



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JUNEAU

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KTOO Conference Room

9:30 AM-11:47 AM

December 20, 2014

MINUTES

9:37 AM Call to Order: Marianne Mills

Introductions and welcome members C. Niemi and M. Menzi.

Present: F. Compton, G. Brown, P. Watt, G. DelRosario, H. Barthel, J. Andree, C. Jebe, M. Mills.

Approval of Agenda: Motion by G. Brown, G. Del Rosario second – no objections

Approval of November Minutes: Motion by C. Jebe to approve as amended with unanimous consent.

Treasurer's Report: Balance of \$7,393.26 all accounts.

G. Brown Motion with G. Del Rosario second to pay J. Lyon \$45.50 for 11/20/14 membership/orientation meeting's room charge at Thunder Mtn. No objection, Motion passed.

President's Report: Membership meeting/orientation "Pizza and Politics" was very nice. Special thanks to J. Lyon, A. Currey, H. Barthel, F. Compton, and speakers at the meeting, M. Menzi and B. Smith. M. Mills will follow up with guest N. Lefebvre. M. Mills requested a volunteer to prepare a spreadsheet with LWV Juneau's member's interest. J. Andree volunteered to prepare.

Thank you C. Niemi, H. Barthel, and G. Del Rosario for organizing the Legislative Reception. Recommend having future meetings at a home, less expensive, easier to hear. Request F. Compton send thank you to Cathy Munoz.

Special Report on Juneau School Board - M. Menzi: She is a community member of Juneau School Board's social studies curriculum review. She presented her in-depth report for Civics curriculum review (her background is in Dept. of Education, social sciences). She recommended:

- More in depth and challenging curriculum – very little time spent on this subject;
 - Current events discussed at each grade level (You tube video University of Texas campus asking students general civics questions vs today's Hollywood);
 - Experiential civic education and programs – i.e.; classroom election, kids voting, mock elections, trials, legislative hearings, youth courts, use of Gavel to Gavel, attending CBJ meetings, internships.
- Juneau's School District is planning to cut back on Social Studies. There is no time allocation given to teachers for this subject. There is an opportunity for League to voice support to the Civics portion to the School Board and support for this committee.

P. Watt: We can do an action alert to members and friends. We could Facebook publicize need for classroom sponsors to get Juneau Empire in the classroom.

Book Group Resurrection – G. Brown: Looking for suggestions for when to meet and where to meet. Discussion. Suggested have meeting every other month; ask for co-chairs; target past members.

Juneau League's Annual Meeting Planning - M. Mills: please check the By-Laws (on the website).

- CBJ Chambers is reserved, suggestions for Guest Speaker: K. Crane; M. Mills will make request.

- Preparation of Program Planning Process – M Mills, we will invite members to the January meeting to determine the agenda and action to take on Local and State Issues to focus on the coming year’s action.
- Nominating Committee Progress – G. DelRosario: discussion - looking for President Elect and Chairman of Nominating Committee. Looking for another nominating committee member who has some long time history. She will make calls to membership to ask.
- Appoint Budget Committee – **C. Jebe motion, G. Brown second to appoint K. Andree, P. Watt and C. Jebe to Budget Committee, Motion passed.**
- Appoint Bylaws Review Committee – **G. Brown made a motion, H. Barthel second to appoint M. Menzi and P. Watt to Bylaws Review Committee, Motion passed.**

H. Barthel will ask the LWV Board if we can invite Mr. B. Mallott to be Lunch Speaker at Annual State LWV Convention. M. Menzi agreed to ask B. Mallott to speak at the State LWV convention coming in March 28, 2015.

Committee Reports

- Membership: renewals pending – M. Mills: will send out a third renewal letter.
- Communications: website changes – P. Watt: new website is up and running. www.lwvj.org. I need volunteers to “own and update” each section of the website.
 - J. Andree taking care of Legislative Action Alerts and Policy Positions has links to respective sites; F. Compton will take Calendar; M. Mills will take membership;
 - Has free conference call account that works well.
- State Convention: local versus state duties – M. Mills: Distributed to the Policy and Procedures to State Convention.
 - Fee covers: food, room rental,
H. Barthel volunteered to house a National member,
P. Watt will do a presentation of our website.
F. Compton will contact Goldbelt for block of 5-6 rooms for pricing and conference room pricing.
M. Mills will draft registration form and forward to State contact.
State Board’s first call going out Dec. 27th.
Need to plan meals; Friday no host gathering/meal; Breakfast Lunch on Saturday and Breakfast on Sunday. The State Board goes to Lunch on Sun. Saturday night event: M. Menzi’s house, potluck/silent auction.
- Fundraising Trip – P. Watt: The major things done ahead of time are done. Five on the committee. Advanced arrangements are made. January will have a better idea of group. Breakeven analysis indicates there needs to be 8 attendees.
- State Studies: Election Processes – M. Menzi: Pat Redman webinar, LWV nationwide – threats to electoral system with voter ID requirements. Gathering information for membership about the contract and will add information to the link on our website.
- State Studies: Education – J. Andree: school finance committee of 3 leagues will start after the holidays. A lot of changes, nine states allow vouchers to be spent on education. Large Omnibus Bill on education last year.

Retreat Follow-Up Planning & Status Report – P. Watt: Job Description should wait until after the next annual meeting because there may be new job descriptions.

M. Mills, with no other business before the board, call for Adjournment at 11:47 a.m.

Respectfully submitted, Fran Compton Secretary, 1/9/15

Next Meeting Jan 17, 2015. (3rd Sat)