

**American Association of University Women  
Fairbanks Branch  
Board of Directors meeting  
November 29, 2016  
Home of Jodi Gouwens**

**Board Members present:** Gretchen Murphy (president), Gael Murakami (financial officer), Pat Babcock (co-vice president program), Carla Willeto (vice president membership), Rita Osborne (secretary), Kayt Sunwood (newsletter/directory), and Ritchie Musick (past-president; arrived approx. 7 pm)

**Board Members absent:** Margaret Soden (president-elect) and Joyce Potter (co-vice president program).

President Gretchen Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:43 pm. **A quorum of board members was present.**

**Approval of Agenda:** Approved by consensus.

**Minutes:** The October 25, 2016 minutes were emailed to board members. Gael moved to approve, Carla seconded. **Motion passed.**

**Financial Summary:** Gael provided the financial report for October 2016 (attached). Bank Account balance Money market account \$2,892.93, Ellen Witcher estate donation \$1850.20, checking account \$6360.63 for a balance of \$11,103.76. Receipts total \$128.32 for a balance of \$11,232.08. Disbursements of \$200 during the month provide an ending balance of \$11,032.08. Pending disbursements are \$1,516 (see attached). Gael also provided a report comparing our projected budget to actual income and expenses. Gretchen congratulated Gael on a job well done and mentioned Gael's title is now financial officer to coincide with AAUW national.

**Committee reports:**

**Programs:** Kudos to Pat regarding the November history program on Early Women Leaders of Fairbanks which was well attended (10 members and 19 Pioneers members) and there are plans to repeat the program for OLLI for the spring session. The program was a public meeting so membership was offered at half price through the Shape the Future Membership Campaign. Pat reported the December meeting will be our Christmas get together at Ritchie's home. Ritchie will provide a meat dish and requests side dishes or desserts. Gifts and wrapping paper will be collected for the Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living and members/guests are asked to bring a white elephant or other gift for our exchange, which is always popular. For January there will be an informal luncheon and Gretchen has made reservations at Lemon Grass, however other restaurants will also be considered. February's program will be Saturday, February 18, 11 am at

Fairbanks Resource Agency on the Green Dot program. March is our annual meeting to be held at Joyce Potter's home. April 22 is the scholarship luncheon. Pat Turner has reserved Raven Landing for this meeting. Our May program will be a wine and cheese event.

**Membership:** Carla reported there are currently 65 members. A few have not yet renewed and names were mentioned so friends may encourage them to renew. Carla has sent renewal emails to those members.

**50 Year Recognition Certificate:** Gael has received the 50-year recognition certificate for Margret Van Flein, which will be presented to Margret at the Annual meeting or at the Scholarship luncheon.

**Directory:** Gael has prepared several beginning pages for the directory and has been working with Dateline on the formatting. Printed directories will be made available to those wishing one as well as on-line. The national branch membership roster is currently available on-line in the branch website Fairbanks-ak.aauw.net under the menu option "Members Only" and will be updated as members renew. Password is 1881.

**Newsletter:** The November newsletter was distributed November 3. Kayt will be distributing the December newsletter shortly and any articles should be sent to her as soon as possible.

**Ellen Whitcher Fund:** A \$200 donation was made to AAUW's Eleanor Roosevelt Fund in memory of Ellen. This was from the estate sale and donations.

**Library Tile:** A book tile in Ellen's memory will be installed at the entrance of the Noel Wien Library. The \$100 funds for the tile were also from the estate sale and donations.

**Service Award:** Rita will suggest wording for a service award/certificate and work with Gretchen, Gael and Carla on this award.

**AAUW National Convention:** Carla and Margaret are planning to attend the AAUW National Convention held in Washington, D.C. during June 2017. In past years \$500 has been provided to help with expenses. Carla has declined and will fund her own expenses.

**History project:** No report at this time.

## **New Business**

**Friends membership:** Requests have been made to open membership for non-degreed members. Discussion. Will be delayed since AAUW is considering a non-degreed membership category in their by-laws revision.

**January meeting:** Gretchen will be out of town for the January board meeting so Pat Babcock as co-vice president program will preside over the meeting to be held at Jodi's home.

**Change of Venue for Board meetings:** Beginning February our board meetings will be held at Brenda Birdsall's home. There was discussion on ways to thank Jodi for hosting our meetings and providing refreshments.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:08 pm.**

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday January 24 at 6:30 pm at Jodi Gouwen's home.**

Submitted by

Rita Osborne  
Secretary