

**American Association of University Women
Fairbanks Branch
Board of Directors meeting
February 28, 2017
Home of Brenda Birdsall**

Board Members present: Gretchen Murphy (president), Carla Willetto (vice president membership), Gael Murakami (financial officer), Rita Osborne (secretary), and Ritchie Musick (past-president)

Member present: Brenda Birdsall

Board Members absent: Pat Babcock (vice president program), and Margaret Soden (president-elect)

President Gretchen Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm. **A quorum of board members was present.**

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved by consensus.

Approval of Minutes: Gael moved to approve the minutes from January 24, 2017, Carla seconded. **Motion passed.**

Financial Report: Gael provided the financial report for January 2017 (attached). The balance is \$9,527.77. Outstanding disbursement is the \$50 donation given to Fairbanks Resource Agency for the use of their meeting rooms for our February membership meeting.

Membership Report: Carla reported our branch has 57 members and two potential new members, one who is a national AAUW member.

Programs and Calendar:

Our February 18 membership program was *Sexual Assault in Fairbanks: Prevention Programs and Victim Support Systems* with speakers Kara Carlson (UAF Resource & Advocacy Center/Interior Alaska Center for Non-Violent Living) and SSG Richard Jordan (US Army SHARP Program) held at the Fairbanks Resource Agency. Fourteen members, two non-members and the two speakers (total of 18) attended. Carla will write thank you notes to the speakers. A check for a \$50 donation for FRA was given to Pat Babcock.

Gretchen will arrange for the March and April meetings since Pat Babcock is now focusing on the history materials.

Monday March 20, 6 pm, Annual meeting (potluck), Raven Landing Building 4 Common Room.

Saturday April 22, noon Scholarship luncheon at Raven Landing, Multipurpose Room. The March for Science will be held at and around Ryan Jr. High on the same day from 10 am to 1 pm so the time for the Scholarship luncheon has been moved to noon.

Monday May 22, 7 pm, Wine and Cheese social, home of Karen Emerson.

Committee Reports

Newsletter. The 2016 Annual meeting minutes need to be included in the March newsletter since they will be on the annual meeting agenda for approval. Any news articles should go to Kayt as soon as possible. Gretchen will provide her with information from this meeting. Ritchie said she's not getting the newsletters, which Gael is sending, through MailChimp and Gael will follow-up with her. Some members don't seem to be reading the newsletters so Gael is including the monthly meeting notices in the email message to highlight the upcoming meeting.

Scholarship. Leslie has received a few scholarship applications including two from out of the interior region. Follow-up on the scholarship process (what worked and what didn't) and application criteria will be discussed at the next board meeting.

Historian. Pat Babcock has been appointed Historian since Pat Turner and Stephanie Stowman have resigned. The boxes previously in possession of Pat Turner have been turned over to Pat Babcock. Margaret Soden will assist in April when her schedule allows. Ritchie has a file cabinet of materials and Brenda Birdsall will help Ritchie in reviewing these materials. Aldean Kilbourn has computer files and Carla will assist Pat Babcock with these.

Directory. Gael 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). She will have directories available at the March annual membership meeting.

House Tour. The house tour is scheduled for Saturday, July 8. The committee met on 2/6 and has 7 committee members. Ritchie is co-chair, Margaret Soden is the advisor and Rita is taking notes. The group has a list of potential houses and is confirming availability. Prices are being checked for posters, flyers and tickets. The next meeting is scheduled for 3/6 at 1:30 pm.

Nominating Committee Carol Schlentner has been contacting members for nominations. The other elected nominating committee members Sandy O'Connor and Joyce Potter have not been available to assist. Rita and Brenda have agreed to be nominated as co-Vice President Programs. Nominations are still needed for Secretary and President-elect.

Equal Pay Day. April 4 is Equal Pay Day. Shirley Liss is out of town and no report available. There was discussion on activities that can be done to highlight this day. Brenda volunteered to use her KUAC day to promote the day.

Meeting adjourned at 8 pm.

Submitted by

Rita Osborne
Secretary