

**American Association of University Women  
Fairbanks Branch  
Annual Meeting  
March 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm**

**Members present** (17): Vera Alexander, Pat Babcock, Suzanne Black, Kathi Cameron, Carolyn Gray, Aldean Kilbourn, Gael Murakami, Gretchen Murphy, Ritchie Musick, Rita Osborne, Joyce Potter, Carol Schlentner (via Skype), Kayt Sunwood, Pat Turner, Barbara Van Flein, Margret Van Flein, and Ellen Whitcher,

President Ritchie Musick called the meeting to order at 7:56 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Margret Van Flein moved and Gael Murakami seconded the agenda be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**

New members Kathi Cameron, Joyce Potter and Rita Osborne were introduced and welcomed.

**Minutes:** March 26, 2014 Annual Meeting minutes were read by President Ritchie Musick. Aldean Kilbourn moved and Vera Alexander seconded the minutes be approved. **Motion passed.**

**Membership.** President Ritchie Musick said membership has increased from last year when the group was considering abolishing this branch. There are currently 36 members.

**Financial Report.** Vera gave the financial report (copy attached). The accounts have amounts of \$2889.69 and \$4833.10 for a total of \$7722.79 with an outstanding check of \$24.50. Because the Home Tour income did not cover the national donations and the two scholarships we needed to raise \$590. Members have donated \$400; we need an additional \$190. The group does not want to do a garage sale for fundraising. Vera mentioned the memorial contribution was for Glenn Johnson, long time supporter and member.

**Website:** Gael Murakami discussed the on-line branch website ([fairbanks-ak.aauw.net](http://fairbanks-ak.aauw.net)) and how to pay dues on-line. As of today, March 16, dues can be paid for the next dues period and will not expire until June 30, 2016. Gael tested it today by paying on-line and Vera had already received email notification. Gael also discussed what is on our local website: programs, history, fundraising, membership and newsletter (password 1881). Gael set up a separate Gmail account and she is forwarding any inquiries to the appropriate officer or committee chair. There is a section for related links to the national website [aauw.org](http://aauw.org): membership benefits, give a grad a gift, UAF, plus others. There are two ways to interact with Facebook: a public page for public viewing and a private group for members only (ask to be a Friend on Facebook). (Report attached.)

**Scholarship:** Barbara Van Flein reported that a committee meeting is scheduled for Saturday to choose the scholarship recipients. There were 10 applications for the two \$1,000 scholarships for 2015. She reported the new logo looks awful and fortunately she was not aware of it so had used the previous one which looks much better. Flyers for scholarships were provided at end of newsletters.

**Annual Scholarship Luncheon:** The Annual Scholarship Luncheon will be held on Saturday April 18, 11 am to 1 pm at Raven Landing Commons 2 hosted by Pat Turner and Suzanne Black. Price is \$20 for soup, salad, ice cream and cookie. RSVPs are requested to Pat Turner.

**House Tour Committee:** Ritchie reported the 2014 House Tour had \$2570 in ticket sales and \$305 in expenses for a net income of \$2,265. (Report attached.)

**Book Club:** The April book is *Wind is not a River* by Brian Payton. No book has yet been chosen for May. For June the book is any book by or about Gloria Steinem who will be in Fairbanks on June 12.

**Writer's Group:** Ritchie has been attending the group and wrote an article that was printed in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner Community Perspective column.

**Historian:** Ritchie and Barbara Matthews will review Nancy Johnson's file.

**Fundraising:** There is no interest in a book sale. There was some discussion about a yard sale however this is no interest at this time.

**Equal Pay Day:** Tuesday April 14 is Equal Pay Day which is the date women have to work beyond December 31 to equal the pay of men. Ritchie read the letter being distributed asking restaurants to participate by giving a 22% discount to women on this day for some item on their menu or for their entire purchase.

**Nominating committee Report:** The nominating committee of Carol Schlentner, Aldean Kilbourn and Margret Van Flein presented the slate of officers for 2015-16:

President: Ritchie Musick

President elect: Gretchen Murphy

VP Program: Gael Murakami

VP Membership: Carla Willetto and Pat Babcock

Secretary: Rita Osborne (2015-2017)

Continuing as Treasurer: Vera Alexander (2014-2016)

**Election of Officers:**

Aldean Kilbourn moved and Ellen Whitcher seconded to accept the slate of officers.

**Motion passed.**

**Program Report.** Margret Van Flein would like feedback on programs and suggestions for future programs. Programs for the 2014-2015 year were as follows:

September 15, 2014, Life Skills at the Folk School of Fairbanks

October 18, 2014, Fall Brunch (guests invited) at Fairbanks Resource Agency

November 17, 2014, Guys Read Program with Greg Hill at the Noel Wien Public Library

(Note: There was very low attendance and we need a Publicity person)

December 15, 2014, Holiday potluck at Ritchie Musick's home

January 17, 2015, "Getting to Know You" at Raven Landing

February 21, 2015, "The Evolution of Title Nine" at the UAF Women's Center

March 16, 2015, Annual meeting and potluck at Aldean Kilbourn's home

April 18, 2015, Annual Scholarship Luncheon at Raven Landing

May 18, 2015, "But Wait, There's More..." at Margret Van Flein's home

Meeting was adjourned at 9:08 pm.

Dr. Kayt Sunwood, Coordinator of the UAF Women's Center presented the program on the activities of the Women's Center.

Submitted by,

Rita Osborne  
Secretary-Elect