

**American Association of University Women  
Fairbanks Branch  
Board meeting  
March 22, 2016 at 6 pm  
At the home of Jodi Gouwens**

**Members present:** (5) Gretchen Murphy, Ritchie Musick, Gael Murakami, Carla Willetto (6:36 pm) and Rita Osborne

**Member absent:** (2) Vera Alexander and Pat Babcock

President Ritchie Musick called the meeting to order at 6:14 pm. **A quorum of members was present.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Gael moved to approve the verbal agenda with items suggested by Rita, Gretchen seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Minutes:** The minutes were emailed to board members on 3/13/16. Carla submitted a correction via email. Gael moved the minutes be approved as corrected, Gretchen seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Summary:** Rita read the financial report from the 3/21/2016 annual meeting minutes and the 2/23/2016 board meeting. Rita submitted an expense of \$15.05 for paper products that were a meeting expense. The receipt will be mailed to Vera for reimbursement.

**Committee reports:**

**Programs:** There were 25 members (including Carol Schlentner via cell phone) and one guest. Some attending did not RSVP so it was necessary for the host to add an additional table. Efforts will be made in the future to have a more accurate count. Rita provided the speaker gift. The April scholarship luncheon will be held at Raven Landing. The cost of the library/lounge is \$50/hour for a total of \$125 and will be catered by Raven Landing for approximately \$20/person. RSVPs are needed. Gael will write an article for the April newsletter. The May meeting is being arranged.

**House Tour:** The date of the House Tour is July 9 with Margaret Soden as chair. One of the potential houses is a super energy house in the Shannon Park area that is also handicapped accessible.

**Writer's Group:** The Writer's Group location will change from month to month.

**Newsletter:** Ritchie needs news articles by the end of the week for the April newsletter.

**Book Group:** The March book group meeting was cancelled due to Jodi's illness. The book *The Signature of All Things* by Elizabeth Gilbert will be reviewed in April.

**Historian:** Barb Matthews has been keeping clippings and photos as the branch historian. Some of the older records have been given to the university archives.

### **Old Business:**

**Membership Renewals:** Members will be encouraged to pay on-line when national has our dues increase in place. It has been confusing whenever members pay for the April luncheon and membership renewal with the same check so hopefully on-line renewal will clear the confusion.

**Equal Pay Day:** Ritchie will write a FDNM community prospective column. TV news interviews were also suggested as well as having local officials proclaiming April 12 as Equal Pay Day.

### **New Business:**

**Ellen Whitcher Award.** Discussion on having a recognition award in Ellen's honor for outstanding contribution by a member that may or may not be awarded annually.

**Tech Savvy Program.** Terry Tirrell had discussed the Tech Savvy Program at the annual meeting. It was discussed to form a committee that will investigate the possibility of the program for our branch. Terry will be asked to chair and additional people were suggested along with Ritchie and Gretchen.

**Scholarships.** Discussion about definition of "local" for our scholarships which has not been well defined. The scholarships are for women residing in the Interior returning to school including part-time. This will be reflected on future publicity and an on-line application will be available downloaded from the website. Those on the current committee are Becky Long, Pat Turner, Margret Van Flein, Julia Stewart and Barbara Van Flein, chair.

**Mentoring committee positions.** Discussion of having mentors assist our appointed committee members so to involve newer members. This will also be beneficial for continuity when committee members travel for long periods.

**On-line directories:** Discussed on-line directories vs. printed directories and the use of MailChimp for distribution.

**Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.** Gael moved to adjourn, Carla seconded. **Motion passed.**

Submitted by

Rita Osborne  
Secretary