

**American Association of University Women
Fairbanks Branch
Board of Directors meeting
January 24, 2017
Home of Jodi Gouwens**

Board Members present: Pat Babcock (vice president program), Carla Willetto (vice president membership), Gael Murakami (financial officer), Rita Osborne (secretary), Ritchie Musick (past-president), and Carol Schlentner (Nominating Committee)

Appointed Board Member present: Leslie McCartney (Scholarship committee)

Board Members absent: Gretchen Murphy (president), and Margaret Soden (president-elect)

Secretary Rita Osborne called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. **A quorum of board members was present.**

Approval of Agenda: Ritchie moved to approve agenda, Carla seconded. **Motion passed.**

Minutes: The November 29, 2016 minutes were emailed to board members. Ritchie moved to approve, Pat seconded. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report: Gael provided the financial reports for November and December 2016 (attached). For November the bank account balance Money market account \$2,893.11, Ellen Whitcher estate donation \$1850.20, checking account \$6,288.77 for a balance of \$11,132.08. Receipts total \$32.30 for a balance of \$11,064.38. Disbursements of \$1500 during the month provide an ending balance of \$9564.38. For December the bank account balance Money market account \$2,893.28, Ellen Whitcher estate donation \$1550.20, checking account \$5,120.90 for a balance of \$9,564.38. Receipts total \$.28 for a balance of \$9,564.66. There were no disbursements during the month so ending balance was \$9564.66.

Programs and Calendar:

February 13, Book Club Meeting Being Mortal: Medicine and What Matters in the End by Atul Gawande, at Margaret Van Flein's home immediately following Aging at Home Fairbanks webinar with Atul Gawande, 12:30 pm at Noel Wien Library.

Writer's group, 4th Thursday in January, noon at Pike's Landing Restaurant, bring writing to read to group. Future meetings are the 3rd Thursdays at Pike's Landing Restaurant.

Monthly programs

February 18, 11 am, Green Dot program at Fairbanks Resource Agency

Monday March 20, 6 pm, Annual meeting (location not yet scheduled)

Monday April 22, Scholarship luncheon at Raven Landing

Monday May 15 or 22, Wine and Cheese social, location not confirmed

National Convention is June 14-17 in Washington, DC

Membership: Carla reported there are currently 57 members. The February meeting will not be a half price membership since it would allow new members only a few months of membership. Any new memberships during that meeting will be submitted mid-March.

Committee reports:

Programs An informal luncheon was held at the Lemon Grass Thai restaurant on Saturday, January 20, 11:30 am with 13 attending. Two of the attendees had participated in the Women's March and gave an update including that several AAUW members participated in the march. Leslie distributed scholarship information and asked that the information be shared.

February's program will be Saturday, February 18, 11 am at Fairbanks Resource Agency on the Green Dot program. We had anticipated having a panel discussion but unfortunately one speaker has canceled, one will be out of town and one is tentative at this time. Carla will contact the Ft. Wainwright group to see if available. Finger foods provided by the board will be appreciated. Coffee/tea will also be available. Pat requests help to set the room up at 9:30 am and Rita will help. Rita will also contact FRA to look at the meeting room since she's concerned if the heavy large tables as last year will need to be moved.

March is our annual meeting and a new location will need to be found since Joyce Potter's home no longer available. Jodi (our board meeting host) suggested the Linck Estates community party room. Several of the board looked at the room and it appears it would work well for the potluck.

April 22 is the scholarship luncheon. Pat Turner has reserved Raven Landing for this meeting. Ritchie said this was Earth Day and she would not be able to participate.

Our May program will be a wine and cheese event. The date and location needs to be confirmed.

Committee Reports

Media Gael will be updating the Facebook pages and our website.

Newsletter Kayt has requested articles for the February newsletter.

Scholarship Leslie distributed scholarship flyers and requested board members to post around town. Gael has set up online submission for candidates. Leslie read a letter from a Kodiak resident who is an AAUW member, is in the UAF distance education program and wondered if she would be considered since she does not reside in the Interior. Discussion that under our current criteria she does not qualify although we will review the guidelines. Leslie will send a letter saying under the current criteria she does not qualify, we will review the criteria and for her to check next year.

History Project No update at this time.

Directory Gael has prepared several beginning pages for the directory and is continuing to work on the directory. She has distributed printed membership lists to those requesting and the membership list is available on our branch website Fairbanks-ak.aauw.net under the menu option "Members Only" (pass word is 1881).

House Tour Our house tour is scheduled for Saturday, July 8. There are several potential committee members although a chair is still needed. Ritchie suggested co-chairs and agreed to co-chair. Rita will send an email to the potential committee members so a meeting can be arranged. The committee needs to start meeting in February. No houses have been confirmed although there are several potential houses.

Nominating Committee Carol said the nominating committee is requesting nominations.

Thank you The board thanked Jodi Gouwens for hosting our board meetings and provided her with a bouquet of tulips and a promise of lunch. Starting in February our board meetings will be at the home of Brenda Birdsall.

Old Business

Bylaws Required bylaw changes were submitted to national on December 26, 2016. Gretchen and Margaret Soden worked on these changes so a review of the changes is deferred until the next meeting. Ritchie reminded us that any bylaw changes need to be approved by our general membership with a 30-day advance notice prior to the annual meeting.

Equal Pay Day April 4 is Equal Pay Day. Shirley Liss is researching AAUW national and other branch activities to recognize Equal Pay Day. She is also putting together a committee.

Recognition/Service awards Rita is working with Gretchen, Gael and Carla on the wording for the Ellen Whitcher service award.

Library Tile The tile to honor Ellen Whitcher has been installed and is located in the Noel Wien Library foyer stack #10, Shelf #3, row #8.

National Convention Our delegates will be Margaret Soden and Brenda Birdsall. Carla is uncertain whether she'll be able to attend. We have set aside funds for convention expenses. Ritchie moved to provide \$500 each to go toward expenses, Gael seconded, **motion passed.**

New Business

AAUW mission priorities There are new AAUW mission priorities that Gretchen will share at future meetings.

Meeting moved to be adjourned at 7:45 pm by Ritchie, seconded by Carla, motion passed.

The next meeting will be held **Tuesday, February 28 at 6:30 pm at Brenda Birdsall's home.**

Submitted by

Rita Osborne
Secretary