



**League of Women Voters of Juneau**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
January 13, 2020  
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, Kirsia Hughes-Skandjs, Peggy Cowan, Sally Saddler, and Trish Turner Custard. **Quorum Established**

**Members Present:** Marianne Mills, Marjorie Menzi, carolyn Brown

**Approval or Agenda:** Agenda approved with additions

**Approval of December Minutes:** Minutes Approved as written

**Treasurer's Report:** Lori presented the Treasurer's report. What to do with the \$1500 contributed by the State League for the Peratrovich Project was discussed. Motioned to return the money to the State League. Seconded, and Approved. The money remaining in the Education Fund, \$730.30, will remain in our budget. Report filed for audit.

**Correspondence:**

- We have been approached by 350 Juneau, a climate change action group, to team up with them on a Get Out The Vote campaign. Tabled for further discussion at a later date.
- Margo Waring sent a link to an article about recognizing fake news and suggested the LWV do a workshop on the topic. As we are currently involved with several workshops/programs it was suggested that perhaps the Library or UAS may wish to take on such a workshop. **Karen** will contact the Library about this.

**Updates:**

**Membership:** Of our 147 members, 26 have not renewed their membership. We must pay a percentage to National for all members on the list as of February 1st. It was discussed whether to keep people on the list or give scholarships to a select few. It was agreed that those who have not renewed their membership in over two years will be dropped from the list. All present were encouraged to contact those on the list and ask them to renew their memberships by the 31st of January.



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**Capitol Visits:** Marjorie presented an outline of this year's Capitol Visits. She will present a brief overview of the program to the School Board at their meeting on January 14th.

Marjorie stressed the importance of institutionalizing the program so that it would continue in perpetuity. To this end she suggested that we apply for grant money from the Juneau Community Foundation. It was motioned for **Marjorie** to submit a grant application for this year (due on April). Motion seconded and approved.

**Civics For Citizens Workshop:** Mary Hakala and Sally Saddler have developed a Citizen Engagement Workshop to be held on January 18th. The time has been changed to 1- 4 to accommodate the Women's March. Posters have been distributed throughout Juneau and online announcing the details of the workshop. The program will include foundational basics of civics and proceed to a practice of an "elevator pitch". The overarching theme of the workshop is Speak Up - Show Up - Enlist Others.

**Other:** carolyn Brown provided update on several topics, including:

- She attended a Juneau Unitarian Universalist Fellowship service to talk about getting out the vote and the work of LWV.
- Andi Story approached her about possibly reviving the iCivics program.
- carolyn will meet with the School Board at their January 14th meeting to speak about the Peratrovich Project and distribute books to the School Board members.
- The John Geyman lecture, previously recorded by KTOO studios, will be presented on 360 North January 23rd at 9:00 pm, January 26th at 9:00 pm, and January 29th at 8:00 pm. carolyn requested the names and contact points for groups that would be interested in the program so that she may send them a letter of information. **Please send names and contact information to carolyn as soon as possible at [cvbrown1937@yahoo.com](mailto:cvbrown1937@yahoo.com)**
- Carin Robinson has volunteered to organize the date and time of the distribution of the Peratrovich book to the legislators. It was suggested the distribution be in advance on February 14th, Elizabeth Peratrovich Day. It was asked that Carin be made aware of the Capitol Visits program and not arrange distribution on February 10, 11, 12, or 13.

### **New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** **Karen** will make sure that all currently on the committee wish to serve. It was agreed that the nominating committee could put forth the idea of Co-presidents to possible Board Candidates.



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**Annual Meeting:** The Annual Meeting will be March 28th. **Trish** will see if the temple is available that day as a venue. The Budget Committee was formed, two months in advance of the Annual Meeting as required in our bylaws, of **Peggy, Lori, and Kim Jones. Judith and Karen** will work on the program to be included in *The Voter* which must go out to members by February 28th. **All present** were asked to think about a guest speaker for the meeting.

**Women's March:** The Women's March is Saturday, January 18th at 10:00 at the Capitol. The League will have a table at the after March. Bridget Smith will speak at the March on behalf of the League.

**Fundraising Event:** Our annual fundraising wine tasting and silent auction was discussed. It was agreed that it would be best to keep the event in the Fall as it has been previously. **Lori** will talk to Kim, who has agreed to again head up the planning, to pick a date and consider venues.

**2020 Celebration of the 100th Anniversary of Suffrage:** Discussion on ways to promote and educate about the anniversary. It was suggested that we submit a My Turn to the *Empire*, make a presentation to the Chamber, tag into the Library's display for Women's History Month (March), and recruit a large group of women to march in the July 4th parade. **Carolyn** talked with Leslie Ishii about Perseverance Theater presenting a play about suffrage; she was intrigued by the idea. Karen asked that **we** think of additional ideas for presentation at the February Board meeting.

**Karen** mentioned concerns about the correctness of the information being used in the exhibit the State Museum is creating about the 100th Anniversary. It was felt that the exhibit text should be reviewed by other LWV chapters and the LWV State Board to insure accuracy and prevent potential misinterpretation.

With no further business, Karen adjourned the meeting at 6:35.

**The Next Board Meeting is Monday, February 10th at 5:15 at the Valley Library Conference Room.**