



**League of Women Voters of Juneau**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
KTOO Conference Room  
October 17, 2015

**Approved MINUTES**

**9:30 a.m. Meeting called to order by President, Geny DelRosario;**

Present: G. Del Rosario, Chris Niemi, Hetty Barthel, George Brown, Robert Barr, Fran Compton, Alyson Currey, Kim Andree  
Members: Marjorie Menzi  
Absent: Pat Watt, Marianne Mills

**Welcome and Introduction:** Welcome our honorary student Deanna Hobbs, Sr. at TMHS.  
**Motion by F. Compton with second from G. Brown to offer Deanna Hobbs an honorary place on the JLWV Board as student member; Unanimous approval.**

**Approval of Agenda H. Barthel motion to approve, F. Compton second, discussion and additions:** update to Bylaws and Handbook, and Election Laws update

**Motion to Approve Minutes of September 19, 2015 from C. Niemi with second from G. Brown. Corrections: collition was misspelled: should be coalition; C. Niemi requested change the wording of August and September Campus kick offs at UAS to: Successful events, well attended with students of all ages. Approved as amended.**

**Treasurer's Report – K. Andree:** Treasurer report on file; Paid LWV-US.  
Would like to buy a projector for the League, for meeting presentations, and use at community events. "The Square" (point of sale device that attaches to smart phone to take credit card charges) worked great for credit card transactions at the Wine Tasting Fund Raiser. The Hangar donated the linen and room fee. Suggested in the future the best day of the week would be Thursday in the evening **G. Brown motion to accept the report and C. Niemi second, no objection, approved.**

**President's Report - G. DelRosario:** pleased the wine tasting fund raiser was a success. Thank you to everyone that helped.

- Voters Ongoing Registrations Campaign – no new registration.
- Juneau Empire Thank You Letter.
- *Voters* Newsletter – Thank you K. Andree for a good edition.
- Juneau Empire's Voters Guide: The high school did a good job of getting information from the candidates. Offer to speak at school government classes.

Miss Hobbs: Ms. Early is good about getting students interested. Encourages students with extra credit and more students interested because of the Forum.

- **Print Archives /Storage Unit Discussion** – K. Andree and H. Barthel are working on a plan. George Brown offered to assist.
- **Edits/Updates on the Library Position** – R. Barr: (handout) Position statements Library Services topics, on the website. Last updated in 1980. Suggest changes and brings things current. Changed: Expanded consortium of Libraries to include Anchorage area, Mat-Su, Haines, Sitka, Petersburg, Ketchikan, with interest in Fairbanks and UAF – moving towards a state wide collection. “Joint Library Consortium”. State Library is a member but does not direct the group work is done among committees. OWL is separate. Benefit – the reach of the collection has expanded to 2.5 million items.
- **Juneau Downtown and Douglas Library Candidate Campaign Display** – G. Brown: c. Brown and chief librarian made the display, Mr. Brown did the photos. (Congratulations for a wonderful display!)
- Thank you letters sent to all candidates and invited them to become a LWVJ member (if they were not).
- **Bylaws and Board Handbook Update** – C. Niemi: committee met and still working. She’s been tasked and researching some of the questions that came up from the committee work. Next meeting will be October 31. Anticipating one page “handbook”.
- **Membership** – **G. DelRosario**: She called highlighted members and told them of upcoming JLWV events and information.
- **Elections Processes and Procedures Update** – **M. Menzi**: She and c. Brown met with Senator Cathy Munoz on “felon rights”, to introduce legislation to allow register to vote. Ms. Munoz working with committee to reduce recidivism in the prison community. Legislative committee and her staff to look into felon problems including expunging records of young people.
- Also spoke with her about preregistration and eliminating same day restrictions.
- Ballot Initiative Summary:

This act would instruct the Division of Elections (DOE) to register qualified Alaskans to vote when they apply for the permanent fund dividend (PFD). If a person registers to vote for the first time through this PFD process, DOE would check the person’s information with state records to ensure the person is an eligible voter. DOE would let citizens know if they have been added to the state registration list, or if their current voting address does not match the one provided on the PFD form. The notice would allow applicants to take themselves off of the registration list. The notice would also allow a person to register with a political party. Using the data from the PFD form, DOE would register qualified Alaskans to vote unless they opted out. Voter information would be confidential under existing state law. web site: <http://www.pfdvoter.com/the-initiative>

January deadline for initiative. Will share information with State League. Senator Munoz would like to see what happens with PFD initiative. Would board consider participate in signature drive for initiative?

**Motion by A. Currey that JLWV vigorously participate and support the PFD initiative registering voters. No objections, approved.**

Members who want to help get signatures in support of putting the initiative on the ballot to contact M. Menzi. The signature vendor is mainly looking for fulltime petitioners. Anyone interested would be hired as an independent contractor and will be paid directly, then they

could contribute the money to LWV. The signature gathering vendor is Scott Kohlhaas at ScottKohlhaas15@gmail.com.

- **Capitol Visits initiative** – M. Menzi: Senator Munoz very excited to get 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. They will coordinate Representative schedules to have them all in the room when the students visit. Requesting the Juneau League apply to receive the grant funds of \$2100 for this project held by the LWV AK Education Fund. Planning to meet with principals of participating schools. Targeting Middle Schools students because they study US Government.
  - F. Compton motion to authorize M. Menzi to apply to state LWV Education Committee Education Fund for funds as outlined in the “capital visits” initiative.**
  - G. Brown second. No objections, approved.**
- **Candidate Forum September 23, 2015 update** – A. Currey: c. Brown had several ideas for next Forum. Next year choose a committee and chair, more organized and focused. Chair for food/beverages. She got great feedback, turnout was good, good to have high school visibility – include the HS students earlier in the process and their role, maybe not read biographies but assist with the process. Coordinated earlier in the process. KTOO audio great, is there possibility of having video? K. Andree offered to help that next time. Are there other vehicles to getting the word out? What is the process for organizing questions?
- **Juneau Votes Collaboration September 28 and 29th Update** –R. Barr: Questions targeted at people running for seats. Different set of questions for each position. One at 360 and one at UAS. c. Brown took care of details and questions. KTOO and Juneau Empire are great collaborators.
- **October 2nd Fundraising Reports** – K. Andree: \$1586.93. Suggests a Juneau League calendar as a fund raiser – “Women/Men in History”. Discussion.
- **Update on Judicial Council** – C. Niemi: waiting for feedback from members. Study is coming along, goal date to have for State LWV is Dec. 18.
- **Nominating Committee Line up** – G. DelRosario: We don’t have a president elect. Welcome anyone on the board now as a President Elect for the upcoming year. There will be a meeting in November meeting (to be announced).

**Good of the order:**

- A. Currey - Offer to replace K. Andree on nominating committee.
- G. Brown – Go to Centennial Hall and have free lunch and the Cancer Connection.
- R. Barr – The New Library’s Grand Opening will be Nov 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.
- F. Compton – would the board be interested in doing any phone surveys for CBJ?
- G. DelRosario – will be gone in December.

**11:35 a.m. Having no further business before the board, C. Niemi made motion to adjourn, approved.**

Submitted by F. Compton, Secretary