could email me at: kadras1217@gmail.com or call 507-412-1011, and a bunch of quarter pages, that I could give you. Let me know if you print flyer and where you post them.

Thanks! *Karen*



Katie Rotvold, Faribault School District Director of Curriculum and Instruction, during her presentation at our April meeting.

Faribault AAUW Branch Newsletter is published from September to May during our program year. The Editors are 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.