

League of Women Voters of Juneau
Board of Directors Meeting
Douglas Library Conference Room
5:15 – 6:45 pm
October 16, 2017
Draft Minutes

Call to order

President Chris Niemi called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm, after a quorum was established. Present at the meeting were Chris Niemi, Pat Watt, Marjorie Menzi, Allan Schlicht, carolyn Brown, Monica Todden, Kathy Tran, Judy Andree, and Marianne Mills. The President asked Marianne to take minutes.

Approve Agenda

carolyn moved to approve the agenda and there were no objections.

Approve Minutes (September 18, 2017)

Pat moved to approve the minutes, Monica seconded, they were unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report

Chris reported that Kim sent out the August and September cash reports and cautioned us to spend carefully.

President's Monthly Activities Report

Chris met with the planning committee (Kathy Tran, Monica Todden, Chris) for the December 4th Holiday Reception with our Legislators and requested members to donate potluck snacks. She also reported on the candidate forums and the LWV phone conference meeting of 10/9/17. Chris spoke about planning for the October fund raiser and emphasized we need auction items. Please refer to her report for specific details.

Special Report on Capital Students—Capitol Visits

Marjorie Menzi distributed her 2018 proposal and asked for our blessing. She explained that her committee is in need of \$800. Marianne offered to help Marjorie to apply to the LWVAK Ed Fund for the funds. She made a motion that the LWVJ apply for funds from the LWVAK Ed Fund, carolyn seconded the motion, and it passed. carolyn recommended we solicit donations from our members to support the project, as they will be tax deductible. LWVAK President Judy Andree let us know that the next LWVAK meeting will be on Monday, November 13th.

Portfolio Reports

• **Communications**

Pat Watt explained we are waiting on the status of our 501c(3) application. She has met with ½ of the interviewees as she develops a Board Handbook. She has also been updating our Facebook page.

• **Advocacy**

Judy Andree presented a paper on four ballot initiatives being considered. She also discussed gerrymandering.

• **Membership**

Marianne explained she mailed out a renewal invitation to our members in September and has received a positive response from about half. Within the next two weeks, she will email a follow up letter to

those who have not yet renewed. A third correspondence will be sent in December. We currently have 146 members.

- **Program**

Carolyn suggested we be mindful to invite speakers from both political parties to our Lunch and Learn events to avoid the perception we are partisan.

- **Ad Hoc Committee**

Unmask The Vote Update: The event date is Friday, October 27th and several auction items have been acquired, although more are needed. Posters have been distributed and publicity via radio and newspaper has also taken place. The room and food have been reserved. Musicians and distributors are all set!

New, Other and Unfinished Business

- The December Holiday/Member event with our Legislators is set for December 4th from 5:30-7:30 at the Glacier View Room. Monica offered to give the Legislators reminder postcards a few days before the event. Chris distributed a sign-up sheet on which members can offer to bring refreshments.
- Impact on Issues have arrived and distributed to Board members.
- Carolyn recommended we send a letter to Assembly and School Board Members and candidates, inviting them to join the League. She offered to draft three types of letters which she will circulate to the Board members: 1) recent winners, 2) to those who lost the race, and 3) to those still in office. She proposed we include a membership brochure and Judith's page which shows the many things we are involved in. Pat suggested we invite the Assembly and School Board members to our holiday event.

For the Good of the Order

Pat shared positive information about her adopted daughter.

The next meeting will take place on Monday, November 20th, Douglas Library, 5:15 pm.

Minutes by Marianne Mills