

**American Association of University Women
Fairbanks Branch
Board meeting
May 24, 2016 at 6 pm
At the home of Jodi Gouwens**

Members present: (7) Gretchen Murphy, Vera Alexander, Pat Babcock, Gael Murakami, Carla Willetto, Margaret Soden, and Rita Osborne.

Member absent: Ritchie Musick (past president) and Joyce Potter (incoming co-program VP)

Guest present: Anna O'Hara (Carla's daughter)

President-elect Gretchen Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm. **A quorum of members was present.**

Approval of agenda.

Minutes: The April 26 minutes were emailed to board members May 3 and again on May 23. Margaret moved the minutes be approved, Vera seconded. **Motion passed.** The March 21 annual meeting minutes were emailed to board members April 23 and again on May 23. The March 21 annual meeting minutes were reviewed and no corrections noted. Approval for the annual minutes will be at our 2017 annual meeting.

Financial Summary: Vera reported the budget was about right on in part due to increase of members during the past year. Vera said she would provide a Year-End fiscal year financial summary. Carla suggested any in-kind contributions be noted so we have a better idea of budget needs. New check signers will get together the week of June 6th and those signers will be Gretchen, Margaret and Gael. After July 1 Gael will be able to officially take the duties of treasurer.

Committee reports:

Membership. We currently have 55 members. For Shape the future memberships Jane Weber and Jolee Giuchici were suggested. Pat Babcock will get the list of 2016 UAF graduates for the Give a Grad a Gift membership. Carla will contact the Kodiak branch to publicize our branch activities. The Kodiak branch may be an online virtual branch. There are also several people in Anchorage without a branch to be attached to and will try to include them with our information.

House Tour: The next committee meeting will be a brunch meeting on Wednesday May 25, at 10 am at the home of Karen Emerson. Two houses plus an

additional very small house are being considered and a large show house is still needed.

Tech Savvy. The next meeting is scheduled for June 1 at 1 pm at Gulliver's. A co-chair is still needed to work with co-chair Terry Tirrell who is familiar with AAUW's Tech Savvy program although not with the Fairbanks community since she lives only part-time in Fairbanks. Margaret suggested the Girl Scouts be involved since they have similar programs and age groups.

Ellen Whitcher Estate Sale. Brenda Birdsall and Margaret are coordinating the sale. The next sorting session will be Saturday May 28 from 9 am to about 1 pm. Gael will post the information on our AAUW Facebook page and will include a photo of Ellen's house. Carla suggested people share the information on their Facebook pages.

STEM Project. It was suggested that committee members take a topic of choice and prepare mini-reports for the newsletter each month.

Scholarship. Coordinator needed for this committee. Four people have been suggested. Discussed the definition of "Interior" for our scholarship and it was decided Interior to be North of the Alaska Range.

Public Policy. Carolyn Gray has resigned and another coordinator will be sought. Thanks to Carolyn for keeping us informed on AAUW public policies.

Newsletter/Directory. There is a possible newsletter editor. Content is needed from Aldean Kilbourn for producing the 2016/17 branch directory. There was a discussion about an on-line data directory to include photos, hobbies, etc. Carla, Gael, plus new newsletter editor can meet to determine best way to do this.

Website. The history of AAUW Fairbanks Branch is now on our website.

Programs. Pat and Joyce will get together in June to develop programs for the 2016/17 year. The October membership brunch needs a new venue since we have outgrown the FRA conference room. A possibility may be the University House, which is the former UA President's residence.

Old Business:

Leadership Academy: Gael reported she took the on-line Leadership Academy training which is 90 minutes so can now lead this training. In particular "developing new leaders" is appropriate for new board members. Gael will review the PowerPoint to see if appropriate. Suggestions to hold the training during a meeting or a special get together. Possibly other groups could be included.

Gael reported on a Membership Retention Webinar she participated in recently. One of the branches reported a program they called *Crones Sharing Defense of Wise*

Women, which is for longtime and newer members. It's an interesting idea for a program.

New Business:

History Project: Pat Turner and Stephanie Stowman are expanding the branch history to bring it current and this will be available on the website.

AAUW Play: There are several interested in writing a musical and/or play using our branch history as inspiration. It was mentioned Fairbanks Drama Association was started as an AAUW project and perhaps they would be interested in performing. Ellen Witcher had written some plays and they will be reviewed and used if possible.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. Gael moved to adjourn.

Next board meeting will be held **Thursday July 21 (salad luncheon) or Tuesday July 26 in the evening.**

Submitted by

Rita Osborne
Secretary

Approved on July 21, 2016 with the addition of Ritchie Musick being absent.