

## League of Women Voters of Juneau

Board of Directors Meeting KTOO Conference Room 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM September 19, 2015

#### **DRAFT MINUTES**

9:32 AM Call to Order: President, Geny Del Rosario

Present: George Brown, Fran Compton, Alyson Currey, Geny DelRosario, Marianne

Mills, Chris Niemi, Pat Watt.

Missing: Kim Andree, Robert Barr, Hetty Barthel.

Guest: Mara Sheakley-Early

Members: Nadine Lefebvre, Judy Andree, carolyn Brown,

Approval of Agenda – G. Brown Motion to Approve Agenda, M. Mills second, discussion: c. Brown has additional Fund Raiser and Voters Forum information; M. Mills has information on State LWV positions, N. Lefebvre requested update on state Voter position. no further suggestions; Amended Motion to accept agenda with changes by G. Brown, no objections, motion approved.

Approval of August Minutes – Motion to approve as presented by F. Compton and second from G. Brown, no objections, motion approved.

Update and Approval of the Calendar of the Year is posted on the website. Available on JLWV website.

Treasurer's Report/Bank Account Debit Card –(sent by email from K. Andree) Motion to approve made by F. Compton with M. Mills second, no objection (attached), motion approved.

**President's Report – G. DelRosario:** we are busy!

**State League Report – M. Mills:** Anchorage League invites all members to LWV State Convention scheduled for April 22-24, 2016; State Board voted 9/14/15 to join collation to support the initiative to auto register to vote when you sign up for PFD; there are currently two National LWV studies: USA Constitutional amendment, and money and politics study;

- Update on Voters Registration at the Governor's Picnic C. Niemi: good event, handed out citizenship questionnaire, obtained new registrations.
- August and September Campus kickoffs at UAS C. Niemi: successful events, small turnout and younger students.
- Naturalization Ceremony on August 21, 2015 G. Brown: G. DelRosario spoke at the event. 28 new voters.
- Voters Newsletter published the first of September Publisher Kim Andree.
- <u>Juneau Empires Voters Guide</u> **J. Andree:** Publishing double page in 9/20/15 *Juneau Empire*. Early voting in the old Library in the Valley. C. Niemi and <u>c.</u> Brown met and coordinated this important voting tool.
- Print Archives /Storage Unit Discussion update next month.
- Updates
  - KINY Radio participation with Courtney Nelson (Sharon Gaiptman's show) –
    9/21 G. Brown and A. Currey at 9 a.m. to talk about Forum. Talk about
    Forum structure and why to belong to LWV.
  - At KTOO- G. Brown and C. Niemi on 9/22 Juneau afternoon program to discuss Forum.
  - o 9/28/15: KTOO, Juneau Empire and Juneau Votes at 5:30; School Board only (at KTOO).
  - o 9/29/15: KTOO at Egan Conference Room at 5:30 debate with Assembly candidates only.
  - o M. Early: students will be participating/interacting with Forum candidates.

### **Committee Reports**

**Membership** – **M. Mills:** Thank you for paying membership dues. Members have made donations to support people who cannot afford to pay. Two more reminder letters and then will approach the board with outstanding members. M. Early proposes placing a student government member liaison on LWVJ Board (agenda topic next meeting);

Communications/Website Update – P. Watt: Updates on webpage and Facebook. Proposed that we participate League Easy Web system being developed by the LWV of California. M. Mills made Motion for our league to participate in the Beta website (information available by email). M. Mills second G. Brown, discussion, no objections. See <a href="https://lwvc.org/new-information/2015/aug/what-lew-beta-tester">https://lwvc.org/new-information/2015/aug/what-lew-beta-tester</a>

M. Mills made the Motion to add A. Currey as Juneau LWV Facebook contributor, P. Watt second, no discussion, no objections, motion carried.

**State position on voter issues** – <u>c.</u> **Brown:** Finished local meeting and sent recommendations to State – five major changes. Some changes will have to be by statutes, some regulatory and one imitative – items include PFD registration, register 15-17 year olds, felons served they can register. Committee will be meeting on 9/28 to discuss implementation process.

Fundraising Discussions re: Wine Tasting on October 2, 2015 – M. Mills: Attendees please take posters to distribute. Article in Juneau Empire. Radio coverage. Facebook. Bring unsold tickets to the event so that they can be sold at the door. N. Lefebvre suggested using tablet application called "the square" to accept credit cards at door. M. Mills: two candidates will not donate to the fundraiser and one who will – question: Will our league accept candidate donations at this fund raiser?

**G. Brown made the Motion that donations from candidates be accepted after the election, A. Currey second; discussion; unanimous approved.** Encourage candidates to buy tickets. Silent auction items to K. Andree and M. Mills. C. Brown requested a thank you letter for the framing of our grand drawing prize of the Munro poster valued at \$170.

Motion by M. Mills to send thank you and complementary ticket and C. Niemi second. No objection, Motion approved. J. Andree: have a power point entertainment, <u>c</u>. Brown suggested "bad romance" video,

### **Old Business:**

Capitol Visit Program: A Middle School Civic Institute Update – A. Currey: M. Menzi and she met with Juneau Foundation to make a request for buses. There is a small grant for money for two years of buses (not giving teacher stipend, using LWVJ volunteers). Additional details at next meeting.

# Candidate Forum Preparations/ September 23, 2015; updates on coverage, food and members' participation;

J. Andree will make up a checklist for next year's planning. *Juneau Votes* is posting photos and candidate information at Libraries. 3 call-ins and 8 candidates participating.

## New Business/ For the Good of the Order

- <u>c.</u> Brown: On the League website Nancy Tate is no longer the ED of National League, Alycia Harris is the new Executive Director. She has suggestions for future meetings: Invite Jim Penor, CBJ Coordinator, to update on Juneau's Waste Management, and Invite Samantha Dye, Downtown Improvement Group coordinator, to advise us about this new civic engagement.
- P. Watt: Developing a group to develop Board Handbook.
- J. Andree: 9/29 is a "pink" day to support Planned Parenthood, wear and Facebook to show support.

N. Lefebvre: Thank you for accepting Juneau Central Labor Council questions. There will be representation at the Forum.

A. Currey: contact Murkowski and Young if you support Planned Parenthood.

c. Brown: thank Murkowski for supporting voter rights.

G. Brown: Made a list of 10 reasons LWV is vital. 1) gears of democracy as leading promoters of the voting process, and 2) the oil of democracy keeping the election machine going forward.

M. Mills: Oct 19<sup>th</sup> fund raiser at Sr. Center

11:44AM Adjournment

Next meeting Third Saturday: October 17.

