



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JUNEAU
BOARD OF DIRECTOR
June 21, 2014
KTOO Conference Room
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Members Present: President Marianne Mills, Geny Del Rosario, Fran Compton, Cheryl Jebe, George Brown, carolyn Brown, Dixie Hood, Hetty Barthel, Lorraine Jones, Marjorie Menzi, and Margo Waring. Guest: Robert Barr, CBJ Libraries Director.

Call to Order: Marianne Mills called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m. A quorum was established. Ms. Mills introduced Robert Barr. Mr. Barr came to June 1½ years ago from Kansas City. He states that it is the responsibility of local libraries to further consensus building and participation in local democracy. It is hard to get people to talk with one another and respect each other's ideas even when we don't agree. He believes electronic media has created more problems with that. He was approached by Ms. Brown about Juneau Votes and is looking forward to building a partnership to include the Library in this collaboration. His goal is to inform – what are the issues on the ballot; and encourage people to vote. He intends for this effort to be non-partisan and perceived as such. Discussion followed his presentation.

Approval of Agenda: Requests to add: Naturalization; Peratrovich Legacy; Future Municipal Candidate Forums; Book Club. Ms. Barthel motion to accept the updated Agenda, no objections.

Approval of Minutes: Ms. Jebe moved that the minutes of the May 17, 2014, meeting be approved. Ms. Brown had a question about the use of the word "attribution". After discussion it was agreed it was used correctly. There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ms. Jebe presented the Treasurer's report indicating that a total of \$5,623.80. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: None

Immediate Planning: 4th of July Activities: LWVJ will combine with Juneau Votes group and carry our banner in the parade. The Thunder Mountain Government Class will pass out flyers along the route. There will be LWVJ Registration booths in Juneau and Douglas. Municipal Candidate Forum: The date for the Juneau forum will be determined at the July meeting. Ms. Jebe has the lead on this project.

Reports:

The Peratrovich Legacy: Mr. Brown passed out his written report (attached) and

announced that other Leagues are being approached to review and broadcast this project. The goal is to have the State's Department of education put a viewer's guide on their website for teachers' access and use. At the LWV National Convention Report there were 30 to 40 caucuses at the convention, convening one hour before or one hour after the Meeting. The Peratrovich Legacy was well attended on the Sunday a.m. with personal accounts of bullying and racial/minority disrespect. The National Endowment for the Arts representative was very impressed with the Legacy project and wants to work with the Browns to participate in a "back story" of the project.

Ms. Mills presented Ms. Redman's proposed press release of the Peratrovich Legacy and requested Mr. Brown, Ms. Brown, and Ms. Watts' permission to being included in the press release.

Communication Committee: Ms. Watt has placed the Peratrovich Legacy film and information on the League's website and is coordinating the State's LWV website for placement as well.

Municipal Candidate Forum: Ms. Del Rosario announced that Hoonah's forum is scheduled for September 26. An agenda will be presented at the next LWVJ meeting.

LWV National Convention Highlights: Mr. Brown stated that it was an energizing and exciting convention. They had an election not a "selection". Florida received 3 awards including one for membership growth. The speaker was Wade Goodwyn of NPR who spoke about the attempts through the nation to restrict voting rights. There is a movement from several states attending the Convention to halt the takeover of public education by charter schools. Our own Ms. Brown was the Convention Chair. Ms. Waring has been elected to the National Redistricting Task Force.

Naturalization: Ms. Jebe received an apology email from the District Court for their cancellation of July's processing. The next Naturalization Ceremony is scheduled for August 29 at 10 a.m. with potentially 12 to 17 new citizens.

Youth Voter Registration Program: No report this month from Bridget Smith. Ms. Brown reported that approximately 99 total people were engaged in either registering or completing change-of-address forms and felt the overall effort was very much a success.

Future Planning: Meeting with Sam Kito III, House Representative: There was discussion of questions to submit to Mr. Kito for his attendance at the July 19 LWVJ meeting. Ms. Brown will facilitate the interview. Voter Registration Opportunities: Opportunities for booths at the 4th of July at the Libraries. Looking for volunteers. Social Media Training was rescheduled to the July meeting because of time constraints. New Member Orientation: There were no new members present.

Adjournment: Ms. Jebe moved and asked for unanimous consent to adjourn. Consent was granted.

Respectfully submitted,

Fran Compton, LWVJ Board Secretary