

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, December 1, 2016
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

Call to Order

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Calef Co-president
Becky Shankland Co-president
Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements
Kathy Taylor, Treasurer

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer
Karyl Ann Armbruster, L/L
Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)
Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary

Confirmation of Electronic Vote

The Electronic Vote electing Barbara Calef and Becky Shankland as co-presidents after Wendee Brunish's resignation had to be confirmed at the board meeting. Kathy Taylor made the motion to confirm the electronic vote of Barb and Becky. The motion was seconded by Akkana and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy forgot her report and so sent a report later. The balance on November 1 was \$2,874.78. With receipts of \$50 and \$1001.00 in disbursements, the balance on November 30th was \$1923.77 in the checking account. There was a donation of \$50.00 from the Andersons. There were four disbursements \$185.00 for Monitor ads, LWVNM PMP of \$656.00, Kathy Taylor stamps \$47.00, Karyl Ann Armbruster L/L \$112.51. At the end of November, there was \$2,145.31 in the savings account and \$20,064.00 in the Ed. Fund.

Lunch with a Leader

Karyl Ann reported that she had Daniel Ivey-Soto speaking on the upcoming ethics legislation on Dec. 20th. Since he was going to be asked to speak at the Legislative Preview on January 11th, it was decided that, if he were available on Dec. 13th, that would be a better time for his presentation at Lunch with a Leader. Amy was asked to check if the library room was available on that date. It turned out that we were actually signed up for Dec. 13th. Karyl Ann was asked to get in touch with Daniel Ivey Soto to see if that arrangement would be acceptable to him.

Legislative Preview

It was decided to have the Legislative Preview at Fuller Lodge on January 11th starting at 6:30 pm with refreshments. Amy will request that the County set up the Lodge in the normal fashion with two tables across the front and several rows of chairs in a semi circle. She will request tables in the anteroom for paper and for refreshments. Fuller Lodge should be reserved from 6PM to 9:30PM. Stephanie Garcia Richard has accepted the invitation, Cisneros and Martinez will be asked by Barb. It was decided that one of the speakers, if available, should be Daniel Ivey-Soto and he should talk about Ethics; the other speaker to be asked should be Bill Jordan and his topic should be about the budget. Other suggestions were Dick Mason to talk about Healthcare and James Jimenez to talk about the Fairness Project. It was decided to once again ask AAUW to be a co-sponsor and ask Judy Prono to be the Moderator. Jody will place an ad in the Monitor and one in Daily Post. She was encouraged to see if she could talk the Monitor into getting the announcements into the "Be There" column. Julie reported on the hundreds of people who read the Face book notices that she posted with League news. She agreed that she will post the announcement of the Legislative Preview meeting there and on other important social networking sites like Pack Rats; Keep It Local; Los Alamos, NM; as well as the calendar: FYI Los Alamos.

Membership Report

Tarin was absent, so there was no membership report.

Observer Corps

BPU: Julie reported that the draft long-range water supply plan was presented to the Board of Public Utilities and County Council. The final plan is scheduled to go to the BPU and County Council for approval in January. The plan recommends beginning an environmental study as a first step in the event that it is determined that the San Juan-Chama water is needed.

Julie also reported on the presentation to the BPU regarding the value of solar. A consultant recommended replacing the current net metering approach to dealing with rooftop solar with "buy all sell all," which he claimed was fairer to residents without solar panels. No decision was made.

The developer of the small nuclear energy reactor is coming to Los Alamos to speak at Cottonwood on the Greens (at the golf course) on December 1st at 6 p.m. Los Alamos County is considering whether or not to partner on a Carbon Free Power Project that uses this technology. Representatives from NuScale and UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) will give a presentation at Fuller Lodge at 6 p.m. on January 12. They will explain the time-line for the Carbon Free Power Project and the decision points for the County.

Council Report:

Lynn was absent but e-mailed that there was no important Council news to report.

Driver's License Discussion

There was a lengthy discussion about the new driver's license requirements and whether they were administrated fairly. It was decided to put out a friendly reminder with a list of things one needed to have for a new driver's license. Members who had difficulties with getting a new license should report to the board. Becky agreed to keep a log of the complaints. If they turned out to be numerous, maybe some action with the Secretary of State should be taken.

December Newsletter

The next newsletter deadline is December 18. Articles should be sent to Kathy and Barbara.

Reminder for Lobby Workshop

The board is encouraged to attend the Lobbying Workshop in Santa Fe on Dec. 10th. Lynn, Jody, Kathy and Becky have agreed to attend.

The Campaign and Candidate Forums

There was a discussion about the nasty and misleading mailers arriving in our mail boxes, especially those attacking Sharon Stover. Amy said that they were sent by PACs and that Stephanie Garcia Richard had no power to stop them. Amy said she would contact the SGR campaign to see if a letter could be published decrying the mailers.

Letter to the Editor of Monitor

The board urged Barbara to submit the letter from the LWVNM Action Committee regarding the special session of the legislature to the LADP and the Monitor. The letter was printed in the October 23 New Mexican.

501c3 Discussion

Wendee had turned over the files she had assembled regarding conversion of the League's tax exempt status and Kathy had studied them. She passed out copies and she will forward more links as they become available. She encouraged us all to start studying the question. We are currently a 501c4 and changing to a 501c3 would allow us to keep tax-exempt funds in Los Alamos. These funds are currently being sent to the National League's Education Fund. Kathy reported that the change would make the job of treasurer easier. She also reported that it was not a difficult chore to accomplish this conversion.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on January 26, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

Rosmarie Frederickson