

AAUW Northeast Metro (MN) Branch

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While in our branch web pages viewing our calendar, check out other tabs to see what is there!

Open the following link to review the information on future meetings and gatherings in our branch internet **CALENDAR - <https://nemetro-mn.aauw.net/calendar/> .**

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2. Co-Administrator's notes from AAUW-MN Meeting (Convention) via Zoom
3. **2021-2022 membership fees due BY May 18th; Yeah, we are continuing another year!**



Thank you to the volunteers who filled all our required, plus other, roles at our Annual Meeting!!!

Gathering

May 18, Tuesday, 1:00 PM Our *May Gathering* will take place at LouAnn's home or, weather permitting, back yard. All active members are vaccinated! We will be celebrating being together in person. Depending upon your situation, masks are optional. LouAnn will provide beverages and Doris, bakery made cupcakes in recognition of a certain someone's Birthday.

So, she can plan the space, please notify LouAnn if you will be unable to attend.

AAUW-MN Annual Meeting May 1, 2021 by zoom

The meeting was called to order by President Mary Ann Lucas Hoax at 11:00 am.

There were about 100 people present. The changes to the bylaws, replacing "convention" with "meeting" passed. Member eligibility also passed. There were three resolutions that passed, equal pay, equal rights and Systemic Racism in Education.

The average member of AAUW-MN is 73 years old and white, not a lot of diversity.

The new officers were introduced and the outgoing officers were thanked for their participation during the year.

There was a push for donations as there was no silent auction this year.

The State Convention 2022 will be in St. Cloud on April 29 and 30. We will celebrate 100th Anniversary of AAUW-MN.

The business meeting took about 45 minutes.

The Keynote speaker was Kim Churches, CEO AAUW. She is a very enthusiastic person and many things to tell us. The is 150 years of AAUW. She talked about fellowships, items of equity first, changing the eligibility to join AAUW and a name change is not necessary as basically the letters are used. She spoke for about 35 minutes and then had questions and answers. She told us that she meets with congressional personnel every Friday to keep up on what is going on and the give input into what our government is doing for equity for women and girls.

I was impressed with how well this meeting went. The whole session was over within the 2 hours and there was a 10-minute break between the meeting and keynote speaker.

Submitted by Christine, Co-administrator

Membership fees for 2021-2022 are due NOW

\$62 national (\$59 is tax deductible)

\$9 state

\$20 branch

Total \$91 for all members except Life members. (Life members pay \$29.)

Thanks.

Submitted by Linda, Financial Officer