

**American Association of University Women  
Fairbanks Branch  
Board meeting  
February 23, 2016 6 pm  
At the home of Jodi Gouwens**

**Members present:** (6) Pat Babcock, Ritchie Musick, Gael Murakami, Gretchen Murphy, Carla Willetto and Rita Osborne

**Member absent:** Vera Alexander

President Ritchie Musick called the meeting to order at 6:17 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** Gael moved to approve the agenda.

**Minutes:** Gael read the January 26, 2016 minutes due to Rita's loss of voice. The January minutes were emailed to board members on February 3. Gael moved that minutes be approved, Pat seconded, approved.

**Financial Summary:** Vera emailed financial report with \$2,891.72 in account #1124141 and \$5,168.69 in account #21046630 for a total of \$8,060.41. She plans to provide a complete accounting with income, expenditures and budget status before the next meeting.

**Committee reports:**

**Social Media:** The website has been updated to include a news media section for posting updated information from the AAUW branch. The minutes are now posted on the website in the "newsletter archive" menu section which is password protected (password is 1881).

**Scholarship:** Barbara Van Flein has resigned as scholarship coordinator as of today 2/23. Gael had previously forwarded to Barbara about four scholarship applications received via our email address. March 1 is the deadline. Discussion on finding replacement for Barbara with several names mentioned. Ritchie will be in touch to find a replacement.

**House Tour:** The house tour is scheduled for July 9. The committee will begin meeting in March.

**Programs:** Gael reported there were 15 members/guests at the February 20 meeting held at the Noel Wien Library with Linda Witt from the League of Women Voters on Voting Registration that is one of AAUW's public policy missions. One guest who is an undergraduate student learned about the meeting from our Facebook page. There were two potential new members at this meeting.

Future programs are:

**March 21, 6:30 pm (Monday)** (note change of time)

Annual Meeting & Potluck

Guest speaker Molly Tedesche, PhD candidate/IARC Scientist of the Month

Home of Aldean Kilbourn

**April 16, 11 am (Saturday)**

Annual Scholarship Luncheon

Location to be arranged

**May 16, 7 pm (Monday)**

To be arranged. Possibly health issues or tour of Stone Soup

**Membership:** There are currently 51 members. The roster still shows two lapsed members for the current year. Ritchie provided a branch dues check from one member received during the holiday meeting although member is showing on the roster as paid. Check will be forwarded to Vera to clear up. ~~Carla and Pat had earlier contacted 400 UAF alumni for the Give a Grad a Gift and five graduates accepted the free membership although all were relocating in other states.~~ *Last spring, Pat Babcock and Carla Willetto contacted over 400 UAF female graduates and offered them a free national membership to AAUW through the Give a Grad a Gift Program. Five graduates accepted the membership: two moved out of state, two also joined our branch and the fifth graduate is now a local member at large.*

**Old Business:**

**Bylaws update:** Gretchen and her committee have completed the bylaw changes including those required by AAUW. There was discussion on changing the drop date for non-renewal from July 31 to November 30. The issue of term limits was discussed and is tabled at this time.

**Nominations:** Aldean Kilbourn and the nominating committee members Margaret Soden and Carol Schlentner have submitted the slate of officers for 2016/17:

President, Gretchen Murphy

President-elect, Margaret Soden

Vice President Membership, Carla Willetto

Vice President Programs, vacant

Treasurer, Gael Murakami

There was discussion about possible members for Vice President Programs including two sharing this position.

**Newsletter:** Ritchie requested items for the newsletter by the weekend.

Gael will provide a write-up of the March annual meeting and a section on the Give A Grad a Gift program.

**New Business:**

**Equal Pay Day.** The date of equal pay day is April 12, 2016. Various possible activities were discussed such as making buttons. Information will be submitted to Kris Capps by Ritchie to publicize this day including encouraging women to wear red. on that date. The Start Smart program was discussed which is how to negotiate salaries although no definite plans.

**Fifty-Year Honorary Awards.** Fifty year honorary awards are available for those who joined in 1966 or before. Suggested publicity on the website for those receiving the award. Perhaps there are some who joined earlier than listed on the roster so members should be asked if they qualify. Ellen Witcher was recently presented this honorary award.

**Date/location next board meeting:** Next board meeting scheduled Tuesday March 22, 2016 6 pm at the home of Jodi Gouwens. This is a change from the date listed in the directory.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:40 pm.** Gael moved to adjourn, Carla seconded, approved.

Submitted by

Rita Osborne  
Secretary

**Approved as corrected (note italics) at the March 22, 2016 board meeting.**