

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JUNEAU BOARD OF DIRECTOR May 17, 2014 KTOO Conference Room 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM

Members Present: Marianne Mills, Geny Del Rosario, Judy Andree, Cheryl Jebe, Michele Thompson, George Brown, Kim Andree, board members. In addition, Pat Watt and carolyn Brown were present.

Call to Order: Marianne Mills called the meeting to order at 9:45 am. A quorum was established.

**Approval of Agenda:** Cheryl and Michele moved that the agenda be approved.

**Approval of Minutes:** Cheryl moved that the minutes be approved unanimously; there were no objections. **Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report indicated that a total of \$5716.55 is available with a \$4000 PMP payment due in July to state and national. The report was filed for audit.

Correspondence: None

## Reports:

<u>Legislative Session Wrap-up:</u> Members were referred to Caren Robinson's final report. Concern was expressed over the continued push to use public money for private schools. The LAC (Legislative Action Committee) is exploring the use of teleconferencing during the 2015 session.

<u>Communication Committee:</u> Pat Watt presented a report on the results of the membership survey. She was pleased by the number of responses. The Committee suggested that a facilitated retreat for LWVJ members might be useful to develop a strategic plan for the next two years. It was decided to discuss the retreat in June when local attendees of the LWVUS Dallas Convention have returned and reported.

<u>Naturalization Ceremony:</u> Cheryl, Geny, and Marjorie Menzi attended and registered 11 new voters. The *Empire* carried an article with pictures reporting this event.

Youth Voter Registration Program: Bridget Smith submitted a written report about the Program's activities which include both registering young voters and educating them about the voting process. Bridget's report is attached to the minutes. A voter registration event was held at the Maritime Festival on 5/10; carolyn reported that approximately 34 people registered or completed change-of-address forms.

Get Out the Vote: No report was filed for this effort.

Juneau Votes Coalition: George moved and Cheryl seconded the motion for the LWVof Juneau to become a part of the Juneau Votes Coalition. The motion passed. It was agreed that the board members should meet with Robert Barr, director of Juneau libraries, to outline the vision for Juneau Votes. He will be invited to meet with the Board on June 21<sup>st</sup> for a 30-minute presentation; carolyn will coordinate with him. The Juneau Votes flier was distributed and some editing comments resulted in minor adjustments to the fliers are printed, a decision will be made on the form of attribution.

## **Immediate Actions Needed:**

<u>Directions to the LWVUS Delegates:</u> 1. Legislative action information and how local/state

Leagues have dealt with school vouchers. Are there Leagues that have written education positions that specifically state non-support for publicly funded vouchers for private schools? 2. Any printed material that can be used locally. 3. Vote against any PMP increase at the national level. 4. Information about members-at-large (MAL). 5. Communications with National. 6. Materials helpful for new presidents at the local level.

7. Pro any change at the National level that will drive positive growth. 8. Basic orientation materials to help new members. 9. MLD information and accurate membership numbers—decrease in overall membership/growth in new members?

Meeting with Sam Kito III, House Representative: It was agreed by consensus that the Board should invite Sam Kito III for the July meeting. The Board discussed the issue of non-partisanship and decided that the meeting would be a month before the Primary Election and would have no bearing on partisanship. carolyn

will invite Representative Kito for the July 19<sup>th</sup> meeting.

4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade: It was decided to participate in the Parade. Geny will register the League and let us know if the entry fee is \$75 per vehicle or for group. We may have two or more vehicles this year.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Andree, LWVJ Board Secretary

A post-meeting was held to discuss the VOTER. Kim Andree, Judy Andree, and Marianne Mills attended. The group decided that the following items should be in the next VOTER: pictures from the State Convention and Maritime Park voter registration event; President's Report; Book Club; Juneau Votes report & invitation to hear Robert Barr on 6/21; Invitation to hear from Sam Kito III on July 19<sup>th</sup>; Youth Voter Registration Project; Naturalization Report; LWVUS Delegate and link; Membership Survey Results; 4<sup>th</sup> of July; Margo Waring as LWVUS representative for Redistricting Task Force; Legislative Action Report.