

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, January 26, 2017
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

Karyl Ann Armbruster, L/L

Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary

Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Becky Shankland, Co-president

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements

Kathy Taylor, Treasurer

Review of December minutes

Lynn had a few minor spelling corrections and after they had been made, the minutes were filed as amended.

Treasurer's Report

The balance on December 1st was \$1,923.80. With receipts of \$2,226.27 and \$877.25 in disbursements, the balance on December 31 was \$3,272.82 in the checking account. There were donations totaling 336.25 from AAUW, Israelevitz, Goldman, Howell and Stelts. There was an Ed Fund disbursement of \$1,765.00. \$75 was received in dues from Howell, and check #1789 (Library damage deposit of \$50.00) was voided. There were disbursements to the Postal Service of \$102.00 for mailbox rental, to \$172.50 to LAC for Fuller Lodge rental, and \$180 for ads for candidate Forums. A total of \$422.75 was paid to the Ed. Fund. There was \$2,145.80 in the savings account and \$18,735.25 in the Ed. Fund.

501c3 Discussion

Kathy reported that the change would make the job of treasurer easier and she is continuing her investigation of how to make the change to a 501c3. But for right now she wants to put this issue on hold until she has been able to locate the Articles of Incorporation. She has contacted the Secretary of State but felt we needed to give a little more time to deal with our request. Becky Shankland remembered that the League of Women Voters of Los Alamos was incorporated in 1947. There was also some discussion of the fact that probably the bylaws posted on our website are out of date. So the issue has been put on hold.

Lunch with a Leader

Karyl Ann reported that L/L on the 21st of February will have Andrea Cunningham formerly of the Los Alamos Health Council to talk about the downgrading of the health

office in Los Alamos. For the March meeting Chief Justice Charles Daniels has been invited. He has not yet responded.

April 18th L/L will precede the Annual Meeting. Sandra Fish, reporter for "NM in Depth," has agreed to speak about the nasty advertisements found in our mailboxes during the last campaign. There was some discussion on how to encourage members to stay for the annual meeting. No decision was reached.

Becky suggested that a possible speaker for a later L/L program would be Jaret McDonald. He has started a program called "Famine to Feast," which seems to be very successful.

Legislative Preview Review

It was noted that the Legislative Preview at Fuller Lodge on January 11th went well. Stephanie Garcia Richard did an excellent job in fielding many questions from a group of unfriendly people worried about the gun control legislation she is sponsoring. It might be advisable to give the moderator instructions to request a change of subject if there are too many questions on the same topic. Senators Cisneros and Martinez were unable to attend because of a Democratic caucus meeting called at the Round House at the same time. Senator Ivey-Soto was also unable to attend. He had been invited to explain his ethics commission bill. Dick Mason talked about healthcare.

Candidate Forums

The Candidate Forums for school board were well attended. It is estimated that there were about fifty people in attendance. The two minute time limit imposed for talks by the candidates was discussed and it was decided that it was sufficient but a little more time might be preferable.

Membership Report

Tarin was absent, so there was an attempt by the board to reconcile the local membership list with the roster at National. January 31st is the deadline for making changes and the roster at that time is used to make the PMP calculations.

Program Planning

The yearly program planning meeting will be on Feb. 6th at Amy Birnbaum's home. It will start at 7:00pm. Common Cause has awarded the League \$5,000. There was a suggestion that some of the money could be used to sponsor an evening meeting sometime in May to deal with the judiciary problems the state is facing. Kathy had read an interesting article in the Atlantic Monthly. It might help in finding relevant studies for next years program. She will send the links to the article.

Fund Drive

The Annual Fund Drive Party will be held on March 1st at Rebecca Shankland's home. It will start at 7:00pm. Barbara will get the letters ready to be inserted into the yearly donation request.

Observer Corps

BPU Report

Julie was in a training session and could not attend, so no BPU report.

Council Report:

Lynn reported that the council honored Craig Martin with a Craig Martin day to thank him for the dedicated service to the Open Space Program. She also reported that David Izraelevitz was voted to chair the council and Susan O'Leary will serve as Vice Chair for the coming year. Pete Sheehey, once again, brought up the idea of defining the duties of the sheriff. Lynn also reported that there has been much discussion on placement of tennis courts.

Budget discussion

There was some discussion about this year's financial reports and making a new budget. Becky reported that the LWVNM uses a rolling two- year budget. That would get the state convention and National Convention into better budget oversight and alignment. Because of the way our fiscal year is defined, the National Convention expenses fall into two separate fiscal years. Becky moved and Amy seconded that the budget committee plan for a two-year budget. The motion passed unanimously.

Rosmarie was appointed to chair the budget committee. Amy Birnbaum and Kathy Taylor were appointed to be on the committee. The budget has to be presented at the next board meeting, so the membership can have the required time to study it before the annual meeting.

LWVNM Annual Convention

The Annual LWVNM Convention will be May 20 and 21 in Santa Fe. The membership is to be encouraged to attend since it is so close to home. Barbara will contact potential delegates. Valerie Plame has been invited to be the main speaker.

LWVNM Legislative Reception and Legislative Day

Feb. 8 is the Legislative Reception and Feb. 9th is League Day. So far Kathy, Becky, Barbara, Kyle Wheeler and Karyl Ann are planning to attend both events and are planning to spend the night to make this easier.

January Newsletter

The next newsletter deadline is January 30. Articles should be sent to Kathy and Barbara.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on February 23, 2017.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

Rosmarie Frederickson