

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Tuesday January 22, 2019
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
Leslie Wallstrom, 2nd Vice President
Lynn Jones, Voter Services
Sandra West, Newsletter Editor

Kathy Taylor, Treasurer
Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader
Akkana Peck, Director at Large
Ellen Mills, Director at Large
Jody Benson, Publicity
Amy Birnbaum, Reservations

Minutes

Minutes were approved after some corrections by Lynn, Becky and Barbara have been incorporated.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Taylor reported for both November and December because there had been no meeting in December. She reported a balance of \$1,637.64 in the checking for November 30, 2018. The receipts totaled \$245.00; these came from dues collected for Casados and Richard and Kathleen Sayre and a donation from the Sayres of \$105.00. The disbursements of \$ 242.28 were for expenditures made for supplies and food for the early childhood education forum.

The savings account has grown to \$20,772.75 after the check of \$808.00 arrived from closing the Ed Fund, which had been held by LWVUS. There was also 83 cents interest.

The December 31st Checking Account balance was \$1,727.66. Dues were received from Buckingham, Williams, Nickols, and Chaiken for \$185.00, There was a \$25.00 donation from David Izraelevitz. Total Receipts were \$210.00. There was only one expenditure; it was \$120.00 for the USPS box rental.

The Savings Account has a balance of \$20,773.64 after the addition of 89 cents of interest.

Lunch with a Leader

For the February 19th meeting Karyl Ann has invited Sue Barns, who leads the Zero Waste Subcommittee, Dorothy Brown, Angelica Gurule and Jody Benson to discuss the zero waste policy. The board authorized the expenditure of four lunches. One presenter requested that she not have a lunch.

Everyone agreed that Richard Skolnik should be invited to speak on March 19th. If he is not available Jill McLaughlin might be invited. She is the editor of the Los Alamos Monitor.

Membership Report

Becky reported that there are currently 87 members. She was able to get all the "stragglers" who had not sent in their dues to do so. She also reported that several new people had been added to the membership.

The membership list will go out in the same format as last year.

Voter Services

Lynn reported that she has had a meeting with Carol Clark about an overcharge for the printing of the Voter Guide. The quote was based on 28 pages for the Voter Guide, but only 24 had actually been printed. Carol agreed that the bill had been figured incorrectly based on the quote for 28 pages. Instead of trying to reimburse the overcharge, LWV of Los Alamos will get one free quarter page ad and one week of a free online ad for the next event to be publicized.

BPU Observer Corps Report

Julie was unable to attend the meeting but her electronically filed report contained the following:

The BPU board met on January 16th. Carry Walker was elected as the new chair and Jeff Johnson as the Vice Chair. Pete Sheehy will be the Council liaison. The Council at their last meeting tabled an "opt-out" policy presented by the DPU. The board will reach out to the Council to discuss the best way forward. The BPD discussed a rate increase of 6.25% for water. The BPU asked the DPU to prepare a rule and bring it to the Board meeting on February 20th for consideration.

Advocacy for LWVLA

Senators Cisneros, Martinez and Representative Chandler all met with League members in December to listen to the League priorities for the next legislative session.

League Days

The League Days will start out with a Legislative reception at the Rio Chama, 414 Old Santa Fe Trail, in Santa Fe on Wednesday, February 6 at 5:30. Secretary of State Maggie Toulouse Oliver will be the speaker. She will speak on voting rights priorities. League Day at the Legislature will be on February 7th starting at 10:30 am to noon. It will be held in Morgan Hall at the State Land Office, 310 Old Santa Fe Trail. It is right across the street from Garrett's.

Barbara requested that those people wishing to meet for dinner let her know because she feels a reservation would be necessary.

Akkana Peck and David North will attend both the Legislative reception and League Day at the Legislature. Rosmarie and Paul Frederickson will also come. Jody Benson is thinking about coming to the Legislative reception.

Plans for the Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be held on April 16, 2019 at the library. As a speaker Howie Morales was suggested and Ellen Mills has agreed to contact him to see if he is available. He has previously said that he would be willing to speak at a Lunch with a Leader event. He would be a powerful draw to get people to attend the Annual meeting. The business meeting will follow after the speaker's presentation.

Ellen gave the nomination committee report.

The following people have agreed to serve if elected:

Co-Presidents Barbara Calef and Becky Shankland
First Vice President Ellen Mills
Second Vice President Leslie Wallstrom
Treasurer Kathy Taylor
Secretary Unfilled

Directors

Reservations Amy Birnbaum
Lunch with a Leader Karyl Ann Armbruster
Director at Large Akkana Peck
Newsletter Unfilled
Publicity Jody Benson
Voter Services Lynn Jones
Website and Social Media Julie Williams-Hill

Off-Board Directors

Arrangements Wendy Swanson
Fund Raising Unfilled
Membership Rebecca Shankland
Nominating Committee Ellen Mills
County Council Observer Becky Oertel
BPU Observer Julie Williams-Hill
Ellen agreed that she would work further on getting some of the unfilled positions filled.

There are no bylaws changes planned.

Kathy Taylor and Rosmarie Frederickson agreed to serve on the Budget Committee. Barbara will ask Julie if she would like to be on the committee again and Amy will ask Ed Birnbaum to see if he might be interested.

Legislative Preview

The Legislative Preview was held at Fuller Lodge on January 9. State Representative Christine Chandler and Senator Cisneros attended. Senator Martinez had accepted but was unable to attend due to illness. There was a presentation on the importance of an accurate count for the 2020 census by Robert Rhatigan. He encouraged the League to form committees to work with undercounted groups. He also strongly suggested that legislators be reminded to put the census count in the budget.

LWVNM Convention

Barbara reported that the NM State League Convention will be hosted by Los Alamos on May 17, 18 and 19, 2019. The committee has worked with Mike and Kyle Wheeler to host a reception Friday evening. The board has agreed to bring hearty snacks for this event.

The Holiday Inn Express has been booked. There will be a number of rooms set aside for attendees to rent. All the Plenary Sessions will be held at the hotel. The Co-op will serve lunch and provide snacks. Barbara suggested that the lunch tables be set up by interest groups. There might be a table for people interested in environmental issues, a table for people interested in the ethics issues, etc. It is hoped to have people mingle in this way and get acquainted and not just stay with people they already know. Christine Chandler was suggested as a speaker. She would be asked to talk briefly about her experience as a freshman legislator in the session. Ellen texted her during the meeting and Christine indicated that she would be available.

Registration on Saturday and Sunday will be from 8 to 9 am. There will be pastries for people attending and not staying at the hotel. A Silent Auction is being planned during that time. Barbara Lemmick will be asked to run it. She has done a good job in previous years. The money raised by the auction will go to the LWVNM treasury.

The Banquet will be hosted at the Pig and Fig in White Rock. The restaurant owners have given an estimate of \$25.00 to \$35.00 per plate, which is very reasonable. There is also a room at the restaurant where the banquet can be served.

Several interesting outings are being planned for Saturday afternoon. A visit to the New Mexico Consortium is being planned. The renovated Historical Museum is another possibility. The Bradbury Science Museum can be visited. Georgia Strickfaden will be contacted about the price for one of her tours. Barbara has offered to lead a hike.

There will be a LWVNM board meeting after the convention is adjourned. A \$10.00 lunch can be ordered from the Co-op.

Bill Tracker Program:

Akkana reminded us that her bill tracker program, which sends a reminder each time a bill changes status, is coming along and anyone can register to use it.

Program Meeting:

The program planning meeting will be at Leslie Wallstrom's house, 140 Aspen Dr., on Wednesday Feb. 20th beginning at 7:00pm. Attendees are encouraged to have read the state and local League positions to see what issues should be changed or added.

Important Dates:

Newsletter deadline: January 29, 2019

Next board meeting: February 26, 2019, Mesa Public Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Rosmarie Frederickson