

**American Association of University Women
Fairbanks Branch
Board of Directors Meeting
October 25, 2016
Home of Jodi Gouwens**

Board Members present: Gretchen Murphy (President), Margaret Soden (President-Elect), Gael Murakami (Treasurer), Pat Babcock (Co Vice-President, Programs).

Board Members absent: Carla Willetto (Vice President, Membership), Joyce Potter (Co Vice-President, Programs), Rita Osborne (Secretary), Pat Turner/Stephanie Stowman (Historians), Kayt Sunwood (Newsletter editor)

President Gretchen Murphy called the meeting to order at 6:42pm. **A quorum was present.**

Announcements: kudos to Carla Willetto for the wonderful membership brunch.

Minutes: Gael moved, Pat seconded that the minutes of the September 27, 2016 meeting be approved as presented. **Motion passed.**

Program Report: Pat reported that the November meeting would be held at Pioneer Hall in Pioneer Park. Four local women, Kathleen “Mike” Dalton, Marilyn Nigro, Joan Skilbred and Pat Babcock will present a “History of Early Women Leaders in Fairbanks”. Since this is a public meeting, half priced AAUW memberships will be available.

Equal Pay Day: Shirley Liss has agreed to coordinate celebration of this event slated for April.

Scholarship Committee: The committee met and the application questionnaire has been developed. There was a discussion of where to put flyers. Press information will be sent after January 1.

Financial Report:

- Gael presented the finalized budget and monthly balance sheet. We have 6 new members and 2 renewals to bring our membership to 65.
- Bank Account balances (as of September 1, 2016):
 - Money Market Account \$2892.77
 - Regular Checking
 - Ellen Whitcher Estate \$1850.20
 - General Funds \$6396.49 \$8246.69
 - Receipts \$ 64.30
 - Disbursements \$(100.00)
 - Balance on hand (as of September 30, 2016): \$11103.76
- An account has been set up at Dateline Copies so officers and committee members can get authorized copies made and charge to this account.

- Gael sent in a request to National AAUW to submit our Branch IRS tax exempt forms in the future. Confirmation that they will do this for us was received.
- Our Branch contributions to the Educational Foundation will be made in December. We discussed how to allocate the money. We can again make “Named Gift” designations for our contributions. Margaret moved, Gael seconded that we make “Named Gifts” for the following Branch contributions in 2016. **Motion passed.**
 - Carla Willetto, Public Policy Program (AAUW Advocacy), \$500.
 - Gael Murakami, American Fellowships, \$500
 - Ritchie Musick, Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF), \$200

Directory: Gael reported that she is working with Carla on revisions to the directory. They will have it available to members in a PDF file so it can download at home. Some copies will be printed and mailed to members upon request.

Website: Gael is also working on updating our Branch website.

Bylaws Revisions: Gretchen and Margaret will work on updating our bylaws in accordance with National guidelines. National AAUW is also requesting input from members for the 2017-2019 Public Policy platform.

Ellen Whitcher Estate funds: there was a brief discussion about where to disburse funds from this special fund. Margaret moved, Gael seconded that we use the money in the following manner. **Motion passed.**

- \$200 to the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund for teachers
- \$100 to buy a tile for the Noel Wien Library foyer in Ellen’s memory
- Help members with cost of attending the National Convention in Washington DC in June. Members who might go are Carla Willetto, Gael Murakami, and Margaret Soden. There will be mentions in upcoming Branch newsletters that funds are available and perhaps other members will attending the convention.

Board member comments:

- Gretchen mentioned that HB 156 passed without Governor Walker’s signature. This bill has to do with sex education in the schools. Our local Fairbanks North Star Borough has decided that several sources of sex education information, including that from Planned Parenthood, have been deleted or are under review. Because this is somewhat counter to AAUW Public Policy, this is something our Branch needs to keep an eye on.
- Rita Osborne has suggested that we should consider ways to include those women without a degree as members of our Branch. National AAUW has discussed this, and may again at the 2017 convention. We will research how this might be accomplished.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15.

Margaret Soden, President-Elect for Rita Osborne, Secretary