



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

DOWNTOWN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

4:30 PM – 6:00 PM

MAY 15, 2017

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: Chris Niemi called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Directors Attending: Judith Mitchell, Chris Niemi, Marianne Mills, Pat Watt, Judy Andree, carolyn Brown

Quorum established (needed 5).

Board Members Absent: Monica Todden, Kim (Andree) Jones, and Sarah Lewis

Members attending: John Pugh

Approval of the Consent agenda: Minutes for April reviewed. **carolyn moved to approve minutes, Judith seconded. No objections. Approved.**

Additions to the Agenda: Discuss the Annual Calendar and 4th of July

Review of the the standing portfolios:

President's Report - Chris reviewed the president's report. Chris discussed the State Convention in Fairbanks. Marianne and Pat also added comments. One of the best things about the convention was the camaraderie with the other State league members. It was great to see and hear similar goals and it was uplifting to hear how others were dealing with League issues. Judith will send out the updates from the convention with the Minutes. Judy Andree is now President of the State League. carolyn asked if there was any discussion with National, and there wasn't. But that is something we will look into for next year. Chris also mentioned that the next meeting will be held at the Douglas Library due to the construction and tourist congestion downtown. Her full report will be sent out to all members along with the Minutes. She drafted the Best Start support letter for Board discussion. The Board approved the letter and it will be sent out before May 22nd.

Advocacy - Judy Andree passed out a statement by Chris Carson on the Election Integrity Commission. The Alaska State League proposed that we send it out to all members (Judith to send to LWVJ members). We will also post it as an "Action Alert."

Communications - Pat Watt outlined the work that the Communications subcommittees were doing. She is keeping up with an (almost) daily Facebook feed. She has purchased Hoot Suite and is starting to learn the capabilities. Most of her time has been spent on the "How to Run for Local Office" committee activities. Publicity starts next week with press release, PSA's and radio spots soon thereafter. Pat is also working with the State committee on Archiving guidelines. We need to identify Statewide procedures first, then apply them to

Juneau. She also will now start to coordinate with the State League on the 501(c)3 conversion. National has "how to documents" and we will be filing for incorporation next.

Fundraising - no report this month/no activity.

Membership - no new members this month. We are still at 138 members now. Marianne will continue to check the mail.

Programs - Chris reported from Sarah that she is hoping to find new volunteers for Director positions (if you hear of anyone, please let us know). Judith Mitchell reported that she and Nancy Waterman met to discuss the two 1973 positions which are due for updates this year (Mendenhall Wetlands Boundary Consensus and the Estuarine Resources-Environmental Quality). Drafts will be presented to the Board in the fall in plenty of time for the next Annual meeting. The committee will be broadened after summer for additional review and input. This is timely as there was a discussion about the land close to the wetlands which has been rezoned industrial and is being proposed as a motocross park.

Voter Services - Chris also reported that Bridget Smith and others (Ann Fuller, Judy Andree, carolyn Brown, Hetty Barthell, Dian Martin and Chris Niemi) volunteered at the Maritime Festival on May 6th. There is also a potential new member from that effort. There was a discussion about how the focus of this portfolio is changing due to the PFD voter registration. The Voter Services committee will need to focus more on civic participation, and education. The current State PFD organization is working with the Division of Elections to set up the Permanent Fund Application. People will be automatically registered, unless they choose to "opt out."

Ad Hoc committees:

LWVJ Archive Committee and How to Run for Office Workshop: (See Communications report above).

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

Discussed the Peratrovich Fund: carolyn Brown discussed that we have \$2300 remaining in the Peratrovich fund and that she is in conversations with a number of people to see if it is possible to have Ernestine Hayes write a children's book on Elizabeth Peratrovich. She checked the library and there are no books for younger readers on this her and it would be a great benefit for students.

Recommendations to the Board to have some meetings in the Valley. Discussed these recommendations. There was a discussion that moving the location "every other month" (rotating downtown and Valley) would be too difficult to maintain, but that we could look at other options (for instance, summers in the Valley and winters Downtown). We will also keep the December 'special legislative meeting' in the Valley as well. Judy Andree made a motion to try 5 pm for July and August. Marianne seconded, all approved.

LWVJ Calendar and 4th of July: Marianne brought examples of the proposed Annual Calendar so that we could think about adopting this for our use. She also asked the Board about our plans for the 4th of July and if we were going to have a presence at the parade as we have had in prior years. The Board agreed we should do this, and Marianne will get back to us with plans. She will likely drive again with Hetty and others marching. Chris will talk to

Bridget to see about plans for a registration/information table as well. We will add this topic to the June agenda.

carolyn Brown asked about the **bank signatures and approvals**. The Annual Meeting minutes include the language for the bank in order to have Chris, carolyn, and Kim as signatories. Judith will resend the minutes and Chris, carolyn and Kim will arrange to meet at the bank and get this done before the next meeting.

Recommendation to support Tasha Elizarde on her internship with Sen. Murkowski: The Board discussed that we would support Tasha with a \$250 grant on the condition that when she returns she meets with the Board and discusses her experiences. Also, Chris will talk to her about being aware of the League's positions. Motion was made to support her by Judith Mitchell, seconded by carolyn Brown. All approved.

Next Board meeting will be June 19th, at 4:30 pm at the Douglas Library Large Conference room.

A motion to adjourn was made by carolyn, seconded by Marianne. Adjourned at 5:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell, Secretary