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**Gathering**

Visiting the Minneapolis Institute of Arts (MIA) followed by lunch at MIA

Date: Tuesday, February 18, 2020 (MIA is closed Mondays)

Arrival Time: 10:00 a.m.

If you wish to car pool to MIA contact Linda R.

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**Business meeting and board minutes – please take a moment to review the last minutes**

The pending January 13, 2020 business meeting minutes can be viewed in the MEMBERS ONLY tab of our web pages <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>. The business meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved during business at our Annual meeting April 13, 2020.

The January 6, 2020 board meeting minutes can be viewed in the MEMBERS ONLY tab of our web pages at <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net>. The board meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved at the next board meeting currently scheduled for April 6, 2020 at Joni's.

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**News via emails from Jill Greenhalgh, Executive Director, Century College Foundation**

- Unfortunately, the article in the January 2020 Itanyan submitted to Century Foundation about AAUW and Nancy Hendrickson was too long to publish. Excerpts will be taken from it to describe AAUW and Nancy in the with the scholarship listing. Jill Greenhalgh hopes to use the remainder of our piece to create a feature article in Century Foundations publication.
- **Century Foundation** has added the following qualifying criteria and question for applicants of AAUW Northeast Metro Branch scholarships this year (and future years):

Qualification requirement

**Applicant must have completed a two-year program at Century**

Question to be answered by applicant

**Are you graduating after completing a two-year program at Century?**

- **Century Foundation** recently audited the AAUW NE Metro Branch annual scholarship fund, which has been awarding between \$750-\$800 / year. Jill understands that we will not be adding any funds to this scholarship, going forward.

**However, their audit found funds are still available to be awarded this year.**  
So Century Foundation plans to include the 2020-2021 AAUW Northeast Metro Branch Scholarship in their scholarship offerings this spring so students can apply, and they will be sure to add the same criteria as above (completed /graduating).

*Submitted by Doris, Communications Liaison*

**January 13, 2020 Discussion topic following meeting; Global Warming**

*Thanks goes to LouAnn for volunteering to moderate and share the following conclusions.*

**What do you do to save the earth and to prevent environmental problems?**

Here is a list of our conclusions;

Snow: shovel snow, use electric snow blower

Recycle: plastic bags; plastic containers; glass; metal; paper; cardboard; donate clothes and goods, repurpose stuff

Compost: yard waste; kitchen waste; compost barrel in yard

Conserve: (1) water: in shower; washing machine; fewer flushes; better dishwasher; rain barrel; rain garden;

fewer waterings of gardens, plants, lawns; save used water to put on plants

(2) heat: buy insulation; weather stripping; replacing windows; lower thermostat in winter, raise it in summer; zoned heat; electric heaters

(3) electricity: by drying wash outdoors; new light bulbs; turn out unused lights

(4) gas: by planning trips; better car; ride sharing

(5) paper/plastic: by using cloth bags

Nature: Grow native grass and flowers; less fertilizer; plant flowers and bushes for birds, bees, butterflies and small animals; plant vegetable gardens; inoculate trees against ash bore; plant trees

Other: Dispose of medicine by turning it in; clean paint brushes and cans carefully

**What else could you be doing?**

Plant more trees, native bushes and flowers for wildlife.

Open the dishwasher to dry naturally.

Buy only efficient appliances

Insulate more or again, add weather stripping

Grow more food

Get electric car

Construct a rain garden

Channeling water

Get solar panels installed

*Submitted by LouAnn*