

**American Association of University Women
Fairbanks Branch
Branch Membership Brunch
Fairbanks Resource Agency
October 17, 2015**

Vice President of Programs Gael Murakami welcomed the 40 members and guests to our annual Fall Membership Brunch held at the Fairbanks Resource Agency conference room and café. This included three new members. **A quorum of members was present.** Members introduced themselves and their guests Vice President Programs Gael Murakami called the business meeting to order at 11:53 am. Treasurer Vera Alexander was out of town and had submitted the proposed 2015-2016 budget by email. **The proposed 2015-2016 budget was presented to the membership. Margaret Soden moved to approve, Aldean Kilbourn seconded it, approved.** An increase of branch dues from \$11 to \$16 was discussed. This is the official advance notice and will be voted on at the March 2016 annual meeting. Gael presented the 2015-2016 program schedule. The November 16 program at the Noel Wien Library Conference Room will feature Steffi Ickert-Bond and Casey Brown who have been AAUW Fellowships recipients. Margaret Soden, House Tour Chair reported on the fundraising effort with proceeds about \$2600. She also thanked the many volunteers who made this successful. The meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.

Co-Vice President Membership Carla Willetto presented an AAUW slide show, which included both National and Fairbanks information, achievements, and current goals and activities, with special emphasis on our shared advocacy for lifelong education and equity for women and girls.

Jody Gouwens gave a brief description of the book group and welcomed new participants.

Drawing for door prizes was held. Tickets were given to members who brought guests and to guests. They were also available for purchase. \$75 was raised for "membership/meeting activities." The gifts were:

- Original watercolor donated by Gael Murakami-Gretchen Murphy
- Wicker basket of tea items and chocolates donated by Gael Murakami-Joyce Potter
- Mug-Carol Schlentner
- AAUW water bottle from National meeting-Pat Turner
- Book The Accidental Adventurer: Memoirs of the First Woman who Climbed Mt. McKinley-Jasmin
- Book Almost Astronauts: 13 women who dared to dream-Carol Schlentner
- CD-Casey Brown
- Herb vinegar-Margaret Soden
- Cross stitch-Kayt Sunwood
- Lilli Ickert-Bond – Christmas bag

Soup mixes and Great Harvest Dakota bread-Jackie Newell
Raspberry jalapeño jelly from Aldean Kilbourn-Brenda Birdsall
AAUW refrigerator magnet and cell phone bag-Lilli Ickert-Bond

Membership forms were made available and guests were encouraged to join with a special half price national membership.

Branch directories will be available during the November 16 meeting.

Submitted by

Rita Osborne
Secretary