

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

**Called to order**

Wendee Brunish called the meeting to order at 12:03 pm.

**Board members present:**

Wendee Brunish, President	Becky Shankland, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader	Kathy Taylor, Treasurer
Amy Birnbaum, Reservations Corps;	Lynn Jones, Voter Services & Observer
Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large	

**Review of June Minutes**

June minutes were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kathy reported a prior book balance of \$8,098.17 with receipts of \$785.32 and disbursements of \$1,838.04, resulting in an ending book balance of \$7,045.52. The receipts consisted of donations (\$190), memberships (\$235), and an Ed Fund disbursement (\$360.32). The disbursements consisted of a check to the LA Daily Post for an Ad (\$96.58), a check to the LA Monitor (\$75), a check to Wendee Brunish for the LWV National Convention (\$1,436.46), and two checks to the LWV Education Fund (\$180 and \$50). The Savings Account had a prior book balance of \$2,145.16, had ten cents in interest, and ended with a book balance of \$2,145.26. The Ed Fund had a beginning balance of \$19,829.32, had donations of \$230, had withdrawals of \$360.32, and ended with a balance of \$19,699.00.

**Lunch with a Leader**

Karyl Ann reported that Karen Kendall will be our August speaker. She will be talking about the state of the Co-op. Suggestions for the September and October meetings were Steve Foltyn, who has been an active member of the Art in Public Places Board until recently, and Jill McLaughlin, who is the editor of the L.A. Monitor.

**Membership Report**

Tarin Nix was at the LWV National Convention, and so there was no membership report.

**Observer Corps Report**

Lynn did not have a County Council Observer Corps Report ready.

Julie was not present, but sent a report in with the following:

Board of Public Utilities July 20<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Kathy Taylor is the new Board member
- Board discussed natural gas rates (pass-through rate structure and a rate decrease). DPU will bring a draft ordinance to the Board on August 17<sup>th</sup>. DPU is recommending that the Board keep the “pass-through” rate and decrease the other component of the rate structure. Board also discussed and voted to not permit customers to “opt-out” of having a smart meter installed. Smart meters are still about a year or two out.

#### Board of Public Utilities Upcoming August 17<sup>th</sup> meeting

- Two public hearings will go to the Board on August 17<sup>th</sup> – Water Rate Increase by 10-percent across the board; Natural Gas Rate Decrease and the removal of the “sunset clause” for the pass-through rate structure.
- The DPU has published two Open Forum pages for public comment on the two public hearings. They are open now. Public comments will be provided to the Board on Aug. 16<sup>th</sup>.  
[http://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/119/forum\\_home?phase=open](http://www.peakdemocracy.com/portals/119/forum_home?phase=open)

#### Candidate Forum Dates

- Called and spoke with Chris Garcia (Cong. Ben Ray Lujan’s scheduler) and asked availability for Oct. 6 or Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. He said that Tara Lujan or Aaron Trujillo would call back after the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday to let us know. I hadn’t heard from either of them, so I placed a follow up call. I have another message in – I am told that Tara Lujan will follow up. As soon as I hear from her, I will send an email.

#### **Newsletter Deadline**

The next newsletter input will be due August 3rd.

#### **Voters Guide**

Lynn reported that the Voters Guide work was on schedule. The letters to the candidates would be going out in the next week or two.

#### **Candidate Forums**

It was agreed that we would try to schedule forums on October 6 and October 13 at UNM-LA. Amy will look into this.

#### **Next LWVLA Board meeting**

The next LWVLA Board meeting is scheduled for August 25th.

#### **Adjourned**

Wendee adjourned the meeting at 12:44 pm.

Lynn Jones, 8/2/2016