

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Tuesday August 28, 2018
White Rock 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

Sandra West, Newsletter Editor

Leslie Wallstrom, 2nd Vice President

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements

Lynn Jones - Voter Services

Kathy Taylor, Treasurer

Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary

Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader

Akkana Peck, Director at Large

Jody Benson, Publicity

Ellen Mills, Director at Large

After a review of the July minutes and a request by Kathy Taylor that she be listed as present at the meeting, they were accepted as revised.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Taylor reported that as of July 31, the general fund balance was \$3,685.72. The receipts totaled \$640.00 of which \$550.00 were donations received from the LWV drive and \$90.00 was collection of dues. The disbursements for the month of July were \$3876.91. The expenditures consisted of \$2,240.00 for a LWVUS PMP -- 62 regular and 16 family members,-- \$1626.91 was reimbursement of expenses for Barbara Calef and Akanna Peck to attend the National Convention, \$10.00 to file the NM SOS efile Annual Report. On July 31 there was \$19,961.41 in the savings account.

Kathy is continuing to investigate the discrepancy with the Ed Fund reimbursement. She is working to resolve the difference in the LWV Los Alamos with the records of the ED Fund.

Kathy also requested that there be an audit of the books. The books had not been audited since she has assumed the role of treasurer. The board requested that she look into finding a person willing to do this as a favor. Denise George, Mona Wechsung or Beth Patillo were suggested by Rosmarie who was the previous treasurer. They had been willing to do this audit in previous years.

Lunch with a Leader

Lunch with a Leader on September 18, will have Dina Pesenson giving a brief update on the Los Alamos County (LAC) herbicide spraying schedule for October. Following will be an explanation of options and the planning proposal for the bicycle flow trail presented

by Parks and Recreation Board Chair Stephanie Nakhleh, and Community Services Director Brian Brogan .

Since there will be three presenters the board agreed to provide three free lunches.

Karyl Ann has not been able to reach some suggested presenters for later meetings.

Membership Report

Becky reported that at present there are 56 members who have paid dues. She has written to 8 other members who still need to pay their dues.

Voter Services

National Voter Registration Day is September 25. It was decided that LWVLA will make an effort to help with voter registration on this special day. Places suggested to register voters were PEEC, UNM-LA and Los Alamos High School. It was decided to drop the high school because there would be few new 18 year-olds to register. Ellen Mills will work at UNM-LA. Leslie Wallstrom and Jody Benson will try to register voters at PEEC.

Jody reminded all persons trying to register voters to bring instructions along for on-line voter registration, which is helpful for many people.

Voter Guide.

Lynn reported that she has sent out questions to every candidate and she has gotten a reply from each. The Voter Guide contents must be submitted on September 20th and will be mailed to every residence on October 4th. She asked for more help on proof reading the Voter Guide.

300 extra copies will be printed and given to the League to be distributed to various places in the County.

Lisa Shin answered all questions posed by the LWV-LA and sent the answers to both the Monitor and the Daily Post. Carol Clark alerted Lynn about this. Lynn agreed to call Lisa to request that this not be published since her answers are in the Voter Guide.

The ads in the Voter Guide are a business sponsorship. At \$400 for a half page ad and \$200 for a quarter page ad they do not cover the-cost of the publication, so they are not donations.

Candidate Forums

There will be two candidate forums, one on Thursday, September 27 and the other on Wednesday, October 3. Both will be in Building 2 of UNM-LA.

The meeting will start at 7:00 pm after refreshments at 6:30pm. The board has been requested to bring finger foods. Becky will send out a friendly reminder asking for donations for the refreshment table from League members.

PAC 8 has been hired to tape both forums. There will be ads in both the Monitor and the Daily Post. Julie will be asked to post the PR to the Facebook page.

September 27 Barbara Calef will moderate.

October 3, Leslie and Ellen will moderate. Barbara requested that Leslie moderate for the magistrate judge and sheriff candidates and Ellen moderate for the municipal judge and NM House District 43 candidates.

All candidates for County Council will participate in the first forum.

Also participating will be Anne Nobile, running unopposed for Probate Judge, and a speaker to explain the North Central Regional Transportation District (NCRTD) reauthorization ballot issue. We have not yet been notified who will be the speaker for this issue.

The second forum will have the following participants:

NM House District 43 candidates and the candidates for Magistrate Judge, Municipal Judge and Sheriff. NM House District 43 candidates will present last. It will allow for more questions if there is a little spare time.

Also participating will be Ken Milder, the candidate for County Assessor. He is running unopposed.

Naomi Maestes has agreed to attend both forums and will give a short talk about voting places, machines and early voting.

Amy has met with UNM-LA officials and given instructions on how the room (the Student Union room) will be set up. The room will have tables for the candidates' brochures and there will be a table for refreshments.

The candidates may need a reminder that yard signs on School property are prohibited.

Forum September 6.

Barbara reported that the plans for the Early Childhood Education Forum are coming along well. It will be held September 6 at 7:00pm in Graves Hall of the United Church.

For the refreshments Becky will purchase a fruit platter, a veggie platter and a cheese platter. Searchlight has donated \$100 to help pay for these purchases.

Charles Sallee, Deputy Director of the New Mexico Legislative Finance Committee and an expert in evaluating state agencies and education programs will speak to the need for better implementation and oversight of such early childhood programs such as Pre-K and Head Start. His talk is scheduled to last for one hour. It will be followed by small group discussions of the ideas presented by Charles Sallee. Each group is to report back. The following people have agreed to facilitate in the small groups. Barbara, Becky, Leslie, Kathy, Ellen, Karyl Ann, and Sandra. The Hilltalkers have also agreed to help during the Q.&A. time.

Jody moved and Karyl Ann seconded that PAC 8 be hired to tape the talk. It passed unanimously.

There were fliers available to distribute. Searchlight has done some publicity and Barbara has spoken on KRSN. It was decided that a flier should be posted at UNM-LA, PEEC, the Senior Centers, White Rock Library, Smith's, Co-op and Metzgers. Ellen, Becky, Leslie and Rosmarie agreed to help distribute the fliers.

Ellen was to check at Starbucks to see if they were willing to donate some coffee. Becky said there are many cups in her storage, so no cups are needed. If Starbucks was not willing to make this donation, then water would be served.

DC Statehood

Becky Shankland has agreed to host a meeting September 20 at her house at 6 Mariposa Court from 5 to 7 p.m., where a presenter from the DC League will explore the idea of statehood for Washington DC. Statehood would allow residents in Washington to vote for more than just the mayor and the president. Attenders will be invited to dinner at Pig + Fig afterward.

Observer Corps Reports

There were no Observer Corps reports. Lynn is no longer the observer for the County Council. Becky Oertel has agreed to take on that task and will send a written report.

There was no BPU report because Julie Williams-Hill was unable to attend due to a work commitment.

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, September 25, 2018. This board meeting will be at the White Rock Library.

The Newsletter deadline is September 26.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm.

Rosmarie Frederickson