

Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, January 25, 2018
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM

Board Members Present:	Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer
Barbara Calef, Co-president	Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader
Becky Shankland, Co-President	Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary
Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements	Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)
Lynn Jones, Voter Services	Kathy Taylor, /Treasurer

Minutes for the November meeting were accepted as submitted.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy made the following report for December and it is summarized as follows:

Prior Book Balance \$5,164.98

Receipts \$215.00

Interest \$0.04

12/31/2017/17 Ending Book Balance \$5,095.52

Receipts: Total receipts for the month of December were \$215.00 from two new members and two donations.

Disbursements:

Check # 1857, U.S. Postal Service (mail box rental) \$112.00

Check # 1858, Fuller Lodge Leg. Preview (Jan.1,18) \$172.50

Total Disbursements \$284.50

Savings Account

12/1/17 Prior Book Balance \$2,146.78

Interest \$0.09

12/31/17 **Ending Book Balance \$2,146.87**

LWVUS Ed Fund

12/1/17 Beginning Balance \$19,372.75

12/31/17 Ending Balance \$19,372.75

Kathy reported that she has made no Ed fund deposits and has not submitted any Ed Fund reimbursement requests because she is waiting for 501c3 approval from the IRS shortly.

Lunch with a Leader

Karyl Ann again asked for suggestions as possible speaker for Lunch with a Leader. Many of the suggestions were noted: Shane Woodbright to talk about how other states and corporations have incorporated renewables in their utilities. Jason Lott to talk about changes in

the USPS. More on Chromium (Steve Horak) and/or the new water plan. Andrew Harden, affordable housing and Ski Hill development and Kurt Steinhouse about Education issues

It was decided to invite Andrew Harden for the Lunch with a Leader on February 20th if he is available. He is the chairman of the affordable housing department.

Robert Gibson should be invited for the meeting on March 20th

The Library will be closed for the months of August, September, October and November to make some needed renovations. Karyl Ann has checked out the Blue Window Bistro, but felt that it did not have a big enough space to accommodate the group. Other suggestions were Smith's Marketplace meeting room. There are very few places that allow the room to be used at no cost. PEEC, Betty Earhart Senior Center, the Pajarito Room(?) at Fuller Lodge all charge for use of the facilities. She will continue the search.

Membership

Becky reported that we currently have 80 members, We will lose 3 more who have moved away.

Becky also reported that JoAnne Lysne pointed out that she thought that she was a member of the local league. She had made a donation to the National League. However the donation to the National League does not mean membership in the Local League. Matter of fact we are not notified about the donation at all. So Becky will get in touch with the three people we know about who have made a donation to the National League to see if they want to join the local league.

There was also a discussion about distribution of a membership list in the next Update. It was decided that names were not enough and it would be very helpful to include phone numbers. Becky will check how the membership list was distributed last year (either phone numbers or addresses) and get this years list ready for distribution.

We're still looking for someone to take on Arrangements.

Program planning meeting

The program planning meeting will be held at Becky Shankland's home at 6 Mariposa Circle on Feb. 12 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm. Local positions need to be looked at and new positions investigated.

Barb will fill out the form requested by the National League. The board felt there was no need to request new positions from National because they are focused on "Democracy" and "Voting Issues".

Budget Committee

It was suggested the Jane Sherwood should be asked to serve on the budget committee. Julie Williams-Hill volunteered as did Kathy Taylor. They will get the budget ready for the Annual Meeting.

Fund Drive Party

Susie Havemann has offered to host the Fund Drive Party. Of the three suggested dates March 15th was chosen because more people were available then. Becky, in the friendly reminder will explain the duties of getting the letters out and she will make sure that some of the newer people will feel especially invited. She will also ask for an RSVP of people that are planning to attend. Julie said she would be happy to post it on FaceBook.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on April 17th in the Library. Kurt Steinhaus has accepted the invitation to be the speaker. The business meeting will follow the talk by Kurt Steihaus and people not League Members will be excused.

Observer Corps Reports.

Julie reported that the Board of Public Utilities elected Jeff Johnson as Chair, and Carrie Walker as Vice Chair. The Advanced Metering Infrastructure contract did not go to the Board for approval in January as the DPU had hoped. Steve Cummings introduced a new DPU employee Ben Olbrich, who will be heading up the DPU's efforts to add more solar into the County's portfolio. Steve talked about several areas and projects that the county is exploring. The BPU wanted Steve and Ben to move forward with a covered solar parking at the County's Municipal Building. The BPU approved the Revised Long-Range Water Supply Plan. It will now go to the Council for approval. The BPU approved the transfer of \$2.5 million from the Gas Fund to the Wastewater Fund.

On January 25, 2018 at 6:00 PM the DPU is hosting a public meeting on the Carbon Free Power project to construct a nuclear energy generation facility using small modular reactor technology. The BPU and the Council will need to make a decision in early March as to whether the County continues into the next phase of the project.

Lynn reported on the 11/07/17 County Council Meeting focused on the Nuisance Code, and that Counselor Chrobocinski is suing the County over the fact that the County found code violations in the construction of the new Pig and Fig. The County approved an ordinance for the transfer of A13-2 and 12. There was a discussion of Robert's Rules, and of the Council changing its own rules to better comply with those rules. The Clerk's office will email a draft.

At the December 5th meeting the council approved the CIP projects. (I remember the Splash pool, the skating ring and golf course improvements)

There was also a discussion of the Flow-Trail. A bike expert will be asked for help with the plan.

The 502 improvement plan has gone out for bid again. This is the third time.

The Council voted 5 to 1 to have David Chobrishi as chair and Chris Chandler as vice chair. The county sent \$1.2 million to Bethel Corporation to help fund the building of 4 buildings which will have low income apartments.

Pre-League Day January Social for new and prospective members

On Monday, 01/22/18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Lynn Jones hosted the Pre-League Gathering. About 20 people and several new members and guests enjoyed the refreshments. Barbara gave a presentation which explained logistics, lobbying, and committee meetings. Since Tarin was unable to attend. Barb explained how to get around inside the Roundhouse and offered to act as a docent to give new attendees a Roundhouse tour.

The Legislative Reception will be on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Garrett's Desert Inn. The Legislative Day will be held February 1st. For people not staying over at the Garrett's Desert Inn car pools may be arranged if there is interest.

Next Board Meeting March 8th.

Newsletter deadline January 27th which should include new membership list.

Other Reminder

Someone should look into the signing of petitions for candidates.