



League of Women Voters of Juneau

**Board of Directors Meeting
December 9, 2019
MINUTES**

Call to Order: President Karen Crane called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

Board Present: Karen Crane, Judith Mitchell, Mary Hakala, Lori Brotherton, Kirsa Hughes-Skandjs, Peggy Cowan, Trish Turner Custard. **Quorum Established**

Members Present: Marianne Mills, Andy Hughes, Marjorie Menzi, Pat Watt

Approval or Agenda: Agenda approved with additions

Approval of November Minutes: Minutes Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Lori presented the Treasurer's report. After much discussion regarding the line item in the budget for the Capitol Visits program, Mary motioned that the budget be amended to reflect the \$1000 expense for Capitol Visits. Seconded and Approved.
Report filed for audit.

Updates:

Peratrovich Project: Trish reported in carolyn's absence. The Book Packing Party was a great success with 17 members turning out to help. 463 books were packaged for shipment to libraries. *The Juneau Empire* provided wonderful front page coverage of the event. Trish sent out a press release announcing the book project to over 50 media contacts. carolyn has created a memo about the project to be sent by Trish to all members, State chapter presidents, and the State LWV Board. carolyn asked for us to consider what to do with any books left over after books are delivered to Legislators. It was agreed by the Board that remaining books will be given to JPS School Board members.

New Business:

Capitol Visits: Marjorie presented an outline of this year's Capitol Visits. This will be the 5th year and with over 400 students planning to attend, the largest group



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yet. The Alaska Committee donated \$500 towards the program. After an extended conversation regarding a budget deficit for the program due to timing of payments, Andy Hughes generously wrote a check for \$500 to cover the gap. Thank you Andy for your support. To prevent this from occurring in the future, it was suggested that community organizations be asked for help with the program. Karen volunteered to ask Sally to approach Rotary and Marjorie will approach the Juneau Community Foundation. We will plan on an annual budget of \$1000 for the program and it will be a line item in the Budget. (See Treasurer's Report above.)

Letter to Library and Airport: Pat Watt asked the Board to consider signing a letter to the Library Manager and the Airport Manager asking that they allow collection of signatures for ballot questions within their facilities in inclement weather. After much discussion it was Motioned to support the letter, seconded, and Approved. Pat will send an edited letter that more clearly specified this is for ballot questions only, to Karen for her signature and mailing.

How to Lobby workshop: Mary Hakala and Sally Saddler have developed a Citizen Engagement Workshop to be held on January 18th. Intended audience is the general public and the workshop will focus on the skills needed to lobby effectively. Pat volunteered to make a Facebook event. More information will be upcoming.

December Holiday Get Together with Legislators: The brunch will be Saturday, December 14th beginning at 10:30 in the Fellowship Hall at Northern Light United Church. Trish will send an invitation to members and ask those who can to bring a treat to share.

Other:

Judith asked the annual Fundraiser be put on the January Agenda.

Marianne asked us to remind people to renew their memberships and that at the January meeting we will vote of scholarships.

Andy informed that the CBJ Assembly met last weekend to set goals. He suggested we visit their website to see if there is any information on what they decided.

With no further business, Karen adjourned the meeting at 6:30.

The Next Board Meeting is Monday, January 13th at 5:15 at the Valley Library Conference Room.