

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, July 27, 2017
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

Call to Order

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:04 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, LWL

Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)

Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Review of June Minutes

The only correction was recommended by Lynn, and that was to specify that the September Social be reported as being held at Rosmarie Frederickson's house.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy reported that for June we have an ending checkbook balance of \$7,017.36. We received \$125 in Household dues and donation from Don Machen, \$45 in dues from Brenda Kelley. More memberships and donations are coming in for July. Disbursements in June were \$80.15 for stamps and \$11.25 for SOS Annual report filing fee. Our savings account earned 9 cents interest for a balance of \$2,146.33; and our Ed Fund beginning and ending balances were \$19,272.75. Kathy also reported that the effort to transform LWVLA into a 501(C) (3) is progressing.

Lunch with a Leader

Karyl Ann reported that Douglas Carver of New Mexico Ethics Watch will be our speaker for the August meeting. Lucy River, also with NM Ethics Watch, may also be present. For October, we have Naomi Maestas, our County Clerk, and Gloria Maestas, our Elections Manager; and for September we will have Lynn Bjorklund and Jennifer Sublett with the Forest Service. In November we hope to have Julianna Koob of Planned Parenthood. There was discussion of inviting members of Voices of Los Alamos to be our guest for the December meeting.

Membership Report

Becky reported that we have new members Dr. Robert Williams and Judith Buckingham (1063 48th St. 87544, raw@rtbb.com, electronic newsletter and FRs).

Becky also reported that Kristin Henderson had mentioned that the women with Voices of Los Alamos had expressed an interest in LWVLA, and that they would be good additions to our League. The three women recommended by Kristin are Heidi Rogers, Christina Olds, and Elena Georgi. The latter two wrote and asked to be included on our e-mailings. Christina wrote that she had donated to the LWVUS, so we think including them is appropriate. (Christina Olds wmwlosalamos@gmail.com, Elena Georgi elenaedi@comcast.net). Becky has not been able to contact Heidi Rogers.

Becky will send a card from our League to Janet Gerwin expressing our good wishes and our hope of seeing her soon.

Our September Social meeting is scheduled for September 7th. After discussion, we decided to invite Tarin Nix to explain how citizens can interact with the NM legislature, and Councilor Rick Reiss to discuss the County's view of the recent NM legislative session. The board will bring 'hearty appetizers' for the social, and newspaper advertisements and articles should appear on August 31. Julie will put the event up on Facebook and our webpage earlier – say August 21st. The Facebook page allows readers to indicate tentative attendance, which would be nice to know – plus they get reminders of the event. Our newsletter (Update), which comes out next week, will have a link to the webpage and/or Facebook page. It was also suggested that Voices of Los Alamos might want to make a statement at the social.

Observer Corps

County Council: Lynn reported that the County Council had approved the sale agreement to sell lots A-19-A-1 and A-10-A-2 to developers. In the next year or two, RayLee homes should be built on these lots. Also, County Manager Harry Burgess reported that the average turnaround time on all permits from the county is now 1.57 days, which is very good. Thirdly, our police force is now trained in and wearing body cameras. Fourthly, our new Library Manager is Eileen Sullivan. And lastly, at the meeting to discuss the

resolution submitted by Councilor Sheehey regarding the sheriff's duties, the council voted to table the resolution.

BPU: Julie reported the following from the Board of Public Utilities meeting on July 19th: BPU held a public hearing on the non-potable water rate – raising the rate from \$1.15 to \$2.50 per thousand gallons. Harry Burgess had concerns with the rate as it appeared to include costs for the capital project to get water to the ski hill. He indicated that the ski hill project was a potable water project. The Board did not take any action; rather the public hearing was tabled until August 16th. Tim Glasco has since discussed the rate with Harry Burgess, and Harry indicated that he had no problem with the rate.

DPU held a public meeting in White Rock regarding the Integrated Resource Plan (IRP) on July 12th, and gave a presentation to the County Council on July 18th. The final report from the contractor has not yet been received. Once it is received, DPU will post it on its website.

County Council public hearings for the increases to water and sewer rates were moved to August 8th.

There was a discussion at this point amongst board members regarding the need for the new White Rock sewage treatment plant. Kathy hoped that the County could somehow loan DPU the money to invest in the new sewage treatment plant soon, rather than waiting two years for the DPU to accumulate the needed funds.

Other

Becky brought up the possibility that LWVLA and/or PEEC might wish to sponsor the movie An Inconvenient Sequel: Truth to Power as a public service to the community.

August Newsletter

The newsletter deadline is August 1.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on August 24, 2017.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:57 p.m.