



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM
4:30 PM – 6:00 PM
NOVEMBER 21, 2016

DRAFT MINUTES

Call to Order: carolyn Brown called the meeting to order at 4:30 pm.

Directors Attending: Judith Mitchell, Christine Niemi, Pat Watt, carolyn Brown, George Brown, LaRae Jones, Judy Andree, Geny DelRosario, Marianne Mills, Robert Barr.

Quorum established.

Board Members Absent: Hetty Barthel, Kim Andree.

Members attending: Monica Todden, Amber Frommherz, Marjorie Menzi

Approval of the Consent agenda: Minutes for October, Treasurer's report, President's report. Other reports received in the meeting. Pat moved to approve. LaRae seconded. No objections. Approved.

Reviewed prior October Minutes. Pat Watt requested a correction to the participants of the membership brochure sub-committee. Per the September Communications reports the participants for the Communications sub-committees were:

Membership Brochure: Kim, carolyn, Monica
New Website: Pat, Judith Mitchell, Robert, Kim
Social Media Integration: Pat, Robert, Monica
Quarterly Voters Judy Mitchell, Judy Andree, Kim Andree

A discussion followed on the membership brochure team, and Monica agreed to take the Chair position for this team. She will confirm the volunteers for this committee. carolyn, LaRae and Judith agreed to help as well. Other volunteers still needed.

Reviewed Treasurer's Report - copies to be sent out after the meeting.

Reviewed President's Report - carolyn Brown went over the President's report. The Bridge to the Ballot was very successful, same with the candidate forums, and the "points to ponder" in the Juneau Empire. She also discussed the early childhood investment in pre-K work. Please stay tuned on this, as there will be more to come in the spring. A lot going on for the League of Women Voters - Juneau. Please see her report for more.

Prior to the review of the portfolios, Pat Watt requested that the Agenda reflect moving the Legislative workshop to the Advocacy portfolio, not the Communications portfolio. It was so moved by Pat and seconded by George. All approved.

Review of the the standing portfolios:

Advocacy - Judy's report was very informative with the election results listed. She discussed her attendance at a teleconference with the Alaska Women's Lobby (AWL). It is good that she attends as the LWVAK state advocacy coordinator. Also discussed was the letter that she and carolyn are proposing to write to our legislators, in order to ask them to consider our positions for the upcoming session. It was expected, that the State board will approve the School Finance position update for the League.

Communications - Pat Watt - Pat discussed that the Legislative workshop on "How to lobby the Legislature" should be in the Advocacy portfolio. She believes that it wouldn't take a large amount of time to put this workshop on, but it is lacking a group of volunteers and a person who can Chair this committee. A motion was made to postpone this workshop until next year, and to take up the effort in October 2017. Judy Andree moved to accept that, and George seconded.

Pat discussed the new website, and it was shown during the meeting. She went over the navigation, and timeline. She requested that Board members go to the new site, and review it for broken links and incorrect or misleading information. This needs to be done by Friday, November 25th. The site will go live the first week in December, prior to our December 5th cutoff date.

Pat also discussed the issue of moving the League to a 501c3 entity. This will require a change to the by-laws. We also need to coordinate with the State league. This will take some time to accomplish, but it is highly recommended by the National League and could make the member dues tax-deductible.

Fundraising - Kim Andree wasn't at the meeting, but we reviewed the final statements. The total proceeds are now \$2,284.15. The minutes from the special board review, and the financial statements will be sent to the board with these minutes. All agreed that Kim did an outstanding job on the fundraiser.

Membership - We are now at 131 members. We are planning a holiday get-together with our legislators for December 5th. Also discussed the per member payments, and will defer until Kim can review the amounts with carolyn. It is believed that the costs are \$32 for National dues and \$12 for State dues. This needs to be confirmed.

Programs - George Brown discussed the Lunch and Learn event which will be held on December 14th at the Baranof Hotel. Josie Bahnke, Director of the Alaska Division of Elections has agreed to speak at our next Lunch & Learn session in mid-December. She will discuss recent elections with emphasis on the integrity and security of Alaska's voting system. Should be a timely topic after the elections.

Voter Services - LaRae Jones recapped the final event that took place at Zach Gordon. All of the sessions were really successful and well received. One of the best questions the students had for the legislators was to ask them what the "strangest job they ever had." Good answers from everyone. Also discussed that we need to establish a by-laws committee and to get the nominating committee going as the upcoming Annual meeting is coming up in March. The nominating committee members (5) are: LaRae Jones, Judy Andree, Bridget Smith, carolyn Brown and Chris Niemi.

Kids to the Capitol - subcommittee report was given by Marjorie Menzi (along with a written report, attached). She read some of the students' comments as they described the opportunity to go to the capitol and meet the legislators. She also mentioned that the Alaska Committee has agreed to donate \$500 to the effort. She is also going to see if we can get any other organizations to help defer the costs. She asked for a motion to expend up to \$1000 (total costs for the effort is \$1500) from the League. Pat moved to expend the funds and Geny seconded. All approved.

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

- None, as we were completely out of time.

A motion made to adjourn the meeting at 6:00 pm. Approved by affirmation. No objections.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith Mitchell, Secretary