



**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JUNEAU
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KTOO Conference Room
April 19, 2014**

MINUTES

Call to Order: Marianne Mills

Members Present: Judy Andree; Kim Andree, Hetty Barthel, Carolyn Brown, George Brown, Fran Compton, Alyson Currey, Cheryl Jebe, LaRae Jones; Marjorie Menzi; Marianne Mills, Geny Del Rosario, Michele Thompson.

Introductions and Welcome

Approval of Agenda – additions:

- Naturalization Ceremony
- National Convention Webinar
- Robert Barr
- UAS Registration
- Archive of Juneau Records

Motion from A. Currey to accept Agenda with additions. Approved

Approval of Minutes from March Meeting with correction to add Cheryl Jebe's name to Members Present. **Motion from J. Andree to accept Minutes with correction, Approved.**

Treasurer's Report/Correspondence

- Registration of delegates to state
 - youth program expenses
- Income:
- New member
 - LWVUS – youth project

Attention: July 1 deadline for outstanding invoices, on copy of receipt, write what it is for.

Public Testimony - none

Reports

- State Convention Highlights
 - H. Barthel: communications between Leagues was good; Auto Museum gala; Conference Speaker comments on Communication.
 - J. Andree: met the new owner of Anchorage news, Alice Rogoff, dedicated to honest journalism.
 - G. Del Rosario: need for social media training. Pat (Watt) wants to leave a legacy with the social media in LWVJ. Juneau has LWV Convention next year.
 - c. Brown: Peratrovich project will go state wide if other leagues will continue their project.

- M. Mills: email Sherry George your expenses for Convention and LWV AK will reimburse.
- J. Andree presented plaque that was presented at Convention recognizing Carolyn and George for their Peratrovich project
- J. Andree: study on school finance
- M. Mills: We should do a new study on voter election.
- Communications Committee: Pat Watt (H. Barthel)
 - H. Barthel: Received 25-30 responses to the communication survey on Survey Monkey. All feedback is greatly appreciated.
 - J. Andree: Pat will post on FB six times a week, we should all “like” the State FB page and other Leagues so the information gets out.
 - C. Brown: who has master list of Juneau members?
 - M. Mills: Holds the list, updates the list, let her know if you want it.
 - H. Barthel: Instructions on “how to Twitter” communication coming
 - M. Mills: Calendar and *Voter* Newsletter are separate from the communications committee. J. Andree offered to continue to be editor of *Voter*
 - C. Brown: There is a National webinar, May 1, 3 p.m. EST there should be an email blast. Learn what is going to happen at National Convention where our own C. Brown will chair. Martha Rollins (Parliamentarian) will be speaker. Worth knowing what process is at National Convention - “how to get the most”.
- Voter Registration Efforts:
 - C. Brown: 3 days at UAS, 10-11 registered with address changes. Working with Alyson Currey. 90% said they already registered.! More registration at High Schools. Banner made.
 - A. Currey: possible that high registration at UAS as a result of her efforts with George Brown last fall.
 - M. Mills: has a list of members interested in working on this project.
 - C. Brown: will send out a membership update of activity to this group. National Voter Registration Day – hundreds of groups are involved, Sept 23, 2014. Our Website needs to post information. Envisions a larger participation by Juneau League and would like a subcommittee, she will chair the committee.
 - M. Menzi: Jim Powell suggested a concentrated effort at Lemon Creek.
 - M. Thompson: watch for large events in town – i.e. Celebration, Gold Rush Days, 4th of July.
 - M. Mills: suggest getting UAS event information to have a voter registration table, last day of Jazz and Classics (5/17).
 - C. Brown: Bill Legere offered KTOO to do special interviews for National Registration Day.
 - M. Mills: The August Ballot is important— Ms. Brown’s *Voter* committee to publish the key date, i.e., when do you need to register, what are the issues on the ballots? Candidate forum to be arranged.
- Legislative Report: J. Andree: Almost done for this session. The Bill in Senate Finance will reduce BSA from past years – rewrote house bill. Tax credits for public and private High schools and elementary schools still in the bill. Mining, fishing, oil get tax write off anything given to a school. Goes against National Project - takes public funding and gives to private schools. BSA is outdated way of funding schools.

- Can sign up to get email alerts for specific bills because there are no rules for scheduling and publishing bill action.

H. Barthel, commended J. Andree on her work advising us of Legislative Issues.

- Membership Report – M. Mills: Write down: 50 45 35 75.
Four levels of dues that we have with the Juneau League. Right now it is ½ price. Write a check and you are registered. Reduced fee until August 31. Sept 1 is new dues. We need a brochure/info card: K. Andree will help put one together.

- GOTV Report: Waiting for a report to the membership.

Old Business

- Delegates to LWVUS National Convention
- c. Brown: National Convention, in Dallas, Friday June 6 through Tuesday June 10. There will be a resolution regarding Trafficking. She has spoken with local troopers and it is a problem in AK.
- Citizen's United supported the McCutcheon lawsuit and are looking seriously at a Constitutional Amendment.
- New Task force on Redistricting.
- PAVP Public Advocacy for voter registration project at LWV; AK is one of 11 states chosen by National Office for grant to deal with voter issues and AK did not respond. She is investigating.
- May 14 there will be a 2014 Convention Webinar. Link is https://events-na4.adobeconnect.com/content/connect/c1/831402129/en/events/event/shared/default/template/event_registration.html?sco-id=1151891562& charset =utf-8

Or see League Update from Elisabeth, and use the link in the convention section.

It's also in the Your Guide to Convention. Try going here <http://forum.lwv.org/member-resources/article/your-guide-lwvus-convention-2014> and then scroll down that page to the Join the Discussion headline - there's a mention of the May 14 Webinar, and click that link which will take you to register.

- One registration is budgeted to attend the Convention; H. Barthel nominated Pat Watt, G. Del Rosario second, so moved. H. Barthel will talk with her.

New Business

- Naturalization - Cheryl Jebe: Ceremony on May 14 at 10 a.m. Federal Building, 9th fl. Get there are 9 to go through security. M. Menzi and c. Brown will also attend.
- c. Brown: Would we like ask Melissa Griffiths to do an investigative report on immigration stories?
- Directions to Juneau Board from Annual Meeting Participants – M. Mills handout (attached).
 - Financial Sustainability discussion – ask P. Watt if she would head a committee.
 - c. Brown: There is a National committee pilot project study – what do we want money for? Then Plan. One fund raiser a year would help underwrite sending delegates to state convention and paying National fees.
 - Do we charge for candidate forums?

- Book Club - H. Barthel: Direct Secretary to send thank you to Vivian Hegg. Pat Hull expressed interest in taking on the Book Club and M. Menzi will make sure they will contact.
 - Invite School [Board] Members to LWVJ meetings – enlighten us what is being taught. M. Menzi will help with topic questions with c. Brown. They will bring proposal to next meeting.
 - Provide report on Assembly interviews, J. Andree will present at next meeting.
 - Citizen workshop – to be addressed.
 - Register new citizens? What was that suggestion regarding?
 - Invite legislators to discuss integrity report card – State Board is not interested. M. Mills will invite Sam Kito to attend next meeting as we did Assembly members. J. Andree will gather questions - any interested members to send questions to Judy.
- Goals for the Year – M. Mills: Please state ONE action item for Juneau to complete this year.
 - G. Brown: lack of integrity in our legislature – meet with our legislators;
 - c. Brown: voter registration increased media and multiple outlets;
 - H. Barthel: (Headman holding League documents) work with Tanana Valley and Anchorage to get a process to archive Juneau documents;
 - H. Barthel: find ways to encourage people to run;
 - G. Del Rosario: voter registration and get out the vote (need specifics);
 - M. Menzi: group compiled extensive voting processes and procedures in “Voter Registration” group. Collected information and making up survey questions – encourage league to share information and make a LWV position statement.
 - A. Currey: increase visibility within community – social media, setting up tables. (Maritime Festival).
 - J. Andree: propose a dessert fund raiser, two young men and two young women to honor their civic duty. Connect to young people and provide good visibility to LWV.
 - K. Andree: increase visibility and will help with publications.
 - C. Jebe: interesting in fund raiser, treasurer records in order to transfer to K. Andree.
 - F. Compton: challenge all members to bring a NEW member in this year get information and projects out to membership.
 - M. Mills: local calendar of what is going on around town and get the League involved.

Calendar for the Year – handout attached.

Please email photos and what you want to have reported to J. Andree for next *VOTER*.

K. Andree will help with “messaging kit” for interested potential members.

A. Currey will put together a Google calendar of local events so we can plan League participation.

Robert Barr (Director for Juneau Libraries) – c. Brown: met him for the National Women’s History Month. He was going to rewrite the display policy that will include

non-profit organizations. Interested with Voter registration and wants to work with us. Has lots of ideas for voter participation on ballot events. Will invite him to come and speak with us. (**Tuesday, May 6th at 5 PM in the large conference room at the Downtown Library.**)

M. Menzi: Mock election coming to schools from Lt. Gov office for students to participate in November election electronically. Send your comments and suggestions to Pat Redman, the voter registration committee to review and make recommendation to her.

Adjournment; Having no other business before the League, Ms. Mills adjourned at noon with no objections.

NEXT Meeting: Guest Speaker Sam Kito
Separate meeting with Robert Barr at Library – information to follow.