

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting  
Thursday, September 29, 2016  
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

**Call to Order**

Wendee Brunish called the meeting to order at noon.

**Board Members Present:**

Wendee Brunish, President  
Kathy Taylor, Treasurer  
Barbara Calef, Secretary  
Tarin Nix, Membership  
Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements  
Jody Benson, Publicity  
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a  
Leader  
Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer  
Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)  
Rosmarie Frederickson (DAL)

**Minutes**

Minutes for the August 25 meeting were filed as amended.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kathy presented an updated report for July as well as the August report. For July there was a balance of \$6,033.83 in the General Fund. The savings account balance accrued interest of \$.04 and was \$2145.35. The Ed Fund balance was \$19,699.00. In August LWVLA received receipts of \$480 including a donation of \$75 from Jeri Hertzman, \$45 in dues from Susan O'Leary, and \$360 from the Ed Fund. Kathy paid the LWVUS PMP of \$1,616.00. The ending balance is \$4,897.88. The savings account balance is \$2,145.35 and the Ed Fund balance is \$19,339.00.

**Lunch with a Leader**

The board decided last month not to hold Lunch with a Leader in October since the League is hosting three other events that month: two candidate forums and the charter school consensus meeting. Karyl Ann has invited LAPS Superintendent Kurt Steinhaus and school board member Bill Hargraves for the November LWL. She will also ask someone from UNM/LA to speak about their bond election. Karyl Ann will be absent for the November LWL. Names for future programs include Sandra Fish from New Mexico In Depth, Tim Glasco to speak about the Carbon Free Power Project, and Karen Williams to speak about the proposed no-kill bear legislation.

## **Membership Report**

Tarin reported that the League now has 71 members with two new members: Nancy Savoia and Stephanie Nakhleh.

## **Observer Corps**

**BPU:** Julie reported that the DPU will soon replace the wastewater treatment plant in White Rock. The new plant will produce class 1A effluent, which is very clean. Philip Gursky presented the draft Comprehensive Plan to the BPU. There will be a meeting to discuss the long-range water supply plan on November 14.

**Council:** Lynn reported that the Council passed the decrease in the gas rate and increase in the water rate that had been proposed by the BPU. The councilors complained that they did not have sufficient time to consider the gas rate decrease because they had to act quickly before the sunset clause associated with the pass-through rate went into effect. Council had requested a new snow removal ordinance from Public Works setting fines for residents failing to shovel their sidewalks, but after discussion only Henderson and Izraelevitz voted for the ordinance, so it failed. The Council will be interviewing candidates for County Attorney and Economic Development Director soon.

## **October Newsletter**

The next newsletter deadline is September 30. Articles should be sent to Kathy and Barbara. The charter school consensus questions will be included.

## **Voter Registration, Guide and Forums**

Lynn announced that the Voter Guide is under control.

PAC-8 will tape both of the candidate forums and put them on You Tube.

The press release was discussed. It can be sent to [jill@lamonitor.com](mailto:jill@lamonitor.com) and the LADP. The board discussed options for registering voters. Not many people sign up at the farmers' market. Plans for the second forum (October 13) are complete. John Horne rather than Marco Lucero will speak against the proposed Charter amendment on October 6. The board talked about problems that might arise. Wendee volunteered to contact Chief Sgambellone about sending an officer.

## **Empty Chair Policy**

The board agreed on the wording for the new Empty Chair policy, which will go into effect following the 2016 General Election.

## **Charter Schools Consensus Meeting**

The consensus meeting will be held in the library from 11:15-1:15 on October 18 and members will be invited to order lunch from the Co+op. Meredith will lead the meeting. Barbara will be the recorder.

**Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on October 27, followed by one on December 1.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40 p.m.