



League of Women Voters of Juneau  
Board of Directors Meeting  
KTOO Conference Room  
9:30 AM – 11:30 AM  
May 16, 2015

## AGENDA

**9:35 AM Call to Order:** Geny Del Rosario  
Robert Barr, Alyson Cooper, Chris Niemi, Pat Watt, Fran Compton, George Brown  
quorum established  
Absent: Kim Andree, Hetty Barthel

**Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve Agenda by G. Brown and second by P. Watt, no objection, motion approved.**

**Approval of April Minutes:** Corrections: Communications (page 2) should read that P. Watt is updating the LWVJ's website (not K. Andree); "Running for Office Workshop" Committee members include Kristin Bartlett. Borthwick name spelling correction; Cari Zawodny name spelling correction. **Motion for approval of April Minutes as amended from M. Mills and second from G. Brown. No opposition, motion approved.**

**Treasurer's Report:** No report

**President's Report – G. Del Rosario:** Busy May, no Maritime Festival participation; 5/15 Naturalization Day successful, 9 participants all registered with additional family members. Next one is 8/21.

**Special Report on Workshop: Running for Office – P. Watt with R. Barr:** it has taken off like a rocket. Initially capped at 25 that was quickly met and decided to let enrollment continue and cap at 50; total of 37 now. Will be on chat shows and discuss how good the response is and we can do it again next year. Money for advertising is coming from CBJ. There will be an advertising "sticky" on front page of Empire tomorrow.

**Peratrovich Education Funds Request for discussion – G. Brown:** copy of final report to State Board [distributed by email from P. Watt]. The committee received all the funds that were requested. Like to have Brenda Campen come to make a presentation in November at the Clan Conference. Still working with other LWV in AK to see if they would like to do presentations.

**4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade Participation – G. Del Rosario:** Parade registration is at Cycle AK Store; 25<sup>th</sup> of June is deadline. G. DelRosario designated M. Mills to sign us up for parade; C. Niemi will email B. Smith to arrange for voter registration at parade.

**Print Archives /Storage Unit Discussion**, tabled

**Bank Account Debit Card Request**, tabled

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Membership/Total Board Responsibility – M. Mills:** TBR: Authority for the league operation rests with the board. Members assumes certain responsibilities however, each member also has a responsibility to the whole board. She sent out an email this morning asking for a meeting of the Membership committee to develop a membership development plan. P. Watt agreed to facilitate their meeting. Discussion about what action to take for members who have not paid their fee. M. Mills will address at next month's meeting for formal discussion. All Members are invited to all board meetings by LWVJ website and Facebook. Link: <http://forum.lwv.org/document/monthly-guidance-opportunities>. Would encourage board members to review guidance and recommend any action for this League's use.

**Communications – P. Watt:** I maintain the website, adding orientation material on membership page, social media posts. I would like for us to use an email management system and will discuss at a later date. Board Handbook group later this summer.

**Book Club Resumption – G. Brown:** no energy; P. Watt: what would be the goal of membership in this club? Discussion.

**Voter's Registration/Naturalization Ceremony Reminder – G. Del Rosario:** August 21; LWVJ members attending: P. Watt, B. Smith, M. Menzi, C. Jebe, G. Del Rosario. Group was addressed by Senator Dan Sullivan. C. Niemi emailed names of people who are interested in registering potential voters and the new high school students who come of-age to B. Smith.

**Fundraising Discussions re: Wine Tasting Event Update – M. Mills:** Report from committee, reserved Friday 10/2 Hangar Ballroom; 5 to 7:30 p.m. Tom Locher will play. K. Andree arranged for two wine distributors to attend. Projects need to spend a little over \$1,000 for location/musician/appetizers and membership would have 100 tickets to sell, \$25 advance; \$30 at the door; with a silent auction M. Mills will email members to request donations of high end ticket items. **Motion to approve funding needed to finance the setup of the event by P. Watt, second from F. Compton.** Discussion – encourage ticket sales at \$30 for 1 and 2 for \$50. M. Mills will check with committee. G. Brown will arrange for Peratrovich poster display. Suggest members donate their own art for display. **No opposition; Motion passed.**

**JLW 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary information – P Watt:** In fall 1964 meeting announced; Group was established and official recognition in 1967 or 1968. K. Diebels (M. Mills was going to check on the date).

**Policies and Procedure Orientation Report – G. Del Rosario:** M. Mills conducted for five members and reviewed the League Basics. Look on LWVJ website for the

Handbook handout. There is a Committee for Procedures and Policies, P. Watt will Chair, she will start in late summer.

**Programs Adopted at the Annual Meeting - M. Mills:** At the annual meeting the membership voted to update our Library position statement. F. Compton read from the draft minutes that the membership approved the six action priorities: Solid Waste Management; Housing/Homeless; Municipal Candidate Forum; Municipal Voters Guide; Participation in 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade; and active Voter Registration.

Included in the motion was an amendment from M. Waring to update local election procedures and to support Menzi and Smith's proposal to explore capital visits for middle school students.

At the state convention it was proposed we shouldn't take action on housing and homeless issue.

R. Barr volunteered to look at the LWVJ Library position and make a recommendation if we need to address.

P. Watt suggested President request that M. Menzi's Committee look at Local Election Procedures and make recommendations.

**Capitol Visit Program : A Middle School Civic Institute** – M. Menzi requested at Annual Meeting (see email from Menzi on 3/22/15). Discussion of set up timing because of school calendar and legislature. **Motion P. Watt ask Voter Services Committee to develop a Capitol City Visit Plan and present to the board, second G. Brown.** A. Currey will contact B. Smith, M. Early and M. Menzi to get established. Discussion. **No objection, motion passed.**

**Legislative Updates** – tabled. Comment: G. Brown: He attended first house finance committee in Anchorage, not all were there, perfunctory, HSS presentations over two days over Medicaid expansion. They didn't vote to kill it. M. Mills: read House statement May 14. Discussion.

**New Business; Juneau Votes,** P. Watt just sent out an email and doesn't have a response. F. Compton questions about the Bylaws statement that there are **four membership meetings** a year; would like to know what was done in the past to meet that requirement; Board suggested that the Membership committee review and make a recommendation. G. Brown **welcome to R. Barr.** M. Mills: **Cheryl Jebe has agreed to produce the State Voter, please send her information.** P. Watt: She was having health issues and found swimming is helping and subsequently applied for the CBJ Aquatic Empower Board.

11:07 AM **Motion to adjourn: G. Brown and second from C. Niemi. No objection, passed.**