



MINUTES
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JUNEAU
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
KTOO Conference Room
September 20, 2014

9:37 AM Call to Order. Quorum established. Introductions and Welcome

Present: M. Mills, C. Brown, M. Olson, C. Munro, J. Niemi, G. DelRosario, J. Andree, C. Jebe, F. Compton, G. Brown, P. Watt.

Motion to approve Agenda with change from G. Brown, P. Watt second, no objection.

Approval July Minutes – no quorum in August, no minutes. C. Jebe motion and requested unanimous consent for July Minutes. No objections

Treasurer's Report – C. Jebe: report attached, 9/19/14 balance: \$6,624.11; with pending deposits. Youth Vote project balance of \$25 to be placed in general fund.

J. Andree reported radio ads for early voting.

President's Report:

Chair Mills: Not much participation from Juneau league on national Membership & Leadership Development. Not sure if there is an issue. MLD - National Coach wants more participants in the team, every month there is a different focus. The current one is goal setting. Suggested the MLD team (Cari Zawodney is Juneau coach) can decide what the monthly guidance is. P. Watt has Monthly guidance suggestions.

LWVJ 2014-2015 Calendar distributed last month and again today.

Sept 23rd national voter registration day: 11 am to 3 p.m. IGA, UAS, Super Bear, Safeway.

Next Meeting is retreat Oct 18, information below.

Reports on Immediate Plans:

- **Hoonah Forum** – Sept. 26th Friday, A. Fuller and G. DelRosario 6-9 p.m. program at gymnasium. Can accept donations. Community wide event. C. Munro suggested a photo be sent to the Juneau Empire.
- **Juneau Empire Voters' Guide** – J. Andree, Wed 9/24 publication.
- State needs help on **election day** at sites: JAHCC and one in the Valley. Check LWVJ website for more information.
- **Municipal Candidate Forum**, C. Jebe, Sept 30, A. Currey is moderator. Requesting refreshments from the members.

M. Mills out of town until Oct 3. Thank you C. Jebe and J. Andree for all their efforts when we got the email from J. Kiehl requesting a change in forum date.

C. Brown: At UAS forum the community was asked what they wanted to know for the municipal candidate forum. List of questions were compiled by KTOO staff.

M. Mills: members questions sent to Ms. Mills, submitted to G. DelRosario.

- **Board Retreat in October** – P. Watt: received input from members two different months, (April and Aug). M. Menzi hosting: other board members bring refreshments/lunch. She will send member input a couple of weeks before the retreat by email of topics. Starting at 8:30 done by 5. Will send directions.
- **Voter-** J. Andree: would like to put one out 9/30, needs input. Can use Hoonah program; Naturalization; voter registration day; LWV voter study; education study update; Juneau Votes collaboration; candidate forum info.

Other Business

- M. Mills started discussion need for **State Convention** Date, Committee and Chair. March 27-29 proposed. F. Compton suggested using JVCB and will contact them. C. Brown suggested KTOO meeting room. **Motion by G. Brown, second by G. DelRosario to confirm date of March 27 through 29, 2015 for the Alaska League of Women Voters Annual Convention to be held in Juneau. no objections, motion carried.** F. Compton will see that it is posted as a "save the date" to Juneau Arts and Humanities Council Center (JAHCC) community calendar.
M. Mills: looking for co-chairs for the state convention planning committee and volunteers to establish program, location/food/agenda, charge for registration (usually was \$60). Members also suggested a Silent Auction (meeting room for 15 people; two overnight rooms for 8-10 guests. M. Olson offered to ask er "save the date" email members.

Reports

- **Florida Fund Raiser** – P. Watt: email coming: A first for our JLWV, partnered with Florida for Juneau Trip late June 2015 by nationwide LWV members. Looking for volunteers. H. Barthel, P. Watt, L. Hughes, working to learn so we can use this as fundraisers in the future. Need transportation coordinator, need 20 people to make it a good fundraiser project.
- **Book Club** – G. Brown: not active right now, needs a new facilitator.
- **Communications Committee** – P Watt: J. Andree has radio ads. Lot of activity in social media, taking 7-8 hours a week. J. Andree's and M. Menzi's websites. League's website on hold, once we get through election season, she will cut over to League's website in January (our website subscription ends).
- **Juneau Votes** – C. Brown: Library, LWVJ, many other groups 15-25 across the community. Voter registrations, UAS forum, two more forums in October. Lot of activity and collaboration for LWVJ.
- **Peratrovich Legacy** – c. Brown: Taking back seat and G. Brown leading. Visitor guide will be on state guide. Meeting with State Libraries. Getting good press. Taking to other Leagues in the State. Show at Florida fund raiser. Evaluations with A. Caulkins, Superintendents, NEA been contacted. M. Olson: at time capsule celebration she made a report.

Presentation from Peter Dukowitz, House Candidate:

Lived in Alaska since 1986; from Kenai Peninsula, 10 years oil fields, works for AEL&P, 3 grown sons. Is an advocate for insurance reform and education. Decided to run with these subjects. Will work at AELP and can take the time to do the legislator job.

Top Issues he will address:

- **Health Care** – against ACA. Goal in two years to get a backup plan for Alaskans to become self-insured.
- **Economy** – depressed in Southeast, losing citizens and jobs. No competition, wages suppressed. Supports Juneau Road to Haines to create jobs and education.
- **Education** – base student allocation battle. Unequally funded need to make it 100% state funded. Students graduate and leave, our population is not growing.
- **Energy Development** – worked environment cleanup. Background in oil and AELP work. Green and sustainable. Support gas pipeline. Against Pebble Mine. Protection not in place, doesn't agree with open pit mining.

- Redistricting not based on population; no jobs or sustainable base from southeast AK. We will continue to lose legislators if we don't turn around economy. Favor statutory changes.

His Website is being built.

Q: How can LWV help you and the election process? A: Increase their membership.

Q: Do you have ideas to get people interested in election process? A: Add one question to PFD application - Vote or reduce PFD by 50%.

Q: What can the state do to diversity Budget (Budget problem). A: Oil production declining and probably won't rebound. Everything on state check book should be looked at. Everything suspect, especially money leaving the state. State Budget review would like to see more presence/representation in AK. Need to increase revenues, gas pipeline would do that, and we need other areas. Propose out of state workers tax. We need to keep salaries in state.

Q: What are you learning ? A: Too many people don't vote, don't care. They also don't like education system; health care system and many are frustrated with CBJ. He is hopeful his door to door works on turnout. Haines is positive. Some don't agree with Road.

Q: Do you support increase in minimum wage? A: No, it is a tax across the board. Would like to see if we can generate a way for employers compete for employees; they could give more hours, send out for training, retention programs. Increase in minimum wage will be a burden to small business.

Q: What are your thoughts on Alaska's Environment protection? A: Make a community for the next generation, Environmental protection is of highest concern, supports resource development but not at cost of environment. Cruise ship tax passed by voters overturned by legislature, he disagrees with that. Protecting our resources is critical.

Q: Do you believe know about the Legislature's conflict of interest process? A: With a small state everyone would have some conflict at some time. Might be case by case issues. If it involves money they shouldn't be allowed to vote.

Did not believe that Kertula was being heard in House or Senate and he feels he can have that voice.

11:47 AM **Adjournment Motion by G. DelRosario, no objection, carried.**