

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, May 25, 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

Kathy Taylor Treasurer

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements

Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer

Rosmarie Frederickson Secretary

Karyl Ann Armbruster Lunch with a Leader

Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)

Minutes

Minutes for the April meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report. Kathy sent an e-mail later with the necessary information. The balance on April 1, 2017 was \$5197.53. With receipts for dues and donations of \$1865.05 and disbursements of \$411.69 for expenses of web hosting, news letters, Lunch with a Leader and Filing expenses for Articles of Incorporation. The balance on April 30, 2017 was \$6,650.89 in the checking account. At the end of April there was \$2,146.15 in the savings account and \$19,272.75 in the Ed. Fund.

Conflict of interest policy

Kathy Taylor presented the conflict of interest policy which she said was pretty much the IRS template to which she had made small changes, to make it applicable for LWV of Los Alamos. There was some discussion about whether we even needed one. Tom Carson encouraged all the League branches trying to change their status to 501(c)(3) to have a conflict of interest policy, because it was easier for the IRS to understand if one had one then trying to explain why we did not have one.

Becky Shankland moved that the "Conflict of Interest Policy" be adopted as presented by Kathy. Karyl Ann Armbruster seconded the motion. the motion passed unanimously.

Re-adoption of Non-Partisan Policy

Barb Calef supplied each board member with a Non-Partisan Policy. It is necessary that we re-adopt this each year. The board spent a little time looking it over. Becky moved we readopt the Non-Partisan Policy. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Lunch With a Leader

The June lunch with a leader will have state representative Stephanie Garcia Richard speak about the special session in 2016 called by Governor Martinez to fix the budget

crisis and fight crime. Stephanie will also talk about the 2017 session and the special session to fix the budget crisis,

The August Lunch with a Leader, speakers will be County Clerk Naomi Maestas and Gloria Maestas. will speak about the process of counting votes.

Membership

Becky reported that is difficult to tell our current membership status. She thinks we have 56 members. There was discussion on how to welcome new member Susie Havermann. No satisfactory decision was made. There was also a discussion on how to attract new members. A proposal to have a potluck or a pizza supper from 6:00 to 7:30pm was proposed. It may be either the 7th or 14th of September. The decision was deferred until the next board meeting.

Observer Corps Reports

Lynn reported that the bond issue to raise \$2,000,000 to improve the recreational facilities in Los Alamos failed by 486 votes. There were 7,383 votes cast. There will also be a Council meeting June 6, to discuss expanding the duties of the sheriff.

Julie reported that at the May 17th Board of Public Utilities meeting the BPU members discussed possible increases to the water and sewage rates. The Department of Public Utilities was tasked to bring back to the BPU in June an ordinance for an 8-percent increase to the water rate and an ordinance for an 8-percent increase to the sewage rate. Other important topics that the BPU will consider in June are possible replacement options for the White Rock wastewater treatment plant, and a presentation on the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP). The IRP is a report prepared by a consultant to assess risk and cost on various future energy generation resources for Los Alamos County, including the small modular reactor project and exiting the San Juan coal-fired plant.

Face book usage:

Julie has been in charge of our Facebook page and she reported that 1,024 people were reached through the Facebook postings. Of these there were 10 likes.

State Convention Report

Barb gave a report from the NM LWV State Convention which had been held at the Santa Fe Hilton May 19th and 20th. Delegates were Lyn Jones, Rosmarie Frederickson and Becky Shankland.

She reported that the attendees at the convention elected Judy Williams of Santa Fe as president.

She reported that there will be two new studies. The transfer of Federal Public Lands will be a two year study lead by Barbara Calef and Judy Williams. The other new study will be a study of Nuclear Waste Storage Issues which will be lead Karen Douglas of CNM. Arkanna Peck will lead a study on the Health Care Position.

She reported that there was a grant from Reproductive Services. There were several suggestions about how this money could be spent. Diane Goldvarb would like each League to have an event .

There is also a grant of \$5000 from Common Cause to be spent on Judicial Reform and Ethics issues. There were no specific issues chosen but Meredith Machen will investigate possibilities further

Update deadline June 8th

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Next Board Meeting June 29th