

**Draft Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Tuesday November 27, 2018
White Rock 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
Becky Shankland, Co-president
Leslie Wallstrom, 2nd Vice President
Lynn, Jones, Voter Services
Julie Williams-Hill BPU Observer

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
Sandra West, Newsletter Editor

Minutes

Minutes were approved after some corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy Taylor reported that on October 31 there was \$1634.91 in the checking account. The receipts totaled \$135.00, these came from dues collected for Marcus, Trujillo and Savoia. The disbursements for the month of October were \$4,443.54. The expenditures were for: PAC 8 recording the Early CE forum and the Candidate forum \$332.50, Online-advertising for two candidate forums \$431.40, printing of the Voter Guide \$2753.64, the State PMP \$910.00. Also, Leslie Walstrom was reimbursed \$16.00 for coffee at the Early CE Forum.

The savings account contains \$19,963.92.

The LWVUS Ed fund has a balance of \$0.0. A check for \$798.92 has been received.

Lunch with a Leader

For the December 11th meeting Karyl Ann has invited Ellen Ben-Naim of the Los Alamos First Born program to give a presentation. The meeting will again be held at the United Church at 11:45am. Lunch can be ordered. Karyl Ann alerted us to a new item on the menu

For the January 15, 2019 meeting Dr. Tyler Taylor and Mary Feldblum of the Health Security Committee, have been invited. The Health Security Act will be an important issue during the next legislative session and hopefully serve as a first step to single payer-healthcare.

Barbara suggested Laura Paskus, a journalist who writes about water issues, for the February L/L meeting. Karyl Ann will invite her to come in February.

Becky suggested Sue Barns, who leads the Zero Waste Subcommittee. Everyone agreed that Richard Skolnik should be invited to speak, perhaps March 19th.

Membership Report

Becky reported that we currently have 81 members. There was some discussion about long time member Janet Gerwin who has not paid her dues. It was decided to keep her on the list.

Voter Services

Lynn reported that she had ordered an extra 300 copies of the Voter Guide in addition to those inserted in the Daily Post. Copies were supplied to the libraries and senior centers. There was some discussion that apparently people did not separate their copy of the Voter Guide from the Los Alamos Daily Post mailed to each resident on October 11. Next time we should request a notice on the front page that the Voter Guide is enclosed. There was also the suggestion that LADP might put a reminder in the online version of the paper to alert people that the Voter Guide will be in the next print edition.

There has been a request from Deborah Gill for the Los Alamos League to do some voter education for Smiths employees. Lynn suggested that Gloria Maestas does a very good job with education of voters but she agreed to contact Gill.

Barbara reported that there has been a change to the voter guide policy by the LWVNM Board. They have agreed the word false should be added so it will read, "If the League deems that there is defamatory or false content in any candidate's responses, the candidate will be given the opportunity to reword that response."

BPU Observer Corp Report

At meeting, the BPU approved the AMI (advanced metering infrastructure). This includes a provision for customers to opt-out of receiving a smart meter. The details on the opt-out policy remain to be worked out. It will go to the Council on Dec. 18.

There was a presentation to the BPU by Dept. of Energy and N3B on the RDX contamination in the regional aquifer. RDX has never been detected in any drinking water wells and no drinking water wells are at risk of being contaminated.

The BPU approved a more aggressive tree removal program around power lines.

TFPL Consensus Meeting

Barbara reported that the Transfer of Public Lands study group has finished its investigation of the issues. They have formulated eight consensus questions and begun meeting with the local Leagues to discuss them. The meeting for Los Alamos will be

Dec. 6 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at Becky Shankland's home. It will be a potluck with food and socializing before the meeting.

Advocacy for LWVLA

Senator Cisneros has accepted an invitation to meet with interested members of the LWVLA Dec. 4th at 10.00am. Meeting to be held at the White Rock Library.

The Action Committee has added the National Popular Vote issue as another priority to the five that had already been chosen. Stephanie Garcia Richard had advised that it is more effective to choose priorities for lobbying.

Nominations:

Barbara reported that we need to have a nominating committee. Mike McKay has died and Carol Thomas has served many years and no longer wishes to serve in this capacity. Ellen Mills accepted the suggestion that she head up a nominations committee. She will find one member off the board.

Legislative Preview

The Legislative Preview will be held at Fuller Lodge on January 9. Rep. Chris Chandler has confirmed that she will attend. Senator Martinez and Senator Cisneros have been invited to participate. Representative Jason Harper has been invited to speak about tax reform. Mimi Stewart was invited to speak about NPV, but cannot attend.

LWVNM Convention

Barbara reported that the NM State League Convention will be hosted by Los Alamos. Dates are May 17, 18 and 19, 2019. Her suggestion is that there be a reception Friday evening. She has contacted the Holiday Inn Express for availability. She requested that there be a committee to help her. Ellen, Leslie and Becky agreed that they would help with arrangements. As a group they would visit the hotel and try to get a contract signed. An e-vote will be taken on whether to accept the terms of the contract.

Barbara suggested an informal discussion to start at 8:30am over a continental breakfast. The convention meetings will start at nine and last most of the morning both on Saturday and Sunday. There should be a banquet Saturday evening with Stephanie Garcia Richard as speaker. The restaurant has yet to be decided. An interesting outing should be planned for Saturday afternoon. A visit to the New Mexico Consortium was suggested. The renovated Historical Museum is another possibility.

AAUW Invitation:

Judy Prono, AAUW public policy chair, has alerted the League about their 2-minute activist tool at <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist>.

Akkana reminded us that her bill tracker program, which sends a reminder each time a bill changes status, is coming along and should be ready to use when the Legislature starts.

Some Important Dates:

Next Board Meeting will be Tuesday, January 22, 2019. There will be no December board meeting.

The Newsletter deadline is next Thursday November 29th.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 pm.

Rosmarie Frederickson