



League of Women Voters of Juneau

**Board of Directors Meeting
April 6, 2020
MINUTES**

Call to Order: Co-President Judith Mitchell called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

Board Present: Judith Mitchell, Lori Brotherton, Peggy Cowan, Sally Saddler, Trish Turner Custard, Mary Hakala, Donna Knight-Staton, Marianne Mills, Sarah Moore
Quorum Established

Members Present: carolyn Brown, Karen Crane, Andy Hughes, Judy Andree

Welcome and Introductions:

New Board Members Sarah Moore and Donna Knight-Staton were welcomed.
All present made an introduction.

Discuss and Approve:

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved.

Approval of March Minutes: Minutes Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Lori reported we are financially healthy. It was also discussed that due to COVID-19 both the State, and presumably, the National Conventions will be held virtually, therefore allowing the funds budgeted for those events to be held in reserve. Report filed for audit.

Correspondence: The website *Best Colleges* asked to link to our website. They offer good voting information to students, but they track students and target to advertisers. Due to the commercial nature of the site and linking to us could be seen as an endorsement, their request will be denied.

Old Business/Updates:

LWV/Alaska Report: Judy Andree reported that the State League is focusing heavily on Census 2020 by mobilizing to get people to fill out their census information. So far, the count % is under 30%. It is vital that we all do what we



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can to educate our friends and neighbors on the importance of and how to submit their Census data. The Census deadline has been extended until August 17th. Judy also reported that the State League received a \$15,000 grant from LWVUS that will be used to promote the ERA and Voting Rights Act. The State League is working to get our Senators to sign on to the ERA. Murkowski is in, but Sullivan has not committed saying that he wants to hear from constituents. To that end the State League will pepper Sullivan with emails and asks that all Members send emails. The State League will be sending out guidance on this action. The rest of the money from this grant will be used on ads and an educational component.

carolyn expressed concern about absentee ballots, particularly in villages now with COVID-19 and the cut off of mail service. Judy said that the State League has been following this issue. We, as a local League, will stay on top of this issue.

Membership: Marianne reported that our member numbers are strong.

State Convention Update: The State Convention will be held in Anchorage the weekend of April 25th, but will be held virtually due to COVID-19. Judith, Kirska, carolyn, and Cheryl Jebe will be our Voting Delegates. All members are welcome to attend the Convention. Trish will send an email to Members requesting that those who wish to attend respond, so that they may be sent the link to the Virtual Convention.

How To Run For Local Office: Peggy and Sally are this year's leads for the workshop. They have been in discussion with the workshop's past partners, CBJ and the Library, but recent meetings have not been held due to hunkering down. Peggy and Sally will check in again with the partners in mid-April to determine their level of participation this year. It is assumed, at this time, that the workshop will have to be held virtually. Peggy expressed that if the past partners decline or are unable to participate, Members will be needed to help with the planning and presentation of the workshop. It was mentioned that the date of the workshop may be pushed to late July/August. Further discussion of the workshop will be included in the May agenda.



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New Business:

Thank You To Karen Crane: All present expressed gratitude to Karen for her tenure as LWV Juneau President. She was gifted with a gift certificate to Annie Kail's.

Determine Date/Time of Meetings For 2020/2021: It was determined we would stay with the current second Monday of the month at 5:15 schedule. This will be revisited when we are again holding in person meetings, so as to better accommodate Directors' work schedules.

Recap From Annual Meeting Survey: Tabled until next meeting. Judith asked that we review the document that she sent detailing the survey.

Discuss Activities/Programs For 2020/2021 and Review Calendar: Tabled until next meeting. Judith asked that we review the document that she sent detailing the calendar of activities and programs.

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

The Next Board Meeting is Monday, May 11th at 5:15 via Zoom.