

**Draft Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

Call to Order

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Calef, Co-president
Karyl Ann Armbruster, L/L
Kathy Taylor, Treasurer

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer
Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary
Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)
Lynn Jones, Voter Services
Jody Benson, Publicity
Guest: Waine Archer

Review of September Minutes

The September minutes were corrected by Julie Williams and may be filed as corrected.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy reported that at the end of September we have an ending checkbook balance of \$5,741.52. We received dues for single memberships from Elena Georgi, Joan Lucas, Elaine Jacobs, Cas Mason, and Nancy Savoia for total dues income of \$225. There were 2 household sustaining memberships for Jack and Beverly Shlachter and Naishing Key and Pete Sheehey for \$190 and donations of \$80. Total income was \$495.00. There were no disbursements in September. The LWV savings account earned 9 cents interest for a balance of \$2,146.60; and the Ed Fund ending balance was \$19,372.75. To finish the 501c3 application each board member had to furnish a very short resume and Kathy explained the necessity of honoring this request.

Lunch with a Leader

Karyl Ann reported that Julianna Koob, Legislative Advocate, and Marshall Martinez, Director of Public Affairs for Planned Parenthood will discuss reproductive services at the November Lunch with a Leader. Planning for future meetings of LWL, the board expressed a desire to hear from the Voices of Los Alamos. It was also decided to meet for LWL on December 12 instead of December 19th. Many people will be traveling during the later date.

PED Hearings

The PED gave notice that it intended to Next Generation Science Standards. Barbara Calef, Becky Shankland, Lynn Jones, and Jenni Macke attended the public hearing at Mabry Hall in Santa Fe to be able to give a comment. It was a very well attended meeting and it was very poorly organized, so none of them were able to give an oral testimony, but each was able to file a written comment. During the first four hours -- which was interrupted by a fire alarm -- all comments were against the proposed changes.

Nuclear Waste Study

There was much discussion about the evening Forum planned for November 2nd to address issues on Storage of Nuclear Waste. Kathy will present the PowerPoint created by Karen Douglas and the study committee. The other presenter will be John Heaton, Chairman of Eddy-Lea Energy Alliance Board which is seeking to develop a Consolidated Interim Storage Facility in south-eastern New Mexico.

The Jeanette Wallace Room in building 5 has been reserved. Lynn has agreed to set up and be responsible for getting people to bring snacks, which will be served from 6:30 pm to 7:00 pm. The meeting will be adjourned at 9:00pm.

Membership Report

As of late October we have 74 members, plus possibly Richard Sayre. Janet Gerwin plans to renew, but has not yet sent her check.

We will be losing Gale Zander Barlow and Mary Van Eeckhout has already left.

The exciting news is that we have 11 new members.

Observer Corps

County Council: Lynn reported that the County Council had three meetings. An ordinance was introduced which would allow the DPU to move money from one fund to another, making it easier for the DPU to get loans for the waste water treatment plant in White Rock. Lynn felt there was little other important information to report on.

BPU: Lynn agreed to review the articles in the Monitor about the chromium plume and the testing of the resulting contamination. Julie reported that there had been a meeting scheduled with the Lab to discuss the Chromium plume. She agreed to look into why it was cancelled.

The October 18th BPU meeting was mainly presentations by DPU staff on the natural gas system and plan for implementing the recommendations of the Future Energy Resource Committee

The December BPU meeting was rescheduled from the 20th of December to the 11th.

The DPU has scheduled a meeting in the Council Chambers for Monday, November 13th at 6:00pm to review the Revised Long-Range Water Supply plan. This plan was rejected by County Council in March 2017 with recommendations to the BPU to correct references to the County as owners of the water production system. The newly revised plan is currently posted on the County website www.losalamosnm.us/government/departments/Utilities.

October Newsletter

The newsletter deadline is, October 31, 2017.

Next Meeting

The next meeting will be on November 30th.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 1:48p.m.