

Usually there is the instruction to open the following link to review the information on future meetings and gatherings in our branch internet **CALENDAR**. With current circumstances Site Resources has not updated our calendar. I am not certain if the last update was missed or if their staff was furloughed with the pandemic. All future events listed in our web calendar have been postponed or cancelled until the pandemic passes. <https://nemetromn.aauw.net/calendar/>

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Board and Annual branch meetings

The board meeting and annual meeting have to be postponed for the time being. We will try again for May. Maybe by then if we are still in lock down, we could do a virtual meeting. As we get better with our computer skills on Zoom, we hopefully can accomplish that.

We also need to remember **we need a volunteer for administrator** so we can continue with our branch. Please contact a board member if you have any questions or are willing to volunteer. Board members are Christine, Joni, and Linda.

submitted by Christine

Membership Renewal and dues

Dues for the 2020-2021 year will be collected as soon as the branch has an administrator for next year.

Dues will be \$29 for Life members and \$88 for regular members.

Submitted by Linda, Financial Director

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://nemetromn.aauw.net>. The business meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved during business when we have our next business meeting.

The January 6, 2020 board meeting minutes can be viewed in the MEMBERS ONLY tab of our web pages at <https://nemetromn.aauw.net>. The board meeting minutes are listed as pending until approved at the next board meeting.

Notes from the AAUW Webinar March 24, 2020

Kimberly Churches, AAUW Chief Executive Officer, Zoom Host and moderator

All AAUW staff are working from home until April 24, 2020. Kim asked that we be patient when waiting for responses from anyone on staff. Working from home, everyone is alongside of and

sharing technology between many people in their households; significant others, spouses, babies, preschoolers, children, tweens etc. they are all sharing their technology at home which means there may be a lag in time before you receive a response. You will get an answer to your question but it might not be as quickly as you would like it to be. Remember, we are all doing our best.

Please do all meetings virtually even if it's a few people. It is important for us to model social distancing. AAUW has encouraged our leaders across the country to use virtual conferencing rather than meeting in person while we are being asked to stay home. Anticipate scheduled meetings or conferences for the next several weeks to be changed from in person to virtual meetings.

Expect an important announcement in early April. AAUW will be rolling out its new web pages. They will do this through a Zoom webinar. Expect many more webinars through Zoom while we go through the pandemic.

Kim discussed ideas the board had for AAUW branches to help our communities;

- Zoom conferencing is a great way to connect with family and friends and fellow branch members.
- Set up a phone tree, ask questions of concern to your members during these trying times, have the phone tree report the concerns back to the group and pool your resources to find answers for each other.
- Send recently unemployed or furloughed people you know, college and high school students especially recent graduates to [SALARY.AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org/salary) for free training on negotiating for their future benefits and wages. Help them feel a sense of accomplishment in preparing for their next or first job while home by introducing them to our AAUW tool *WorkSmart*.

Note we should anticipate that the AAUW-MN on meeting scheduled for April 25th and possibly the Regional AAUW conference scheduled for June 18 through June 20 may be changed to virtual meetings using Zoom. There was mention by Kim that all planners of meetings should investigate changing in person meetings to video conferencing meetings during the pandemic outbreak.

Submitted by Doris

Take care of yourself to stay safe! Need to boost your spirits? Call to check on an AAUW friend!
Emails are good but hearing a human voice is better!