



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
AUGUST 15, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: Chris Niemi called the meeting to order at 4:45 pm after we all did introductions.

Directors Attending: Hetty Barthel, LaRae Jones, Marianne Mills, Judith Mitchell, Chris Niemi, Robert Barr and Pat Watt.

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

Board Members Absent: Alyson Currey, Geny DelRosario, carolyn Brown, George Brown, Kim Andree, Judy Andree.

Members attending: Marie Olson, Monica Todden, Mary Borthwick, Mary Hakala

Approval of the Consent agenda: Minutes for July, Treasurer's reports for July, President's report, Communications report, Voter Services report, Membership, Advocacy, Ad Hoc and Program reports. Reports not received in time: Fundraising. Chris Niemi moved to approve. No objections. Approved.

President's Report - discussed by Chris Niemi

- 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 up to 12 members to write a By-Line one for each week until November. Approved by affirmation. carolyn should draft an email to the membership and send to the Board via email prior to sending to membership, asking for people to volunteer to write articles. Mary Borthwick asked for a clarification on what topics we wanted to address, so that would be helpful to have so we can give people more guidance on what to write.
- **Action item:** Question to the Board: should we send an email to our elected delegation on Felon Suffrage? Board approved by affirmation, no dissent. A draft should be sent to the board to review prior to sending to our elected delegates.

Review of the the standing portfolios:

Communications - Pat Watt - Pat discussed the LWWUS National Convention report and action items. She mentioned that the Communications committee will be meeting Sept. 8.

Action item: Pat outlined that the by-law changes were conforming changes to adhere to the National changes and didn't need to be approved by the full membership, only the Board. Copied from Pat's convention report:

Voting Members. Persons at least **16** years of age who join the League shall be voting members of local Leagues, state Leagues and of the LWVUS; (1) those who live within an area of a local League may join that League or any other local League; (2) those who reside outside the area of any local League may join a local League or shall be state members-at-large; (3) those who have been members of the League for 50 years or more shall be life members excused from the payment of dues.

NOTE: This changes the first word from *Citizens* to *Persons* and drops the age from **18 to 16**. Since the first 3 Articles all LWV Bylaws must conform to LWVUS.

Changes were approved by affirmation. No dissent. Pat will make the changes. The remaining action items from the convention will be followed up on in future meetings.

Voter Services - LaRae Jones - discussed the Voter Services report, and the upcoming Zach Gordon events planned. There was a request to set up a voter registration table at the upcoming Democratic picnic on September 5th. LaRae will follow up with Carolyn to confirm, but it was thought that even though this is a partisan event, registering voters at a table should not be a conflict for the LWVJ. LaRae also needs help staffing the table at UAS on September 2nd.

Programs - Discussed the outcomes of the survey. A question was asked as to how many responses were from members vs. Board members, and Judith Mitchell will research. No decisions were made on a date or topic for the first luncheon, however, there was a discussion that perhaps we should wait until after the November elections, although there was not a consensus on that.

Membership - Marianne Mills - reported 3 new members (plus one more from the Treasurer's report), and now our total membership stands at 117. She also was seeking consensus so she could send out a letter to all members reminding them to renew their membership and advising them of upcoming events. Marianne will make a few suggested changes and email the Board prior to sending. Approved to send via affirmation. No dissent.

Advocacy - Robert Barr discussed the items in the report and encouraged the members to review the webpage for the activities of the Assembly. Pat will also send out some additional information (which she did already).

Fundraising - Kim Andree sent an email that she'd send an update soon.

Ad Hoc - Reviewed the report on the Candidates forum. A sign up sheet was sent around and filled out.

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

- **National Convention report** – Hetty Barthel - Hetty mentioned that Chris Carson is a supporter of the Alaska LWV and she'll be helping Hetty with the "members at large" statewide initiative.
- **Discussed the Judicial Retention report** - Chris Niemi reported on the Judicial retention process and that it was a great opportunity to be involved in.

- **Discussed the powerpoint done for the Rotary** - Judith Mitchell walked thru the presentation given to the Rotary.

A motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:47 pm. Approved. No objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell, Secretary