

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting  
Thursday, February 23, 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

Becky Shankland, Co-president

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements

Kathy Taylor, Treasurer

Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer

Karyl Ann Armbruster, L/L

Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)

Jody Benson, Publicity

Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary

**Minutes**

Minutes for the January meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kathy reported that the balance on January 1, 2017 was \$3272.82. With receipts of dues for Shelby and Antonio Redondo of \$65 and \$537.50 from Ed Fund reimbursement, the receipts were \$602.50. Disbursements for advertisements for the Legislative Preview of \$235.00 and expenses for searching for Articles of Incorporation of \$20.00 came to \$255.00. The balance on January 31st was \$3,620.36 in the checking account. At the end of January there was \$2,145.89 in the savings account and \$19,272.75 in the Ed Fund. There were no donations to the Ed Fund, just a withdrawal for the Legislative Preview Expenses.

**Results of Program Planning Party**

Barbara reported that the members present at the Program Planning Party thought it might be a good idea to update the Environment and the Sustainable Water positions. Barbara agreed that she would get some changes ready for the annual meeting.

There was discussion of the Medical Indigent Fund. It was reported that the Fund is not explained well in the position. Lynn Jones agreed that she would write an explanation of the fund to be added to the position for a vote at the annual meeting.

Barbara remarked that the County Comprehensive Plan is not on the web. She had informed Susan O'Leary, but received no reply. Julie explained that the County is in the process of moving to a new website. She recommended writing to Tamara Baer.

That webpage change may also be the reason that there seems to be no information on the budget and accounting information available. Julie volunteered to send a link to the Sunshine Portal and the CAFR (Comprehensive Annual Financial Report) to see if the infor-

mation sought by members is available on those sites. This information will appear in next month's minutes.

### **Preparations for the Annual Meeting**

The budget committee had met, but did not have a budget ready to present to the Board. Rosmarie agreed to get the budget finalized and send it via e-mail to all board members for vote via e-mail.

#### Nominations Report:

- Co-Presidents Barbara Calef and Rebecca Shankland
- Treasurer Kathy Taylor
  
- Secretary Rosmarie Frederickson
  
- Reservations Amy Birnbaum
  
- Lunch with a Leader Karyl Ann Armbruster
  
- Web Master/Communications Julie Williams-Hill
  
- Newsletter Kathy Taylor
  
- Fund Raising Susie Havemann
  
- Arrangements Mary Van Eeckhout
  
- Akkana Peck Director at Large
  
- Tarin Nix Director at Large
  
- Jody Benson, Publicity

It was decided to remove the Affordable Housing Director position.

### **Lunch with a Leader**

Karyl Ann reported that for the April meeting, which is also the Annual Meeting, Sandra Fish will talk about highlights and disappointments of the Legislative Session.

For the May meeting Susan O'Leary will give a pep talk for voting on the Recreation Bond. Karyl Ann will invite County Clerk Naomi Maestas and Gloria Maestas to speak about counting votes in June.

For the March meeting Charles Daniels is still the hoped-for speaker. Karyl Ann has had trouble getting in touch with him.

### **Observer Corps. Council Report:**

Lynn reported that the Council has the money for a design for a fence at the airport mandated by the FFA. Pete Sheehey has introduced a Council resolution to take a stand against the Muslim ban.

### **501c3 Discussion**

Kathy continues to work on the conversion from 501c4 plus 501c3 Ed Fund to a 501c3, which would allow us to keep all or our funds in one account in Los Alamos. To make the conversion we need the Articles of Incorporation. Kathy is working with the Secretary of State's office (SOS) to get those articles, since the originals that were issued when LWV of Los Alamos was incorporated cannot be found. She has requested the Secretary of State to do a search of their records and has paid \$20.00 to do so.

### **Lunch with a Leader**

Lunch with a Leader always conflicts with Rotary meetings, so in order to increase attendance at the Lunch with a Leader, the Board discussed moving the venue back to Thursdays at the re-located Blue Window. Historically, the move to Tuesdays happened because with Farmers Market there is no parking at the library. Problems identified: (1) maybe the back room's too small, (2) will there be a fee?, (3) we would need to order from the Blue Window instead of the Coop.

### **Newsletter Call to Annual Meeting**

Contributions to the newsletter are due to Barbara on March 5. Included in the newsletter would be a membership renewal page and an addressed envelope for returning the renewal. There was a discussion about whether or not to include a member list. The board decided that, in order to inspire continued membership, we should include the names of members, but not addresses or other contact information. Becky suggested sending this newsletter, the Call to Annual Meeting, by hard copy to members. She will get costs for printing, stapling, folding, and sealing from Aspen Copies and we'll decide how much to pay and how much to do ourselves. Becky will decide which non-members would benefit from hard copies as an incentive to attend Annual Meeting, but we'll also send electronic versions to everyone on the list since some keep these in their electronic files.

### **Discussion of Closure of Public Health Office in Los Alamos.**

After some discussion, Lynn volunteered to write a letter to the County Council regarding the closing of the Public Health Office (PHO). Perhaps the County can subsidize the program with County funds. Also, we could write to the State to let them know that we value the service, and that we are disappointed that the State is no longer supporting it. The options as proposed by Andrea Cunningham at Lunch with a Leader were: have a school-sponsored program (but it might only be open during school hours) or have the

County support the program. The LWVNM Position is: "Every New Mexico Resident should have a comprehensive level of health care."

### **Membership Report**

Lynn reported that we have 55 members (now 56) members. The LWVUS counts them on January 31 to determine PMP (per member payment). Lynn's action item is to send the member list to the rest of the Board. With Arin McKenna gone from the Monitor, the Board should send Friendly Reminders to Tris DeRoma, and take Arin off the list. Becky is e-mailing lapsed members, asking them to rejoin for 2017-18.

### **LWVNM Convention**

The convention will be in Santa Fe at the Hilton Hotel May 20-21. Los Alamos League of Women Voters is entitled to four delegates. Barbara and Akkana will be delegates for the NM State Board. Becky agreed to look into whether she is available at that time. It will cost \$75.00 to attend, not including the dinner. The \$75.00 will be paid by the Los Alamos League. The dinner, at which Valerie Plame is the speaker, is the responsibility of the individual delegate. All delegates will be expected to attend the meetings on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning.

### **Next Meeting**

March 30, 2017