

**American Association of University Women  
Fairbanks Branch  
Board of Directors meeting  
July 21, 2016  
Home of Gretchen Murphy**

**Board Members present:** (4) Gretchen Murphy (president), Ritchie Musick (past-president), Gael Murakami, (treasurer) and Rita Osborne (secretary).

Also present were members Terry Tirrell (co-chair Tech Savy), Leslie McCartney (scholarship committee), Kayt Sunwood (newsletter)

**Board Members absent:** (3) Margaret Soden (president-elect), Carla Willetto (vice president membership), Joyce Potter/Pat Babcock (vice president program co-chairs).

Also absent were members Stephanie Stowman/Pat Turner (co-historians).

President Gretchen Murphy called the meeting to order at 1:23 pm after the 12:30 pm salad luncheon. **A quorum of members was present.**

Gretchen distributed posters of the Sonia Sotomayor August 14 event so these can be displayed at prominent locations. On July 8 Gretchen forwarded an email to board members from AAUW regarding statistics showing 0% harassment/bullying in schools (report from 49% of schools) and requesting a review and correction of those statistics since virtually impossible to achieve. The board agreed for Gretchen to send a letter to Governor Walker regarding the flawed statistics and requesting to review and correct. The League of Women Voters held a picnic on July 16 and extended an invitation to our members with several attending. Gretchen suggested we sponsor a picnic in 2017 and extend invitations to the League and other groups with similar interests.

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved by consensus.

**Minutes:** The May 24, 2016 minutes were emailed to board members on July 20. Ritchie moved to approve with correction of her being absent at the meeting, Gael seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Summary:** Gael gave the financial report. As of July 1 the money market account was \$2,892.39 and checking account \$5,039.82 for a total of \$7,932.21. As of July 21 receipts were \$3,177 and expenses were \$299.59 for a total as of today as \$10,479.62.

House tour receipts were \$3,085.00 and expenses including an estimate for newspaper ads were \$557.59 for a net income of \$2,527.41. There may be a few outstanding ticket sales from members. A full accounting will be provided at the end of July.

**Committee reports:**

**Newsletter:** Kayt Sunwood has accepted the position of newsletter editor. There was a discussion about including board minutes in the newsletter. The minutes are provided on our website so it was decided to mention in the newsletter when the minutes are available on the website.

**Scholarship:** Leslie McCartney has agreed being on the scholarship committee and setting up the scholarship applications on-line, which involves updating the form. There was a discussion about the scholarship timeline of January/February through March 1.

**Directory:** Discussion about an on-line directory rather than a printed version since it quickly becomes outdated. Some members would like a printed copy while others prefer access on-line. At this time the board thinks it's necessary to have both a PDF version so members can print and an on-line version. Gael and Carla will be compiling the 2016-2017 directory.

**House Tour:** The House Tour was very successful and everyone enjoyed the four houses. Comments on the houses were shared. Chair Margaret Soden is currently recuperating from surgery. A post house tour meeting will be held in August.

**Programs:** The program co-chairs Joyce and Pat were unable to be at this meeting and provided a draft for the 2016-2017 year. These were reviewed, comments were made and suggestions were made.

**Membership:** Carla was unable to attend the meeting and provided comments on various agenda items including the two Shape the Future memberships provided to Jane Weber and JoLee Giuchici (~~pronounced jee-OO-chee~~).

**Estate/garage sale:** The Ellen Witcher estate sale in June made \$1500.20 that was donated to our branch. There were some additional donations during the meeting. Another sale is planned in September for items left remaining. Members are also welcomed to bring in tagged items with the understanding proceeds will go to AAUW and anything remaining will be donated to Fairbanks Resource Agency. Discussion with board deciding to leave details to Brenda Birdsall and Jodi Gouwens who are planning the sale. Volunteers will be asked to help.

**Tech Savy:** The board decided to continue pursuing the Tech Savy program for possible implementation during summer or fall 2017. Terry suggested providing an experiment during one of our monthly meetings, which will highlight the Tech Savy program. Discussion about past sex discrimination that many of us had to tolerate in our professional lives and which continues in some professions today. Terry's daughter is a pilot and airplane mechanic and could speak on this issue. A Tech Savy committee meeting is planned for early August.

**Historical project/play:** The board would like for efforts to continue. Our AAUW history through 1995 is on the website. Stephanie Stowman and Pat Turner are continuing the history through the current time. Karen Emerson and Laura Walsh have agreed to write a musical play based upon this history.

**Meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.** Gael moved to adjourn the meeting, Ritchie seconded, motion approved.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday August 23, 2016 at Margaret Soden's for an evening meeting with time to be arranged.**

Submitted by

Rita Osborne  
Secretary

**Approved with corrections at the 8/23/2016 AAUW board meeting.**