



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

VALLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM

JULY 17, 2017

DRAFT Minutes

Call to Order: Chris Niemi called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

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

Quorum established (5).

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

Members attending: Kathy Tran, Peggy Cowan, Cheryl Jebe, Marie Olson

Added to the Agenda: Presentation to the Juneau Bar Association, update on the How to Run for Office Workshop

Reviewed the June 29th Treasurer's report. The total was \$6,407.91. National and State dues will still need to be paid this summer.

Approval of the Consent agenda: Minutes for May reviewed. **carolyn moved to approve minutes and treasurer's report, Judith seconded. No objections. Approved.**

Review of the the standing portfolios:

President's Report - Chris reviewed the president's report. The 4th of July parade went well, despite the rain. We did have one person register to vote in Douglas. Thanks to everyone who attended. We are working on the planning for the annual Local Candidate Forum. It will be held on September 14th at 6:30 pm pre-gathering, and the meeting from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Alyson Curry will moderate. carolyn Brown has been working with the radio stations - and KINY and KTOO are already arranged. The sub-committee met with the staff from Juneau Empire. That's all arranged, as well as sending them the questions for the Voter's Guide in the Juneau Empire. The sub-committee will meet again on July 22nd. The election will be October 3rd and will include a ballot initiative to re-authorize the 1% sales tax. The Assembly will meet July 31st to act on the ballot measure, and there will be a public hearing on the 1% tax on August 21st. Chris has been in contact with Tasha Elizarde who we helped sponsor as an intern in Senator Murkowski's office this summer. Tasha will be back in August and will report back to the Board then.

Voter Services - Chris covered the report from Voter Services as Bridget Smith is working this summer and was unable to attend. There is a Naturalization Ceremony August 25th in Juneau. We will have someone attend. We will not be attending the campus kick-off at UAS due to a shortage of volunteers this summer. We discussed that we still need to go to the High School this year to register seniors, as it is expected that some of them may not be

automatically registered due to the timing of the PFD initiative. We also discussed how we might reach out to college students. Finally we had a reminder that the December meeting with legislators is coming up soon, and that we will add this to the Agenda in August.

Fundraising - Kim Jones was absent, but we discussed the need for helpers for this October event. We need a committee to help out this year. Marianne and Judith volunteered to help. Looking for other members to help as well.

Advocacy - Judy Andree was absent. She's working with Chris, Judith and carolyn on the Voter's Guide and the Local Candidate Forum. She was also quoted in the Juneau Empire paper regarding Alaska's response to sending every voter's information to the National Commission set up by President Trump.

Communications - Pat Watt discussed the How to Run for Office workshop feedback and post-mortem. About 24 people attended. There is always something that we could do better. Need more on APOC and campaigning suggestions/rules for social media. Also how to get files from the Division of Elections, and provide for more Q&A. The workshop will be set for June 9th next year. Kenai LWV will be using our workshop for their local elections. Perhaps we should enter this into the National League Convention for innovative ideas. In other news, HootSuite has been really helpful for her.

Membership - Marianne Mills reported two new members this month from the Fourth of July. Marianne will continue to check the mail. The key Judith had to the PO box went to Cheryl Jebe as she is now checking mail for the State League. We have three keys, one to Cheryl, one to Marianne and Kim Jones keeps the other.

Programs - Judith reported that there remains strong interest in the topic of 'fake news' and how to find out whether the information you are reading and sharing is true. Peggy Cowen mentioned that there might be someone from UAS who would be willing to speak. carolyn Brown offered to help with the program arrangements. Also, we need to start planning our December meeting with Legislators as their calendars fill up quickly.

Ad Hoc Committees:

501c3 update: Pat Watt handed out the Articles of incorporation needed to form a 501c3. carolyn moved to accept them, Marianne seconded. There was no dissent. The Articles were approved. Pat also discussed that we need to then file for our Incorporation, and in addition, we need five years of financial information (Pat will get with Kim to arrange). Pat moved to have us approved \$50.00 for filing fee, Marianne seconded. Unanimous approval.

Candidate forum update: A discussion was had that we need "Points to Ponder" for this election cycle. The process should be the same as last year, we will solicit writers, and then submit to the board for approval and to send to the Empire.

Presentation to the Juneau Bar Association: Chris and Judith will present to the Juneau Bar Association on September 8th at noon. A presentation has already been put together.

Other items: August 26th is National Women's Equality Day. We will contact the Downtown library to see about a display or notice about it. A discussion was had regarding election laws and privacy and a note to discuss this with our Legislators in the future. There may also be a "Lunch and Learn" potential for this topic as well.

Next Board meeting will be September 18th, at 5:00 pm at the Valley Library Large Conference room.

A motion to adjourn was made by carolyn, seconded by Marianne. Adjourned at 6:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell, Secretary