



**BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**  
**DOWNTOWN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM**  
**4:30 PM – 6:00 PM**  
**SEPTEMBER 26, 2016**

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** carolyn Brown called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

**Directors Attending:** Marianne Mills, Judith Mitchell, Robert Barr, Pat Watt, carolyn Brown, George Brown, Kim Andree.

**Quorum established.** Quorum (7) for the Board is a majority (over 50%) of the current Board members (13).

**Board Members Absent:** Alyson Currey, Geny DelRosario, Hetty Barthel, Judy Andree, LaRae Jones, Chris Niemi.

**Members attending:** none

**Approval of the Consent agenda:** Minutes for August, Treasurer's report, President's report, Communications report, Voter Services report, Membership, Advocacy, Ad Hoc and Program reports. Reports received in the meeting: Fundraising. Pat Watt moved to approve. Robert Barr seconded. No objections. Approved.

**Review of the the standing portfolios:**

**Advocacy** - carolyn Brown reviewed the Advocacy report as Judy Andree was not present. It was noted that a number of bills important to the League were stuck in committee. It was discussed whether the League would want to submit a letter to our legislators to support these bills. Judy Andree will work with carolyn to draft a letter. It was suggested that the letter include information as to which of these are also LWWUS positions. Pat moved to approve the drafting of the letter. Marianne, seconded. No objections. Approved.

**Communications** - Pat Watt - Pat discussed that the Communications committee and subcommittees met during September. She discussed a request that the League puts together a workshop for the community on "how to engage with the Legislature" (or some other title to be determined). The scope would be to explain to people how to contact their legislators, how to use the online tools (like BASIS) to find out information about bills, etc. No pre-registration, and no fee.

**Action item:** Pat requested approval to set up a committee to research this topic. The motion was approved via affirmation. No dissent.

Pat also discussed the results of the Communications meeting regarding what to do with our current website (which is now hosted by the California League of Women Voters). She presented a list of pros and cons for discussion on why we need to move and update our website and tools.

**Action items:** Pat requested approval to move the website and to develop the new site. Pat moved to approve the change, Judith seconded. Pat also requested approval to spend the \$290 for this year, plus a one time cost of \$59 for the new site. George motioned to accept, and Marianne seconded. Both motions were approved with no dissent.

Pat also brought up the issue of moving the League to a 501c3 entity. She mentioned we might be able to get pro-bono legal support from LWVUS or perhaps locally. It was discussed that the state league might also need or want to be involved.

**Action item:** Pat requested approval to set up a committee to research this topic. Members would include Pat, Kim and Cheryl Jebe (former treasurer) - as this affects the Treasurer position the most. Also requested was that someone from the State Board (Hetty, Marianne, Judy), would be included to keep in touch with the State initiative around this. carolyn motioned to appoint the committee, and George seconded. Approved. No dissent.

**Fundraising** - Kim Andree gave an update and Marianne provided additional posters. We are progressing on the auction items, could still use some more. Biggest thing right now is ticket sales. Pat mentioned that she'd create a Facebook Event and so we can share the event among the community. We have the Rockwell paid for, and entertainment and wine arranged.

**Membership** - Marianne Mills reported new members and now our total membership stands at 120. Marianne mentioned the need for a member orientation event and gathering. It was discussed that perhaps we could do this sometime after the fundraiser and the elections. It will be brought up again soon.

**Action item:** Marianne received a request for a scholarship for Dixie Hood (a long time League member). George moved to approve the request, and it was seconded by Pat. Approved, no dissent.

**Programs** - George discussed the Lunch and Learn event which will be noon on October 19th at the Baranof Hotel. The first topic - Day Care and Equal Pay - will be presented by Joy Lyon of the Association for the Education of Young Children, Southeast Alaska (AEYC) and Brian Holst of the Juneau Economic Development Council (JEDC). We need to encourage attendance particularly of the members most affected by the lack of child care options in Juneau. An email to all members will go out in early October, and publicity is being developed.

George and Chris will be on KINY on Tuesday October 4th to discuss the Selma movie and to promote the Wine tasting event. Marianne and Kim will be on KTOO on October 12th to discuss Wine Tasting and the Lunch and Learn session on October 19th.

**Voter Services** - George presented as LaRae was absent. We reviewed the number of times League members met with the community and that we are talking to a large number of people, but not registering as many. Many people are already registered.

carolyn discussed the upcoming events at Zach Gordon, and Robert mentioned that help would still be appreciated for the Juneau Votes Candidate committee. The next Juneau Votes debate will be on October 13th at the Egan Lecture Hall. (carolyn will work with Robert on this.)

**President's Report** - carolyn Brown

- A reminder for the Selma movie on October 8th, 9th and 10th. Willie Anderson and Patricia Hall will facilitate. We will register voters at this event.
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**Action item:** Last month we approved a letter to be drafted on Felon suffrage. carolyn is working with Pat from the State Board as this is a state issue, not just for Juneau. She should have a draft to approve soon.

**For the good of the order and New, Other, and Unfinished Business:**

-None mentioned

A motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 pm, so members could go watch the Presidential debate. Approved by affirmation. No objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell, Secretary