



League of Women Voters of Juneau
Board of Directors Meeting
KTOO Conference Room
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM
December 19, 2015

APPROVED MINUTES

Call to Order: George Brown, acting Chair;

Welcome and Introduction

Present: G. Brown, R. Barr, P. Watt, F. Compton, M. Mills,

Members: J. Andree, c. Brown, H. Barthel, N. Waterman

Guest: Judy Mitchell

Absent: K. Andree, A. Currey, G. DelRosario, D. Hobbs

Approval of Agenda, no objection, agenda approved.

Approval of November Minutes: M. Mills motion to accept the Minutes of the November 19, 2015 meeting, with second from H. Barthel. No objections, approved.

Treasurer's Report – no report.

Committee Reports

- Communications/Webpage Update – P. Watt: JLWV website was transferred to EZWeb under Beta test. She is spending 3-4 hours on the site.
- National League Update – M. Mills: The National League has finished its website and membership database. Check out the Leadership Management link.
- Library Position approval – R. Barr. The update was posted to our website and Robert got comments back.
- Bylaws Committee update – P Watt: Handout list of response to last meeting's comments. Planning a Handbook and job descriptions for Board members.
Discussion.
P. Watt made a motion to make the substitute to the By-Laws to change the President Elect designation on the Board as Vice-President. Motion Seconded by M. Mills, no objections, Approved. P. Watt will update and send the completed proposed By-Laws change to H. Barthel to distribute to the membership in order to vote at the Annual Meeting.
- Program Planning – M. Mills: Jan 7th webinar for planning the June LWV US Program for 2016-2018. Hold our annual program meeting at the Jan 16th meeting – invite all members to review local, state and national programs and positions.

- Legislative Priorities – J. Andree: Suggest we send out a poll to see what members are interested in. Watch:
 - Reproductive Rights and Health Care,
 - Medicaid Expansion,
 - Balancing Budget by looking at Health Care and Education.
 There are State and National Positions; question what supports position? What has the League done? Need to look at:
 - Voter Rights (Photo ID),
 - Judicial Council position,
 - Education issues (cutting to balance budget),
 - Government Transparency (what is Executive Session),
 - Redistricting; Family Leave Child Care,
 - Climate Change,
 - Refugee Situation and Impact,
 - Money in Politics, ALEC,
 - Felon Suffrage, and
 - Gun Control.
 Look at LWV Principals and Positions.
 Discussion.

G. Brown: Will we hold a meeting/forum with membership to discuss the current Fiscal Crisis? Discussion. Possibly ask Rasmuson to discuss Gov. Proposal? Is there is someone willing to spearhead this discussion? Members invited to check out <http://akcommonground.org>.

New, Other and Unfinished Business

- Update on the Judicial Council Consensus Meeting – C. Niemi: Culmination of statewide study. Consensus Questions asked and answered at Juneau’s December meeting with Judge Carpeneti. SJR-3 will affect the current system. Juneau supports the current system. State’s next meeting in January will accept the recommendation and send LWV-AK position to Legislature’s Judicial and Financial Chairs. Local league can approach with position statement. JLWV members can email as constituent and ask the record keeper to include in the testimony.
- Nominating Committee Report – J. Andree (Chair): Slate: no VP; c. Brown President; P. Watt, J. Mitchell new member and Secretary; K. Andree Treasurer, 3 returning: R. Barr, C. Niemi and H. Barthel, with A. Currey to be appointed by Board after the annual meeting, G. Brown to be elected one year and G. DelRosario as Past-President.
- Annual Meeting – Discussion: **P. Watt motion to designate third Saturday in March (19th) for Annual Meeting, M. Mills second - Speaker tbd; no objections, approved.**
- PFD Update – c. Brown, initiative, and need 10% registration across the state. Scott Kohlhaas is coordinating for the state; Jan 3-6 we will be at the Mendenhall Mall collecting signatures, also coordinating for collection tables with IGA, Super Bear, and Safeway. Jan. 18 is the deadline for coordinators. With enough signatures it will go to the primary ballot next November.

- The Citizen Voter - H. Barthel: Small meeting of members suggesting a committee to interview non-voters and record barriers to voting. Discussion. Maybe working with CBJ.
- The *Voter* – M. Mills: K. Andree looking for info of upcoming *Voter*.

New Business/ For the Good of the Order

G. Brown - Welcome Judy. I have thought about a lot of good things the League has done – Merry Christmas.

C. Niemi - encouragement – Saudi women vote and are elected!

R. Barr – appreciate the Judicial Council work of Chris and her group.

J. Mitchell – looking forward to future.

c. Brown – interesting year ahead, collaborative democracy takes a lot of work.

H. Barthel – thinking about the average voter – work on getting the voter out.

J. Andree – the definition of democracy and getting the vote out.

P. Watt – learning about Sierra Leone, Liberia elected a woman governor.

F. Compton – thank you to M. Mills for Legislators meeting last night.

M. Mills – thank you Judy for sharing your legislative expertise and for taking on the Chairmanship of the Nomination Committee.

Adjournment at 11:26 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Compton, Secretary

Next meeting Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016; 9:30 a.m. at KTOO Community Room.