

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF JUNEAU BOARD OF DIRECTORS KTOO Conference Room

9:30 AM-11:30 AM February 20, 2016

AGENDA

Call to Order: President Geny DelRosario called the meeting to order at 9:39 am.

Present: Other Board members in attendance included Chris Niemi, Hetty Barthel, Kim Andree, George Brown, Pat Watt, Marianne Mills, and Robert Barr. Other League members present included Judy Andree and carolyn Brown.

Approval of Agenda: George, Chris – no objections

Judy asked to add Legislative Action at end of State League report.

Approval of January Minutes: Chris, Kim – no objections

Treasurer's Report: Kim distributed proposed budget. Kim confirmed we will do wine tasting again next year. Carolyn suggested monthly reports in the future include Ed Fund balances for the League. Pat recommended we pay for registration (only) for one delegate to attend the LWVUS Convention. The current bank balance available at end of January is 8,113.79. Pat made a motion to approve Treasurer's Report, Chris seconded.

President's Report: Geny thanked George and Robert for filling in as President. She said the Legislature is very busy and the League should make a presence. She appreciates everyone's help and it was a good year.

Mayoral Race Forum Update February 24, 2016

carolyn Brown explained that Alyson will moderate, along with Sam DeGrave from Juneau Empire and Elizabeth Jenkins from KTOO, all under 30 years. Kim Andree offered to make the name plates. Judy is in charge of food, George will get the coffee, Hetty is in charge of back table, Margo Waring will create 10 questions. Judy Mitchell has collected questions. George sat with government classes at Thunder Mountain High School to let the students know about the mayoral process and students submitted questions. carolyn will give questions to the candidates at the close of the forum. Mara Early's students will participate as well, with two students briefly presenting candidate bios. George, Chris made a motion to accept this. Hetty asked that we invite the JDHS and Yaakoosge students as well.

Capitol Visit Report

Chris said all 8th grade students have been to the Capitol to meet the Lt. Governor and legislators. They experienced all three levels of government. Marjorie Menzi, Chris Niemi, Bridget Smith, Joyanne Bloom and Mary Hakala participated. The Juneau Empire and Capital City Weekly did an article and photo on it. Hetty contacted our LWVUS liaison Chris Carson to send photos from Empire to the National League. Pat suggested we put it on our Facebook page. Chris said all three of our Legislators were very supportive.

Archives/Storage

We tabled this item.

New Meeting Date for Board Meetings

Pat will poll the new Board members to find out what days and times work best.

Nominating Committee Update

Judy said there is no change from what went out in Voter. The Board recommends that the new Board will appoint George and Alyson for one year terms.

Committee Bylaws Update

Pat explained these went out to the members to review. She also said she will convene the Handbook Committee after the Annual Meeting. Carolyn confirmed that the new Bylaws will require each Board member to have a portfolio, their area of passion. Pat will present the proposed bylaw changes at the Annual Meeting. She will also invite members to sign up for particular committees at the Annual Meeting.

Communications / Website

Pat explained the Candidate Forum is posted on our website and thanked Kim for making flyer for the Candidate Forum. The League Easyweb is going through an update. Pat is a beta tester for the new League Easy Web system. It is very time consuming. While in San Francisco, she meet with Jenny Waggoner of the California LWV who is leading the project for the LWVUS. Several Leagues are using a Word Press platform and she is going to think about that as an alternative. Pat will convene a website technical planning group of Pat, Kim, Alyson, Judy Mitchell to decide and move forward.

Naturalization Ceremony:

Carolyn said the next one will be May 13th.

Membership Report:

Carolyn explained that Annie Calkins was integral in her work with the Peratrovich Project. Annie donated \$500 of her contracted fee back to the Juneau League. George moved we transfer \$500 from Ed. Fund to LWVJ general fund, Kim seconded. Carolyn suggested we tell Annie she has a membership. No objections. George will complete the application. Robert recommended that people need to apply for a scholarship if they want one. Judy Andree volunteered to work with Marianne on sending a letter to those

who have not renewed their membership to ask if they would like to renew and to propose the option of a scholarship.

PFD Initiative Update

Carolyn explained that nine League members worked very hard to get 1/3 of Southeast signatures. We far exceeded what the other groups have done.

Judicial Appointment Position

The State Board approved the new position. Marianne will ask that the new position be put on the LWVAK website.

Delegates for State Convention

Marianne made a motion that Carolyn, Judy Mitchell and Chris Niemi be our delegates to State Convention. George seconded. No objections.

Annual Meeting Update March 19, 2016

Marianne will assist Geny with Agenda, Judy Andree is arranging food. Marianne will ask Kim Kiefer (our speaker) for personal reflections, changes she's seen since she started as manager, her thoughts for the future, and the importance of the League. She will show Kim our positions and ask how we can be most effective.

LWVUS Program Input

Marianne explained that March 4 is the deadline for local input to the LWVUS. Topics we would like them to focus on include Citizens United, Gerrymandering, Climate Change, Public Education, Reproductive Health.

Legislative News

Judy spoke about reproductive rights bills and would like Juneau League members to attend the hearings on Wednesday, February 24th. Kim will post an action alert on our Facebook page. Carolyn met with Senator Coghill about reducing recidivism by making felons able to vote.

For the Good of the Order:

George explained our League is much more active than is perceived. Carolyn is working with the library for a display case for women's history month. Carolyn represented the League at the Elizabeth Peratrovich event. Her presentation was very well received.

Mara Early spoke about the work of her class. George spoke to three classes and the students developed a template for a profile and questions for the mayoral candidates. The two mayoral candidates spoke to the students later in the week. Students who attend the candidate forum will get extra credit and the students will participate in the forum.

Geny invited everyone to the Filipino Community dinner this evening where our legislators will be available. Pat invited everyone to the Alaska Women's Lobby lunch to

honor its nominees. She asked for our support of her son Rorie Watt who will be the new City Manager. George expressed the need for more affordable, available child care. Carolyn is looking forward to the mayoral candidate She looks forward to hearing the new City Manager speak.

Respectfully submitted, Marianne Mills filling in for Judy Mitchell, Secretary-Elect