

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting  
Thursday January 28, 2016  
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

**Call to Order**

Barbara called the meeting to order at 12:00pm

**Board Members Present:**

Barbara Calef, President	Rosmarie Frederickson, Treasurer
Becky Shankland, Second Vice President	Jody Benson, Publicity
Wendee Brunish, First Vice President	Julie Williams-Hill, Secretary
Karyl Ann Armbruster, LWL	Guest: Akkana Peck, State LWV Webmaster
Amy Birnbaum, Reservations	

**Minutes**

(THERE WERE TWO SETS OF MINUTES) Minutes were approved with corrections. Barbara and Becky will finalize the corrections.

**Treasurers Report**

Rosmarie reported that the checking account balance increased from \$5,129.94 on December 1<sup>st</sup> to \$5,642.71 on December 31<sup>st</sup>. This new balance includes receipts in the amount of \$610.72, interest earned in the amount of \$0.05, and less \$98.00 in disbursements. Total receipts include single dues from Hopkins, Mezins, Herman, and Best in the amount of \$300; household dues from Joe Thompson in the amount of \$65, and reimbursement from the Ed Fund in the amount of \$245.72. Two checks were written in the month of December, one to the Mesa Library as a deposit for which \$0 is entered, and the other to the U.S. Post Office in the amount of \$98 to retain the LWV's PO Box. As of December 31<sup>st</sup>, the savings account balance was \$2,144.71. The Ed Fund balance decreased from \$19,153.36 on December 1<sup>st</sup> to \$18,907.64 on December 31<sup>st</sup> due to the reimbursement to the checking account balance in the amount of \$245.72 for the Emile Nakleh talk on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

The LA Monitor has not issued an invoice for advertisements the LWV ran regarding the Legislative Preview meeting. Provided the Monitor could get the LWV's 501(C)(3) number, it indicated that the price for the ads would be reduced. Rosmarie stated that she requested this information but received no response. She will follow up. The Daily Post erred and ran the Legislative Preview ads a week late. As such, there will be no charge.

Gillian with KRSN requested that the LWV add events such as the Legislative Preview on the FYI Los Alamos calendar at <http://fyilosalamos.com/>.

**Lunch With A Leader**

The February speaker will be Arin McKenna. Tim Glasco has an already-prepared talk about the Smart Grid and “whatever happened to NEDO” solar array. We could invite him for March. The speaker in April (Annual Meeting) will be Meredith Machen, and the subject will be Charter Schools. Recommendations for May include Mary McCleod (except that would be two education talks).

There was a discussion of interest on the topic of the BPU and what is the role of the lawyers. The issue is whether the lawyers need to weigh in on issues and questions presented to them from Board Members. Recently they have not given any guidance. Also, is it necessary to change the County Charter so that the Board can focus on issues other than just providing the lowest rates.

### **Annual Meeting**

This meeting will take place Tuesday, April 19 following Lunch with a Leader. Meredith Machen from Las Cruces has been invited to speak on charter schools. We will have a silent auction that will be wrapped up after the lunch and before the business meeting. The Board needs to alert the Budget Committee.

### **Change in date for March Board Meeting to 3/31.**

The March Board meeting date was changed to March 31; however, Wendee Brunish will be gone that day.

### **Council Meeting, May 21.**

The Los Alamos League will host the May LWVNM Council Meeting. Barbara has already reserved the meeting venue for which there is presumably no charge: the conference room at the NM Consortium. (Barbara will check to ensure that the room is gratis). Barbara will check if we could arrange a Consortium tour.

Karyl Ann will arrange the lunch, which will be a variety of sandwiches from the Co-op. We will leave it up to the Co-op to choose the variety, but it must include vegan and gluten-free selections. The presumed cost for the lunches is \$10/each. Deadline for registration will be 05/13. Assuming there is no charge for the venue, then the registration cost will be \$20.00, which is enough to cover break refreshments.

Karyl Ann will also check to see if we can borrow the big coffee pots from Robin Schultz to make our own coffee. We can use our own LWVLA mugs.

Yvonne Flores will give a talk about immigration. Registration begins at 11:30.

### **National Meeting, June 16 – 19, DC**

The registration deadline is in May. Usually the President and another member attend. All League members are welcome to attend, but LWVLA only pays the costs for the two delegates.

### **BPU Board Meeting**

The BPU adopted a definition of carbon neutrality similar to that proposed by the Future Energy Resources Committee. They also adopted 13 of the FERC’s 14 recommended resolutions. The single resolution that didn’t pass concerned renewal of the agreement for sharing utilities with LANL. Jeff Johnson was elected to serve as the new Chair, and David Powell is now vice chair. Again, a concern is that the legal team, Katie Thwait and Kevin Powers, have not been assisting to

clarify issues. There is even confusion as to where Susan O'Leary should sit and what input she can have.

### **Drop Box for Shared Information**

We discussed the pros and cons of having an LWVLA dropbox site for minutes and possibly other information, including photographs and the LWVLA brochure. Julie will provide administrative permission (allowing editing capabilities) to outgoing President, Barbara, and incoming President, Wendee to be able to access all documents in the dropbox.

Akkana requested that the minutes also be posted on the LWVLA website. The Board agreed there should be no problem with posting them. Barbara will ask Barbara Lemmick to enable Julie to post the finalized minutes on the website.

### **Other Planning**

- **Program planning party** will be at Rosmarie's: This event is to discuss issues for the local League and the national League for the upcoming 2016/17 year. For example, Las Cruces is proposing to update the LWVUS position on immigration. Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> was selected as the date. Those in attendance will propose topics. The Board will discuss and recommend topics for a final decision at the Annual Meeting.
- **Voter Registration.** Barbara requested Karyl Ann to follow up with Carter Payne at the high school. Payne had suggested that the LWV come the week of Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> to register kids. It was suggested that Karyl Ann bring absentee ballots with her, and possibly make a second trip to the high school in May, before high school seniors graduate and go off to college.
- **Fund drive party** will be held at Amy's from 7:00 to 8:30 on Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- **Candidate Forum pre-primary:** We need to organize a pre-primary forum for all candidates in May. There may need to be more than one if there are more than 11 candidates. The deadline for candidate registration is March 8. We will probably hold the forum at UNMLA because Fuller Lodge is closed for renovation.

**Potential Membership through signup at meetings:** We will circulate a signup sheet on a clipboard at each meeting where we can hopefully get emails; ask if attendees would like to receive a "friendly reminder" of events, and offer membership brochures. We will also put out a donations jar.

### **Newsletter**

There will be no February Newsletter because the January Newsletter came out late.

(Normally we welcome new members in the Newsletter, but Tarin is working at the Roundhouse.)

**Amy has reserved the Library for the March 31 meeting.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 1:45.**