



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
JULY 11, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: President carolyn Brown called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm and did introductions. Introduced Monica Todden. Directors introduced themselves.

Directors Attending: carolyn Brown, Kim Andree, Hetty Barthel, George Brown, LaRae Jones, Marianne Mills, Judith Mitchell, Chris Niemi.

Quorum established. (Quorum for the Board is a majority (over 50%) of the Board members.)

Board Members Absent: Robert Barr, Alyson Currey, Geny DelRosario, Pat Watt

Members attending: Marie Olson, Monica Todden, Nadine Lafebvre, Bridget Smith

Approval of the Consent agenda: Minutes for June, Treasurer's reports for May and June, President's report, Communications report, Voter Services report, Membership and Program reports. Reports not received in time: Advocacy, Fundraising. Chris Niemi moved to approve, seconded by Marie Olson and Marianne Mills. No objections. Approved.

carolyn reviewed the minutes for June. She mentioned that there had been a proposal that we use "Lunch and Learn" for the title of the speaker forum.

Treasurer's Report - Kim Andree reviewed the May and June budgets. [There were} No questions. Report filed.

President's Report - carolyn Brown

- Discussed Charles Westmoreland's (Juneau Empire) suggestion that the League have a dedicated "By-Line" in the Empire specifically for the League and consistent with our positions.
- **Action item:** We need 12 members to write a By-Line one for each week until November. Follow up planned.
- **Action item:** We need a small leadership group to review the by line and approve for publication. The volunteers to establish a vetting committee for letter review are: Pat, Judy Andree, Chris Niemi, LaRae Jones, Bridget Smith (?), and carolyn. Judith Mitchell will send a letter to membership from carolyn when we have approval by the Empire for the By-Line.

- A second collaborative possibility among the Empire, Juneau Votes, and the LWVJ will be a community wide activity to invite Letters to the Editor and Op-Eds by all citizens and particularly civic community groups. A letter is being prepared for these groups and will be signed by Juneau Votes, Empire and LWVJ. More information to follow.
- carolyn met with Josie Bahnke of the Division of Elections. They plan to meet with the Lt Governor about issues of felon suffrage, same day voting and on-going absentee voting registration. There is still a need for a standalone bill to allow felons who are on Parole to vote, or perhaps it can just be an executive order since there is no fiscal note involved.
- There is a meeting on Tuesday, July 12, from 10-2 pm at 360 North about the Division of Elections systems and changes. That session is full, but Thursday July 14, from 10-2 pm is another open meeting. The audience would be for people who are interested in working with the Division of Elections.

Review of the the standing portfolios:

Communications - Pat Watt (absent) - carolyn discussed the LWVUS National Convention report and noted we need to follow up with Pat next month. **Action item:** Pat will report on the issues brought up from the LWVUS National Convention and the report will then go to all members.

Voter Services - LaRae Jones - discussed the Voter Services report, the naturalization ceremony, and the highlights on the 4th of July voting registration efforts.

Programs - George Brown – We need to do a membership survey to gather more information about the Speaker Forums. The following questions and issues were suggested: 1) What topics; 2) Is the Lunch time - 12-1 a good time for most; 3) The cost will be about \$17 per person, would they come at that price; 4) Who else should be invited (any other Juneau civic groups); 5) What location works best for you (downtown, valley); 6) Do you have a restaurant suggestion?; 7) How often should these be, monthly or quarterly; 8) What do we want from the speaker and the event?

The board agreed by consensus to send out the survey this month.

Membership - Marianne Mills - reported 3 new members, and she discussed the information that she sent out in her report. She also was seeking consensus so she could send out an email to recruit members for the membership committee. All agreed.

Advocacy - Judy Andree reported that even though the proposed CBJ LGBT ordinance passed, there are still some people in Juneau who want to discuss and/or repeal this. The sales tax issue increase to 8% did not pass. The Governor wants revenue and he wants to defer oil and gas subsidies. The fifth legislative session was due to start today. Letter was sent out to our legislators thanking them. It was also discussed that rent is still being paid on the building in Anchorage.

Fundraising - Kim Andree; carolyn asked Kim to see if we could collaborate with the RotorAct group(ages 18-30), Kim will look into it further. The fund raiser last year was in October, and we'll start to plan this soon. Please be thinking about providing auction items.

Ad Hoc - no reports from any AdHoc committee.

For the good of the order and New, Other, and Unfinished Business:

- **National Convention report** – Pat Watt (attached) additional report - will discuss next time
- **National Convention report** – Hetty Barthel - Hetty is focused on how to develop a members at large (MAL) program. Marianne mentioned that this was a Statewide issue and carolyn discussed that perhaps we need to create an ad hoc committee. Hetty also wanted to follow up on Vote411. She will discuss next month.
- **Thank you letters were sent to Senator Egan and Representatives Kito and Munoz** (attached) by carolyn.
- **Possible days for League Candidate Forum at CBJ Assembly:** Discussed the possibility of either Wednesday, September 14th or Thursday, September 15th. Need to establish responsibilities for infrastructure.
 1. Do we want to agree to this forum again? All agreed.
 2. Need to determine whether it would be the 14th or 15th. Motion-G Brown. Second-Mills. All approved
 3. Need a point person for the forum (need to arrange a moderator and staff for the questions, need to arrange food, letter to the candidates with the questions, candidate filing closing on Aug. 15th, so it needs to go out on Aug. 16th. speakers, etc.) Plus they are also notified of the forum. There was no one volunteering to run this from the board, although Judy and carolyn will assist. Nadine volunteered to be on the team. **Action item:** find a member willing to lead this candidate forum.
- **Board action:** Judy Andree agreed to be a selected board member for 1 year. Motion-Mills. Second-G Brown. Approved.
- **Discussed the fall Voter Guide activities (Voter Guide in the Empire)**
 - Nadine discussed providing help from the Juneau Central Labor council with both the voter guide and the film - she will also ask them to provide questions
 - Nadine and carolyn will help Judy Andree
 - Judy will send out an email to membership and ask them for questions for the candidates - and need answers back by July 17th.
 - The board will vet and select the questions between the 17th and the 25th, and before we take them to the meeting with the Empire.
 - Judy will make an appointment with Charles Westmoreland from the Empire after July 25th to discuss.
- **Discussed the film "Selma: Bridge to the Ballot" logistics**
 - We will show this film October 1, 2, 4th
 - Fee for the Nickelodeon will be paid for by an anonymous donor, so no cost to the Juneau League.
 - We need facilitator(s) for this event.
- **Discussed the need to publish another quarterly Juneau Voter newsletter (LWVJ)**
 - Last one was done by Marianne for the annual March 2016 meeting

- Who can we recruit as an editor for this? Kim Andree said she will work with Judith Mitchell on this. And they will solicit articles from the board members. If you have anything for this publication- please send it to Kim and Judith.
- **Other**
 - Chris Niemi:
 - Sharon Forrest from Lt. Governor's office, is looking for workers for the primary and general election Monday Aug. 29th - 31st; to do hand count verification (\$14.50 per hour); Nov 18th, 21st and 22nd, same thing. Need 10 more people. Phone is 465-3049 - we will send this out to membership.
 - UAS is doing another campus kick-off and we need a voter registration table on Friday, Sept. 2nd, from 3-5 pm. Chris gave the letter over to LaRae for Voter Services to follow up on.
 - She was on a Statewide audio conference for judicial retention. **Action item:** As we were short on time, she will report on it next time.
 - Nadine Lefebvre discussed the bill signing for SB 91 and the Green Dot program
 - Marianne proposed moving the board meeting again, this time to the third Monday of the month same location, same time. Judith Mitchell will survey the board members to be sure everyone is ok with the move.

A motion made to adjourn the meeting at 6:09 pm. Approved. No objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell
Secretary