

**Draft Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, November 30, 2017
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	
Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements	Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)
Guest: Wayne Archer	Jody Benson, Publicity

Minutes for the November meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy was absent. She emailed the October report in an Excel file summarized as follows:

Prior Book Balance \$5,741.52

Receipts \$230.00

Interest \$0.05

10/31/17 Ending Book Balance \$5,971.57

Receipts:

10/6/17	Dues, Archer	\$45.00
10/10/17	Dues, Single, McCormick, Whyte, Mortensen	\$135.00
10/10/17	Donation, Mortensen	\$5.00
10/13/17	Stop payment, McCormack	\$(45.00)
10/13/17	Stop payment fee	\$(7.50)
10/16/17	Dues, Single, Bell	\$45.00
10/20/17	Dues + fee, McCormack	\$52.50
10/31/17	Total Receipts	\$230.00

Savings Account

10/1/17	Prior Book Balance	\$2,146.60
	Interest	\$0.09
10/31/17	Ending Book Balance	\$2,146.69

LWVUS Ed Fund

10/1/17	Beginning Balance	\$19,372.75
10/31/17	Ending Balance	\$19,372.75

Lunch with a Leader

Denise Fort and a colleague will speak on January 16 about environmental issues.

Other suggestions: 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. Ski Hill development.

Membership

Becky reported 81 members, 2 who haven't re-upped = 79. We will lose 3 more who have moved away.

We're seeking someone to take on Arrangements. We confirmed that we will continue to use pottery cups or possibly paper, but no Styrofoam.

Observer Corps Reports.

Julie reported that the Board of Public Utilities discussed the Long-range Water Plan and the chromium plume at the 11/13/17 meeting. An issue was that Channel 7 news misstated that the drinking water was contaminated with a cancer-causing chemical. Julie was able to get the DOE to refute this report. The Water Plan (October 2017) is online <https://www.losalamosnm.us/common/pages/DisplayFile.aspx?itemId=10958321#page=32>

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.

The Legislative Preview

The LWVLA and AAUW will co-host the Legislative Preview in Fuller Lodge on Wed, 01/10/18. Carlos Cisneros and Stephanie Garcia Richard have already agreed to come. We hope for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court. An alternate could be Charles Daniels or someone from the Administrative Office of the Courts.

Barbara will write the publicity and Jody will submit the PR to both the LA Daily Post and the Monitor, and an ad to the LA Daily Post. If we submit an ad to the Monitor we must insist the Monitor publish it on page 2 or 3.

Karyl Ann will invite Kurt Steinhaus and the LAPS business manager, and make reservations for the party at the Pyramid on 01/10. Becky will do the Legislative Preview arrangements. The Board agreed that the LWVLA needs to find a new person for arrangements who will only be in charge of storing stuff and bringing stuff. The rest of the Board will help her.

For the Preview, AAUW will bring the food; LWVLA will be responsible to set it up.

Pre-League Day January Social for new and prospective members

The date which was agreed upon was Monday, 01/22/18 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Lynn Jones's house. Because it is later in the evening, we will have lighter refreshments than the "hearty hors
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d'oeuvres" of September. Barbara will give the presentation to explain logistics, lobbying, and committee meetings. Perhaps Tarin could tell us where legislators are and how to lobby.

We also continued to consider social meetings at a place like UnQuarked to attract younger people to League activities.

The Legislative Reception will be on Wednesday, Jan. 31, 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Garrett's Desert Inn. League Day at the Legislature is Thursday, Feb 1. We discussed maybe getting a docent or League member to give us a Roundhouse tour.

Next Board Meeting Jan. 25, 2018

Submitted by Jody Benson