

Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 21, 2016
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM

Call to Order

Wendee Brunish called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Board Members Present:

Wendee Brunish, President

Kathy Taylor, Treasurer

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer

Rosmarie Frederickson, Director-at-Large

Barbara Calef, Secretary

Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader

Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Minutes

Minutes for the May 26 meeting were filed as amended.

Treasurer's Report

As of April 30, 2016, the checking account balance was \$8,027.89, with receipts for the month totaling \$2,896.00, .05 interest, and 175.00 in disbursements. The receipts were \$300 for registrations for the LWVNM Council held in Los Alamos on May 21, \$1,932.00 in dues, \$525 in donations, and \$139.00 from the silent auction.

Disbursements included a check for \$90.00 to the LADP, a check to Barbara Calef for \$30 to renew the League's phone card, and a check for \$55 to Karyl Ann Armbruster for Lunch with a Leader expenses January-April.

The savings account balance was \$2,145.06 on April 30.

The Ed Fund balance was 19,829.32 on April 30, which includes donations of \$600.00 and disbursements for the Legislative Preview of \$360.32. Kathy explained that she deposited all of the checks on hand in the general account at LANB and then sent a check to our Ed Fund in Washington. There was some discussion about whether that practice is acceptable.

The checking book balance on May 31 was \$8,098.17, including \$590 in receipts of which \$160 was for additional Council registrations, \$65 for

household dues, \$185 in unrestricted donations, and \$180 in Ed Fund donations.

Disbursements were for \$95.00 to the L.A.Monitor to advertise the candidate forum, \$31.37 to Barbara Calef for materials for the LWVNM Council, and \$393.42 to Karyl Ann Armbruster for the lunch for the Council and Lunch with a Leader expenses. Kathy noted that LWVLA made a profit of \$78.63 for the Council meeting.

The savings account balance was \$2,145.16 on May 31.

The Ed Fund balance on May 31 was \$19,829.32.

Lunch with a Leader

Karyl Ann received initial confirmation from Tewa Women United that they would send two members to the July 19 LWL meeting. She is now trying to re-confirm. Karyl Ann will not be here for that meeting.

Karen Kendall will speak about the Los Alamos Cooperative Market's finances at the August meeting. She is the Co-op's longest standing board member.

Membership Report

Tarin was absent. The convention delegates were unable to find anyone from LWVUS to discuss membership. We have at least one local resident, Richard Sayre, who joined national, but we were never informed. Rosmarie noted that Tom Sandford, a former member, has moved away.

Observer Corps

Council: Lynn reported that at the only Council meeting of the month, four Councilors (O'Leary, Henderson, Reiss, and Izraelevitz) voted to put the question of whether to abolish the sheriff's office on the ballot.

BPU: Julie noted that David Powell is going off the board at the end of June. There are three applicants for the position, including Kathy Taylor. At the June meeting the Board discussed whether to increase water rates by 17% as proposed informally by staff. The problem is that consumption dropped considerably in 2015 because of the record precipitation, so the revenue did not cover the costs. The board has not made a decision.

There will be a special meeting on June 24 to discuss the procedure for participating in the re-paving of Central Avenue from 9th to 15 St. The project will be led by the Public Works Department, but the DPU will be replacing utility lines.

Steve Cummins brought a schedule to the BPU for implementing the FER objectives. He was told to return with more details.

Business Fund Drive

Wendee sent out 45 letters to local businesses requesting donations. She has purchased a return address stamp and also ordered business cards.

Convention Report

One of the messages at the LWVUS Convention was that the League is aging and needs to be more inclusive. Wendee was inspired to recruit young Latinos to help register voters at the next naturalization ceremony in the County, which will take place in Bandelier on July 4. Karyl Ann gave her the name of another person to invite.

Another message from the Convention was that a study found that women who run for office are treated the same as male candidates!

Wendee also reported on a talk about authoritarianism that impressed her. Authoritarianism was described as the situation that results when people are willing to trade away their rights for safety.

LA Community Foundation

Wendee will fill out the form for our League and send it in.

Voter Guide and Forums

The League will need to hold two and possibly three forums for the candidates and the sheriff question. Possible dates are September 29, October 6 and October 13. Wendee will contact an acquaintance in Lujan's office to see if he will be available. UNM/LA was an excellent venue for the last forum. The board discussed the questions that have been proposed and made quite a few decisions. Lynn will send out the new list.

June Newsletter

June 27 is the deadline for the next newsletter. Wendee will write up her report on the Convention and send it to the board for approval. Barbara will

report on Tamara Baer's talk at Lunch with a Leader. Karyl Ann has submitted her description of the July LWL. Lynn and Julie will submit their observer corps reports. The Annual Meeting Minutes can also be included.

Meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

To Do

1. Wendee will find the information shared at Convention about combining our accounts to simplify the treasurer's job and will send it to the board.
2. Wendee will fill out the LA Community Foundation form for our League and send it in.
3. Wendee will contact an acquaintance in Lujan's office to see if he will be available for a candidate forum.
4. Lynn will send out the new list of voter guide questions. The discussion will continue via e-mail.