



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

VALLEY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

5:00 PM – 6:30 PM
SEPTEMBER 18, 2017

DRAFT Meeting Minutes

Call to Order: Chris Niemi called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

Directors Attending: Judith Mitchell, Chris Niemi, Pat Watt, carolyn Brown, Sarah Lewis, Monica Todden and Kathy Tran.

Quorum established (7).

Board Members Absent: Kim (Andree) Jones, Marianne Mills, Judy Andree.

Members attending: none

Approval of the Consent agenda: Minutes for August reviewed. No Treasurer's report received.
Consent agenda and Minutes approved by affirmation.

Discuss and Approve: Motion to transition from unincorporated to a non-profit:

Whereas the League of Women Voters of Juneau was established and has operated until now as an unincorporated membership association; and

Whereas the League of Women Voters of Juneau was Incorporated as a Nonprofit Corporation under the laws of Alaska on July 21, 2017;

Now be it resolved that the Board of Directors of the newly incorporated League of Women Voters of Juneau (LWVJ) hereby:

- accepts all members of the previously unincorporated LWVJ as members of the new corporation;*
- accepts all of the procedures, operations, assets and liabilities of the previously unincorporated LWVJ for the new corporation;*
- adopts the bylaws of the previously unincorporated LWVJ as the bylaws of the new corporation;*
- retains the elected Officers and Directors of the previously unincorporated LWVJ as the Officers and Directors of the new corporation;*
- adopts the budget of the previously unincorporated LWVJ for the new corporation; and*
- adopts the program and positions of the previously unincorporated LWVJ for the new corporation.*

Pat Watt moved to accept the motion, Sarah Lewis seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Review of the the standing portfolios:

President's Report - Chris reviewed the President's report. Chris and Judith presented to the Juneau Bar Association meeting on Friday, September 8th. carolyn Brown was also present. Chris will send a "thank you" letter to Tom Carson for his help with the non-profit incorporation. Work done on the Candidate forum, and initial set up for the December 4th Holiday Reception/Legislative Update meeting. The forum will be held in the Glacier View room at UAS. LWV had an information table 9/4 at Juneau Central Labor Council Labor Day Picnic with members Marie Olson, Kathy Tran, Marianne Mills & Chris. As interested citizens, LWV members attended community events: CBJ Assembly meeting, RALLY Against Racism, presentations: Health Care for All (Dr. Paris), Electoral College/Popular Vote, Congressional Appointment (Dr. Biles).

Communications - Pat Watt discussed that she was starting work on our Board Handbook. This will be particularly useful for new Board members. She will interview all of the Board members and begin documentation on it. She continues work on our Facebook site, website, and twitter accounts.

Voter Services - No report.

Fundraising - Work is progressing on the October 27th fundraiser. Judith will take the poster to be copied and then to the JACC to distribute the posters around town. Kim Jones is taking all of the auction items.

Advocacy - Judy Andree was absent. No report.

Membership - Marianne Mills was absent. No report.

Programs - Sarah Lewis discussed that her focus will be on Educational programs. She presented a *preliminary* calendar for Lunch & Learns: The 1 hour lunch programs will be held the 3rd Wednesday of every 3rd month through the end of 2018. (November (2017) and February, May, August, and November (2018)). Topics that have been discussed (in past meetings and in direct communication) include: Fake news, Presidential-appointed election commission, Gerrymandering, Electoral College, Legislative Info Office, felon suffrage, ethics in elected office, non-partisanship, youth interests, local civics & citizenship programs in schools. Names of possible speakers were discussed, and Sarah will follow-up. It was also discussed that the "How To Lobby" workshop (if presented again) should be in January instead of later in the year.

Ad Hoc Committees:

Candidate Forum recap:

The forum was very well attended (estimated 110 people). It was discussed that perhaps in the future, we think about another venue as it was standing room only at the Assembly Chambers. A "thank you" needs to be sent to Jeff Brown @ KTOO for putting it on the radio. We need to ensure that we have more questions for the moderator. The questions should be on color coded index cards (different colors for School Board vs. Assembly). The name plates for the candidates need to be bigger and bolder for reading from afar. We need to ensure we have more food as we ran out of everything early. In addition, Alyson Curry will send some comments too. Questions not asked will be sent to the candidates after the meeting.

Other items:

Carolyn Brown mentioned she has received additional copies of the Alaska Constitution. She also completed work on the candidate displays in the local libraries.

We received a request from Majorie Menzi for funding (\$800.00) of the "Kids to the Capitol" (Capital Kids - Capitol Visits) for January, 2018. **A motion was made by Judith Mitchell to postpone the approval of funds until after the Treasurer's report, and after the Fundraiser in order to ensure we have sufficient funds. Monica Todden seconded. Motion passed unanimously.**

There was a discussion about meeting start dates and locations. It was determined that we would delay the start date by 15 minutes to allow Board members time to get to Douglas. Next meeting will be at the Douglas Library starting at 5:15 pm. In April, we'll move back to the Valley for spring/summer.

The next Board meeting will be October 16th, at 5:15 pm at the Douglas Library Conference room.

A motion to adjourn was made by Judith Mitchell, seconded by Monica Todden. Adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell, Secretary

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