

**American Association of University Women
Fairbanks Branch
Board of Directors meeting
July 18, 2017
Home of Margaret Soden**

Board Members present: Margaret Soden (president), Carla Willetto (vice president membership), Gael Murakami (financial officer), Rita Osborne (co-vice president programs), and Gretchen Murphy (past-president)

Board Members absent: Brenda Birdsall (co-vice president program), and Carol Schlentner (secretary)

President Margaret Soden called the meeting to order at 6:49 pm. **A quorum of board members was present.**

Agenda distributed, additional items added. Motion to approve agenda dispensed.

Approval of Minutes: Gael moved to approve minutes from April 25, 2017, Carla seconded. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report: Gael provided the financial report for June 2017 (attached). The balance is \$6,795.24. A budget meeting with Margaret, Gael, and an additional person is needed prior to the September meeting.

Membership Report: Carla reported our branch has 58 members with 17 of those yet to be renewed. Carla will contact the university for a list of female graduates to offer Give a Grad a Gift. The deadline for free memberships has passed, Carla will contact national to see if still possible to utilize. There was a discussion on advertising with newspaper stickers although decided to increase social media use since more get their news from that source.

Gretchen moved to establish a Fairbanks Advocate Membership for those interested in the mission of our AAUW Fairbanks branch and who are not degreed, Gael seconded. **Motion passed.** Gael will revise the membership application to include this category.

House Tour: Gael provided a financial accounting of the house tour (attached). The income was \$2740; expenses were \$454.26 with a net income of \$2285.74. There may be additional checks from members for their tickets. Gael will look into Square and/or Pay Pal, and will use as a trial for a year.

Margaret gave a report on the house tour. The house tour committee met on 7/14 for a post house tour meeting. The house tour was a success although fewer tickets were sold through the outlets. The Alaska House Gallery was left out of the News-

Miner article so could be a possible reason for lower sales. Very few tickets were sold at In My Element compared to last year (\$160 vs. \$540). Sales were slightly lower at Team Cutters and were increased at If Only. Tickets were available later than the previous year so may have contributed to fewer sales. Pat Turner was given tickets for Raven Landing and sold several so we plan to continue having her sell to the residents. There were 37 volunteer hostesses and parking attendants at the three houses. There are several homeowners interested in the 2018 house tour and the committee plans to get commitments early. Carla suggested past house owners be asked to provide references/comments if needed for those considering in the future. Rita and Brenda will be the co-chairs for the 2018 house tour.

Convention Report. There were no bylaw changes this year! Carla talked about the lobbying effort of the AAUW members and meeting with the Alaska delegation. Also talked about some of the meetings she attended.

Programs and Calendar: Rita provided proposed programs for 2017-2018 (attached). Several suggestions were made regarding program topics and venues. Rita will be away from 7/23 to early September and will try to have programs in place and if not, Brenda Birdsall can assist. It was decided to move the House Tour date to Saturday, July 14 so to avoid the 4th of July holiday weekend.

Committees:

Nominating committee. There is still a need for a president-elect and also discussed possibly having a co-treasurer and co-secretary. Names were discussed and several people will be asked.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm. Next board meeting will be Monday, August 21 at 6:30 pm to be held at Brenda Birdsall's.

Submitted by

Rita Osborne for
Carol Schlentner, Secretary