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"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much." – **Helen Keller,**
author, advocate, political activist, lecturer

APPLETON (WI) BRANCH

April 1	Second Choice Books
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There is some sort of magic about singing in a choir. It's not just the music...but the poetry, the emotion, the sense of belonging to a group that is bound together in song. When my boys were in the Appleton Boychoir they always came back from rehearsals in a good mood even if they set off grumpy or tired. When our oldest son toured colleges, he chose the one where "everyone is nice and everyone sings." I love my church choir and always thought I was a pretty good, confident singer.

Then. Pandemic. And (*insert scary music*) virtual choir. Huh???

And before long, we were plugging earbuds into our computers, following cues from our director, and recording our solo voices into Voice Memo on our phones. And the result is...*EEK! I sound horrible!!!!*

Here's the thing. There are just some things that are better together. Choir is one. And AAUW is another. Individually, we just can't do it all. We will wear out, get discouraged, lose our voices and our confidence. But together...we can do so much.

For this reason (and this is an op-ed here, your vote is your choice) I am voting to drop the education requirement in the AAUW National By-Laws election. For me it is the right thing to do. It keeps with our mission to advance gender equity. I prefer to include women who for whatever reason...and very often for reasons that are integral to AAUW...were unable to complete higher education. From national: "While college is an option for many, others face significant barriers, like skyrocketing educational costs, childcare, elder care, transportation, working multiple jobs, and language barriers." I hope future generations look back and can be inspired by our work for diversity and inclusion, not realize that we chose to be an exclusionary organization. I prefer that we are united by our present mission, not our past opportunities.

Together we can do so much.

Becky O'Connor, Past President
bandboc@gmail.com

Program News

**Join us on Zoom for our April Meeting
Thursday, April 8, 2021
6:30 PM**

Program: Carlene Bechen is the Organizer for the Wisconsin Fair Maps Coalition. She will speak to us on gerrymandering, redistricting, and how to advocate for the adoption of fair, nonpartisan maps in Wisconsin.

SAVE THE DATE

Our May meeting will be Thursday, May 20, 2021, at 6:30 PM on Zoom.

This will be our final branch meeting until we are able to meet again
(hopefully in person!) in the fall.

**Program: Meet our Scholarship winners
And
Installation of New Officers for the 2021-2022 year**

Program IDEAS for 2021-2022

It's that time – time to start thinking about programs for '21-'22. If you have an idea for a branch program, please share it with Sylvia Bull, incoming Program VP. Email her at sjbcreate@gmail.com

Please include contact information and relevant details, if any.

Submit your thoughts and ideas by May 12, 2021.



MISSED THE MARCH MEETING? WATCH IT NOW.

Recordings of the previous month's meeting will be available up to the day before the next branch meeting.

Click on the link below and then **TYPE** in the passcode: **YfV@S\$2h** Do not copy & paste the code.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS



Let's meet at City Park!

Tuesday, April 6 (voting day!)

1:00 pm, Southeast corner!

Bring your own chair and beverage!



Mary Ditter is originally from Green Bay and is a graduate of Wisconsin State University in Milwaukee, which became UW-Milwaukee just months after her graduation. She majored in secondary English education with minors in math and journalism. Upon her retirement from teaching in 1994, Mary became active in AAUW-Appleton.

Nobody doesn't know Mary Ditter! She hesitates not a second when asked about her passion, and it's working with Mary Grace. These two gals are the infamous co-business managers of the AAUW Annual Book Sale! Mary's fondest recollections are her times spent during these annual two weeks that she blocks off on her calendar to devote to AAUW-Appleton's major fundraiser, and even more joyful for her, is the fact that each year has been more successful than the previous.

Not a day goes by that Mary doesn't read and do crossword puzzles. When asked about a role model in her life, she thought for a few seconds and responded "Eleanor Roosevelt". And as far as happiness and fulfillment? AAUW plays a big role in Mary's life. She owes a debt of gratitude to Faye Binsfeld for getting her involved by inviting her to the Christmas Brunch for years.

Thank you to Mary for being our second very much valued member to be featured in our newsletter.

AAUW APPLETON ANNUAL DUES INVOICE – 2021-2022

- Dues are **\$90.00** (\$62 National, \$13 State, and \$15 Branch).
- Print this page and fill in the information which is used to publish the branch directory.
- Mail the form NO LATER THAN MAY 31, 2021 with a check made out to AAUW Appleton Branch to Mary Bechle, 425 W. Kennedy Ave. #205, Kimberly, WI 54136.

NAME: _____

☐ Check HERE if your current directory information is correct – no changes needed.

AMOUNT ENCLOSED: _____

If changes are needed, fill in below ONLY those items which have changed.

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TELEPHONE: _____

CELL PHONE: _____

ANY OTHER INFO NEEDING CHANGES:

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RETURN THE UPPER PORTION WITH YOUR PAYMENT TO MARY BECHLE.

KEEP THIS BOTTOM PORTION FOR YOUR OWN RECORDS AS PROOF OF PAYMENT.

DUES FOR 2021-2022 WERE PAID ON _____

CHECK NUMBER _____

\$59 of your National dues are tax-deductible.

AAUW – Appleton Financial Assistance Policy

In any given year, an active AAUW-Appleton member may need financial assistance to pay annual AAUW Membership Dues.

An announcement placed in the April newsletter will state the availability of funds to assist any active member who may need help paying her annual Membership Dues. Assistance will be only for that portion of the Membership Dues that goes to National AAUW. The recipient is responsible for the State and Local portion of the Membership dues.

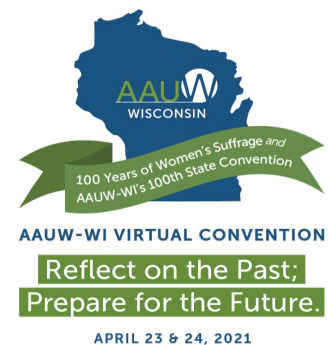
A member who seeks assistance shall send a note by email or mail to the Assistant VP of Membership no later than May 15 with her name and a short explanation of the circumstances of need. If any branch member is aware of a member who may need assistance, she can submit a name in the same manner.

A three (3) member subcommittee of the Membership Committee will review any requests received. The subcommittee will consist of the Assistant VP of Membership plus two (2) other experienced Membership Committee members. The decision of the subcommittee is final.

All requests, submittals, and grants awarded are confidential. The Assistant VP of Membership will inform the branch Finance VP of any individual who receives the reduced dues.

AAUW-WI Virtual State Convention April 23 & 24, 2021

You all should have received your convention program by now. Hopefully it has inspired you to sign up for Zoom sessions so that you can participate in this year's convention. There is still time to sign up. When you visit the convention website, there is a short video that will help you navigate the site, and be sure that you are



signed up correctly. **Remember:** You must sign up for each session you wish to attend. There are 11 sessions and you can sign up for a maximum of 7. (We have 2 sets of breakout sessions with 3 events scheduled simultaneously.)

You should receive a confirmation email and will receive the Zoom invites closer to the actual convention. One of the first pages in the program is a chart listing all of the Zoom sessions. Print that, and keep it as a way to organize which sessions you have signed up for, the times, and when you get them, the Zoom meeting IDs and passcodes. At the very bottom is a space for you to write down your password for the online auction. There should be lots of interesting items to bid on, and it is fun to watch the bids, and jump in at the last minute for something that you really want. Many of these items would make great gifts, so do some early Christmas shopping. Other gift ideas include the AAUW pins that are available through the website or by filling out the form in the program and sending it in.

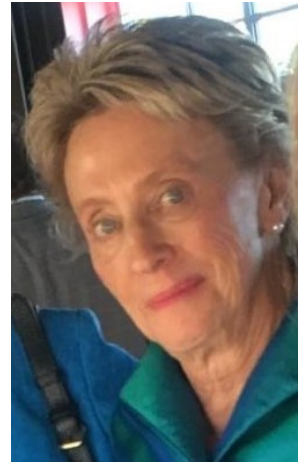
The convention committee has been working hard on the plans for this event, and we hope that many of you will take advantage of this opportunity to participate without travel or cost. See you there.

aauwwistateconvention.com

The Convention Booklet for 2021 can be downloaded from our website. Use it to plan the Zoom sessions you'll attend. <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/files/2021/03/>



Branch President Joan Moeschberger



***Tell us about yourself - personal/educational background, what brought you to AAUW.**

I was born in Detroit and grew up in a suburb north of there. I had two sisters growing up and a large, extended family nearby. The heart of my dad's family was on a dairy farm in the "thumb". That farm is still run by our family. My maternal grandmother lived very close to us in Birmingham and was a welcome, ever present gift to all of us.

Following my high school graduation, I packed up for four years at Western Michigan University in Kalamazoo where I earned my bachelor's degree. I loved everything about Western and Kalamazoo. After college graduation, I found a position in the Appleton Area School District and taught here for 35 years. Most of my teaching years were spent with spirited, kind, and enthusiastic fourth graders.

I joined AAUW early in my teaching career, took a break and rejoined following my retirement. The mission of this wonderful organization aligns with my own, but more importantly, I rejoined because of the strong, thoughtful, and amazing women who together make up our branch.

***What's the best part of being in your branch leadership position?**

I learn something new every day being branch president. The position stretches me to stay connected to the endless opportunities our local, state, and national organization offer all of us.

***What AAUW issue is the one you feel most passionate about?**

It's difficult for me to see the issues we face as separate from each other. Supporting one issue naturally leads to promotion of the next. If we strongly support public education, we naturally build leaders who have critical thinking skills and value equity.

***Do you have any memorable AAUW moments you have experienced? If so, please share one with us.**

Every time I see a member come forward to offer us information and inspiration, I am sincerely grateful for her. Speaking to a group is not easy for me and I am bolstered by the examples I see.

***What woman has been a role model for you?**

My most admired role model is my mom. She truly did it all. She loved and cared for her family, welcomed endless friends and family as honored guests, ran our Girl Scout troops, organized church events, and worked full time in the insurance business. Many of our members remind me of her boundless commitment and energy.

I can also think of hundreds of women in medicine, science, politics, education, and other disciplines that I admire and feel we can learn from. One of my favorite role models is Jane Goodall. I admire her quiet, strong, calm, and compassionate nature.

***Besides AAUW, what are your interests?**

Like so many members, I enjoy reading. Some of my favorite books are historical fiction. I read a lot of nonfiction as well. I am fascinated by articles that look at issues involved when science, law, and ethics meet. I love to ride my bike in a very casual sort of way (slowly). I enjoy walking with friends, eating at restaurants, and traveling to large cities. I would never turn down an architectural tour. My favorite days are spent with my son and his wife.

***Is there anything else about yourself you'd like to share with our branch members?**

I want to encourage all members to consider a branch leadership role. You will be supported and appreciated. I am grateful every day for the friendships and guidance of our membership.

"Every individual matters. Every individual has a role to play. Every individual makes a difference."

Jane Goodall

WISCONSIN BUDGET UPDATE

The most important legislation that is passed every two years is the State Budget. Now is the time to learn more about the budget proposals and contact your legislators about the issues most important to you. Once approved in late June, the budget will affect everything in Wisconsin for the next two years.

The Joint Finance Committee will be holding public hearings to listen to YOU and what you think should be a budget priority. The hearing schedule includes:

- Friday, April 9, 2021 UW-Whitewater, Whitewater, WI
- Wednesday, April 21, 2021 The Hodag Dome, Rhinelander, WI
- Thursday, April 22, 2021 UW-Stout, Menomonie, WI
- Wednesday, April 28, 2021 Virtual

The public hearings will begin at 10 am and conclude at 5 pm. Management at each of the venues will monitor capacity. Those wishing to testify at the virtual hearing will be required to register in advance, details to come on the registration process. A portal is available for individuals to provide input:

www.legis.wisconsin.gov/topics/budgetcomments as well as an email address budget.comments@legis.wisconsin.gov.

April 6th Spring Election:

- State Superintendent of Schools
- Local School Boards
- Local Municipal Offices
- Circuit Court
- Fair Maps Initiative for the City of Appleton



AAUW National proposes elimination of the degree requirement for membership.

Find out more on the AAUW national website

2021 Bylaws Amendment

Voting begins on April 7th!

Watch your email for a communication directly from national AAUW that gives you a direct link to the online voting. Each member has their own personalized link so it's important that you are on the watch for it and use it as soon as possible. More info about the bylaws can be found on the next page.

Proposed AAUW Bylaws Amendment

AAUW's annual election will start on April 7. Included in the vote is a **proposal to open membership**, which requires a change to AAUW's national bylaws through member vote. A description of the proposed bylaws changes can be found [here](#).

HOW MIGHT THIS BYLAW CHANGE AFFECT MY BRANCH?

It will help protect the future of AAUW by opening up opportunities for funding. Because our current educational degree requirement can be deemed discriminatory and not in keeping with our mission, some foundations and corporations will not donate to our organization since it is counter to their criteria of equity. This disadvantage, along with the now 400-plus organizations competing with AAUW on women's equity issues for funding, greatly affects National's ability to get much needed funding. Declining membership, now at 50,000, only provides 15-20% of the annual budget. This is not enough to support branch and member services.

It will make it easier for your branch to recruit a more diverse membership, including those who did not have the opportunity to attend college 30, 40 or 50 years ago. In addition to possibly increasing membership, these new members may bring new energy and viewpoints critical to your branch's ability to meet the needs of your community through our mission. It will also remove the embarrassing situations when you must tell someone they do not qualify, such as a government official, a non-profit leader or even a Tech Trek parent. Remember, Eleanor Roosevelt and Lily Ledbetter would not qualify for AAUW membership with our current educational requirement.

It will update the relevance and image of your branch as the world reckons with inequality and systemic racism, much of which disproportionately affects women. It might open up more opportunities for collaboration. Having a limiting membership requirement can be considered discriminatory and off putting to other local like-minded groups. When speaking at community functions, it demeans the branch to say that not everyone can be a member.

It will no longer limit your membership by penalizing women who cannot attain a degree due to today's skyrocketing educational costs, childcare, elder care, transportation, working multiple jobs and language barriers. Today, there are more alternatives to college degrees which have burdened women with two-thirds of the national college debt. With more careers open to women, i.e., firefighters, pilots, entrepreneurs, artists, politicians, manufacturers, retail managers, and more, your branch may have the potential for a variety of new members.

WHAT WON'T CHANGE IF THIS PASSES?

It will not affect AAUW's status as one of the leaders in graduate grants and fellowships. Due to the generosity of our members our fellowships and grants are fully endowed and will continue in perpetuity.

It will not affect the name – AAUW. Like the YWCA and NAACP, much of the original meanings are no longer accurate. For example, we are international, not just American. We have been open to individuals with associate degrees, not just degrees from universities, since 2005 and open to men since 1987.

It will not affect the honor of having earned a degree in times when so few women attained this achievement. Today, with women outpacing men in earning all degrees for decades, we can be proud that we were instrumental in breaking down the barriers for women who followed us.

Nominating Committee Report—Becky O'Connor, Chair

The following changes were made to the slate of nominees after being announced at the March 13th meeting: Finance VP—Nancy Grube, Assistant Finance VP—Jackie Booher.

Election of Officers will occur at the April 8th Branch Meeting.

Meet our AAUW-Appleton Board 2021-22 Slate of Nominees



President-Elect Chris Taylor

I joined AAUW in 2006 and I finally started getting involved in 2013. I joined the Wednesday Literature group and am still a member. I helped with the Book Sale that year and found it was a great way to get to know people. I've helped with the Holiday Brunch and enjoyed doing that ever since. I became Asst. Program VP (2015), then Program VP (2016). I joined the Book Sale Committee 2017 to present. I have been a member of the Social Justice Study Group since its beginning. Being asked to take on the President-Elect/President position for our branch is absolutely a huge honor, but to be honest, is also a responsibility that feels a bit anxiety provoking. However, each time I feel the nervous thoughts kick in, I just need to remind myself of the wonderful women who make up this branch and how supportive they are of each other. There will be no lack of support whenever I need it, I am sure.



Assistant Program VP Kathy Kuck

I joined AAUW in 2013 looking for a book club with diverse members who would share opinions freely. I found that in the AAUW literature groups and I am so glad I did. I have also joined the Bridge, Mah Jongg and Art groups. I have helped with the Book Sale as well. However, I've found AAUW offers so much more than social opportunities. The programming, links to the national organization and support for women and girls is a worthy goal that AAUW continues to promote. I am happy to assist these hard-working women in a small manner.



Assistant Membership VP JaneAnne McCabe

I have been a member more than 11 years - since 2010. My interests include afternoon and evening Literature Groups, Book Sale, Social Justice and Member Outreach. I love that AAUW promotes positivity, advocacy, and empowerment.



Secretary Sue Vannorsdall

I have been a member of AAUW for years (2013). I think I have been a "Member in Hiding". I have enjoyed everything I have done! I have liked all the women I have met! I have especially enjoyed playing Bridge, participating in Ethnic and Elegant, and the Book Sale. Hopefully this will give me the push to participate more!



Finance VP Nancy Grube

I have been a member since 2006. The reason I joined was because Mary Grace asked me to join in the wonderful AAUW community of outstanding women leaders (after attending multiple years of holiday brunches as a non-member). When AAUW changed their by-laws to include an associate degree, I felt included because my 2-year degree is in Accounting/Technology from FVTC. I have been involved in making baskets for the Holiday Brunch, the Book Sale, STEM and the reading group. Since my profession was accounting, I was never excited for the treasurer volunteer position but was sweet-talked into it!



Assistant Finance VP Jackie Booher

I have been in AAUW since 2012. I have been on the Membership Committee and served as VP of Membership. I like working at the Book Sale, participating in the Summer Mystery Group and playing Bridge. The best part of AAUW for me is all the wonderful women I have had a chance to get to know. We have a very talented and hard-working group of women.

COMMUNICATIONS UPDATE:

Change for Jane Thomas: Phone number is 920-284-1140

Make changes in your directory.

Articles for the May newsletter are due April 15th.

Send articles to Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org.

Website: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWAppleton/>

Instagram: #aauwappleton



2021 Essay Contest Winners

Congratulations to this year's Essay Contest winners!

First Place: Elizabeth Riddle—"Katherine Johnson: NASA's Female Mastermind", Maplewood Middle School, Gr. 8

Second Place: Vivian Koski—"Curiosity of the Glow—Marie Curie", Appleton Connections Academy, Gr. 7

Honorable Mention: Laila Gaffney—"Katherine Johnson", JR Gerritts Middle School, Gr. 8

Honorable Mention: Emma Elizabeth Kinzelman—"Rachel Carson", Appleton Connections Academy, Gr. 8

We'll be publishing the winning essays in future newsletters and we hope to be able to share a video of Elizabeth Riddle reading her essay for us.

Scholarships 2021

Thanks to the success of our holiday brunch auction and the generosity of our members we will be offering scholarships for the 2021-2022 academic year. Women who will be Juniors or Seniors in college or attending graduate school are invited to apply. They must have graduated from a greater Fox Cities area high school or have lived in the Fox Cities for at least 10 years. Applications and complete information on eligibility and how to apply can be found on our website: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/scholarships/>

The deadline for applying is April 15, 2021.

Please spread the word about our scholarship program. There will be posts about our scholarships on Facebook. When you see a post, please like and share it. If you have questions or would like an application mailed to you or to a student, please contact me by phone (920-734-6379) or e-mail mcggs@aol.com. We are looking forward to again being able to assist deserving women on their academic journeys!

AAUW has developed a free program to learn to successfully advocate for yourself – and help close the pay gap for women everywhere. Through Work Smart Online you can research your target salary, highlight your accomplishments and find the right words – and the confidence – to negotiate for better benefits and pay. You can sign up for an online course which takes less than two hours to complete and can be done at your own pace.

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/salary/>



Book Sale Update



Book Drop Off: You may bring books to our sorting site in the basement of the Kaukauna library every Tuesday morning from 9:30 - 11:30 am. Park in the lower level on the south side of the library and enter through that door. The door is now open so you do not need to call ahead to tell us you are dropping off books. There will be book sale chairs there during that time so our room will be open.

2021 Book Sale Dates: We are planning to have an October book sale. In anticipation of more books we may hold the sale in 2 stores and/or for more days. We will be looking at all of the arrangements necessary for having a safe and successful sale. We will share more information over the next few months.

Social Justice Group

Date and Time: Tuesday , **April 27th at 10:00 am**

Zoom link will be emailed via Mailchimp. Be sure to **SAVE** the email for the link.

The group has decided to expand our focus beyond the topic of racism to focus on equity. Equity could be racial equity, gender equity, economic equity, access to healthcare, access to educational opportunities, and more.

Scheduling notes: If book sorting is happening in May, our group meeting will shift to 1:00 pm on the fourth Tuesday. We will take a break during June & July and start meeting again in August. We anticipate switching to an evening meeting at that time so that members working during the day are able to attend group meetings.

Contact Judy Goodnight at 729-9553 or judy@gwd.org to get on the group mailing list. More info can be found on our website: <https://appleton-wi.aauw.net/what-we-do/groups/> Scroll down the page to Social Justice.

Member Outreach

Member Outreach is a way for our AAUW community to stay connected and reach out to members during significant times in their lives.

Laurie Leonard, AAUW member creates beautiful cards for occasions such as:

- ♦ Thinking of you
- ♦ Congratulations
- ♦ Get Well
- ♦ Illness

If you know a member who we should reach out to in this way, please contact JaneAnne McCabe jamforever02@yahoo.com



AFTERNOON LITERATURE

April Book: *The Splendid and the Vile* by Erik Larson

Wednesday, April 21st at 1:00 pm -or-

Thursday, April 15th at 1:00 pm.

NOTE: Thursday group comes first this month.

Zoom link will be sent out to Afternoon Lit group members via Mailchimp.

Be sure to save the email to access the link.

If you're not currently a member of the group but would be interested in attending, contact Judy Goodnight at judy@gwd.org or call 729-9553.



SECOND CHOICE BOOK TALK

We are discussing *The Library of Lost and Found*
by Phaedra Patrick.

Thursday, April 1st at 1:00 pm.

RSVP to Judy at 729-9553 or email judy@gwd.org
so that you get the Zoom link.

On deck for Wednesday, May 5th is

Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress by Dai Sijie.

BETWEEN THE
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IS A LOVELY PLACE TO BE

EVENING LITERATURE

After a winter hiatus, Evening Literature will again resume meeting, via Zoom until we get an All Clear blessing! Due to a conflict with the general meeting on April 8th, we will meet on the following Thursday, April 15th. Same time: 6:30 pm. If you would like to join our group, please contact Joan Moeschberger at joanemoe@gmail.com or call her at 920-209-7488 so that she can send you a link to join the Zoom meeting. No need for current members to do so as Joan already has your contact info.

Date: April 15

Book: *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova

Discussion Leader: Grace Fuller

It will be good to gather again, even though it's still virtual, and I think you will enjoy (perhaps not the right word) Genova's latest book dealing with the devastating disease of ALS.

A gentle reminder that a new chair or chairs, will be needed for Evening Lit as JaneAnne McCabe (Jamforever02@yahoo.com) and Grace Fuller (gracefuller22@gmail.com) will be stepping down.

Thanks!

Grace Fuller and JaneAnne McCabe



Summer Mystery Lunches

Who: Everyone is welcome to join our Summer Mystery Lunches.

What: A different mystery will be discussed each month (June – August)

June book: *Two if by Sea* by Jacquelyn Mitchard (2016)

Discussion Leader: Betty Pontius

*Please suggest light-reading mystery series Bk #1 for July & August and heavier mysteries for next June (Standalone or Bk #1 of a series)

(See below)

When: Wednesday, June 16

Time: 11:30 A.M.

Place: T.B.D. (perhaps Zoom, perhaps a restaurant)

*Please send your suggestions to bettypontius@yahoo.com **in April**, so I can prepare a handout.

If suggesting a book for light-reading for July or August:

Format for a series:

1st Bk in Series Main Character(s) Time Period Setting Author
Plus no more than a 3-sentence summary

If suggesting a heavier book for **next** June:

Title of book Author Plus brief 3- or 4-sentence description

AAUW Appleton Branch Meeting Minutes

March 16, 2021, 6:30 PM via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by **President Joan Moeschberger** at 7:03 pm. The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter. Joan reminded the members that the question of a change in the degree requirement for AAUW membership is proposed and voting will take place in April. Registration for the state convention is now open.

Program Vice President Donna Cook reminded all that the next meeting is April 8 (Thursday) at 6:30 pm on Zoom. The program is on Fair Maps, Gerrymandering, and Redistricting. These are important considerations affecting our votes. The May 20 meeting is our scholarship event and installation of officers. It is also at 6:30 on Zoom.

Membership Vice President Georgianne Bravick reminded the branch that dues are expected by May. Use the form in the newsletter when submitting your payment. The dues breakdown is as follows: National \$62, State \$13, and Branch \$15. Send dues to Mary Bechle. An in-person get-together will take place April 6, at 1:00 in City Park. Bring a chair and beverage. See you at the SE corner.

Assistant Finance Vice President Laurie Leonard reported that there is \$7545 in the memorial fund for Ellie Olson. A decision has not been made about the distribution of these funds. Monthly branch expenses included \$50 for program and \$100 for public policy.

Nominating Chair Becky O'Connor announced the following slate of officers to be voted on in April and installed in May: President Elect Christine Taylor, Assistant Program Vice President Kathy Kuck, Assistant Membership Vice President JaneAnne McCabe, Assistant Finance Vice President Nancy Grube, and Secretary Sue Vannorsdall (one year).

Communications Chair Judy Goodnight announced that Courtney Furlow offered her assistance with branch Social Media. Our Facebook page for March is featuring daily posts on Influential Women: Then and Now. The newsletter will now feature board members and branch members "In the Spotlight".

Public Policy Chair Jacqui Klimaszewski reminded the branch of the April 6 election. A Fair Maps question is on the Appleton ballot. Other items on the ballot are State Superintendent of Schools, local school boards, municipal offices, and Circuit Court. The CEDAW convention will focus on the elimination of all forms of discrimination against women. Another current issue is fair maps which will come up at the AAUW state convention and in a panel discussion in May. Bryan Stevenson sent a thank you for our donation to the Equal Justice Initiative. We were encouraged to contact our representatives in the House and urge them to lift the deadline on the Equal Rights Amendment. Equal Pay Day is March 24th.

Funds Development Chair Mary Grace announced the due date for scholarship applications: April 15. We should encourage women to apply.

Book Sale Chair Mary Grace told us that books can be dropped off at the Kaukauna Library on Tuesdays from 9:30 – 11:30. Drive around to the lower side of the parking lot (south side). The book sale will take place in October. Some changes may take place: perhaps two stores in the mall or expanded sales dates.

Afternoon Literature Chair Judy Goodnight reminded us that the discussion of The Book of Lost Friends takes place at 1:00 on March 17 and 18. Book nominations for next year are due to Judy by April 1. Second Choice Book Group is reading The Library of Lost and Found for discussion on April 1.

Evening Literature Co-Chair Grace Fuller announced the discussion of Every Note Played, on April 15. Note this is a change of date. The chairs (Grace Fuller and JaneAnne McCabe) are looking for new leadership for next year.

Joan Moeschberger for Chris Scott announced that art classes are over until summer.

Social Justice Chair Judy Goodnight announced that the next Social Justice meeting will take place Tuesday, March 23. A video addressing the vocabulary for conversations about race was shared with all. (Race, Ethnicity, Nationality)

Having no new business, **President Moeschberger** ended the meeting at 7:32 with a reminder that members may stay on for a while to socialize.

Submitted by Joan Schneider

Watch the "Race, Ethnicity, Nationality and Jellybeans video here:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CqV3CK6QfcU>



FINANCE REPORT—AAUW APPLETON

03/04/21

AAUW - Appleton Branch

Balance Sheet

As of February 28, 2021

	Feb 28, 21
ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Checking/Savings	
General Checking	
Beacon Fund	206
Convention Fund	5,511
General Checking - Other	17,465
Total General Checking	23,182
Scholarship Checking	10,729
Total Checking/Savings	33,911
Total Current Assets	33,911
TOTAL ASSETS	33,911
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
Equity	
Net Assets	35,418
Net Income	-1,507
Total Equity	33,911
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	33,911

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

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

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