



**League of Women Voters of Juneau
Board of Directors Monthly Meeting**

Juneau Downtown Library

4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

May 2, 2016

Minutes

Call to Order: President carolyn Brown called the meeting to order and did introductions of the members present.

Directors Attending: George Brown, Marianne Mills, carolyn Brown, Hetty Barthel, Robert Barr, Judith Mitchell and LaRae Jones.

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

Board Members Absent: Chris Niemi, Geny DelRosario, Pat Watt

Members attending: Sue Detwiler, Karla Hart, Marjorie Menzi, Bridget Smith

Sue, Karla, Marjorie and Bridget did brief introductions. Bridget Smith is now working at the Division of Elections and described what was going to be voted on in the General Election.

Marjorie discussed the Permanent Fund Dividend (PFD) initiative, there is a public relations (PR) campaign being planned for later this summer/fall.

carolyn invited a motion to expend funds to print a copy of the press release on the PFD initiative. A suggestion was to include a set of frequently asked questions (FAQ's) on the back side, and make them simple and clear comments. There was also a discussion that there seems to be no one cohesive group who oppose this.

Approval of funds for printing PFD press release and FAQ's: George Brown made a motion to expend funds for printing this press release, Marianne seconded. **Approved.** The vote carried by majority with one dissenting vote.

Approval of the Consent agenda (minutes for February, and April, Treasurer's report, President's report, Communications report):

Robert Barr moved to approve, seconded by Marianne Mills. No objections. Approved.

Membership update: Marianne provided Membership update. We have 111 paid member thru December 31, 2016 and 10 more are in arrears. Letters are going out pending signatures soon.

Marianne provided information on the Membership cycle: the official roster and payment is due to national LWV on January 31st each year. Alaska state also sends out a request for payment in November. Historically, we do a big membership push in the fall. If someone pays between March 1 and September 1, the amount is half for the year. After September 1, payment goes for the following year. (Note: according to bylaws: Annual dues cover the period September 1 through August 31.)

Review of the the standing portfolios (powerpoint slides). Discussed that many of the initiatives can overlap, and may not easily fit into a single category. All of the portfolios will need to collaborate and cooperate as initiatives are undertaken.

The Director assignments for each of the portfolios is as follows:

Communications - Pat Watt
Voter Services - LaRae Jones
Programs - George Brown
Membership - Marianne Mills
Advocacy - Judy Andree/Robert Barr
Fundraising - Kim Andree/Geny DelRosario

Committee members, subcommittee leads, Ad Hoc committees, and other Director involvement to be determined by the Directors listed above, and will be updated over the next few months. A new draft of the portfolio list, with the proposed names from the April meeting will be sent out for approval at the June meeting.

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

Capitol Visits: Marjorie discussed the capitol visits for Juneau school children. We are hoping to get this instituted every year. Bridget Smith assisted helping with the buses with a cost of \$700 from the Juneau education fund. Perhaps there are other groups who would want to help fund this. Marjorie will provide a written report on the details. 360 children

from the 8th grade participated. It was suggested that we consider to move this from an Ad Hoc committee to one of the standing committees if we propose to do this every year.

Maritime festival: George discussed that the LWVJ will be there to register voters on Saturday, May 7th for a cost of \$120. Six League members will be involved with this work.

How to Run for Office seminar update: Robert discussed the seminar for June 25, 2016 (poster attached). There are 21 people registered as of May 2nd. Judith Mitchell prepared posters to be posted around town. More will be printed to hand out at the Maritime festival.

Polling Places: Karla Hart requested a change to polling places, to remove them from churches. There are currently 2 churches in the Valley and 1 church in downtown known to being used as polling places. She will work with the Advocacy group on this.

Membership: Marianne will provide an updated spreadsheet soon, listing all of the new and paid members.

PO Box: Marianne requested that the Correspondence Secretary (Judith Mitchell) check the PO Box monthly before the meeting; the Treasurer (Kim Andree) will check weekly. Agreed. (Judith, Kim and Marianne all have keys.)

Changes to the Positions: Marianne asked whether the changes (proposed at the Annual meeting in March) were made to change the word "handicapped" to read "people with disabilities". Will follow up next month when Pat Watt returns. Member Elaine Lefebvre will be invited to speak to this.

4th of July Parade: A Motion was made by Marianne Mills that LWVJ should march in the 4th of July parade and expend the appropriate funds for that. Hetty Barthel seconded. Unanimous approval.

Sue Detwiler mentioned she will help with the Communications team.

Carolyn reminded all of the Directors in charge of portfolios that we will be using the Committee report form for the next meeting. We will continue with the Consent Agenda approvals (as a group) to approve the following: the Agenda, the Minutes from the last meeting, the committee reports, the president's report, and the Treasurer's report. The form and reminders will be sent out by the Juneau League Secretary (Judith Mitchell).

**Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 5:57 pm. No objections.
Approved.**

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell
Secretary