



League of Women Voters of Juneau

**Board of Directors Meeting
December 14, 2020
MINUTES**

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

Board Present: Judith Mitchell, Kirsa Hughes Skandijs, Lori Brotherton, Trish Turner Custard, Sarah Moore, Mary Hakala, Sally Saddler,, Peggy Cowan, Marianne Mills
Quorum Established

Members Present: carolyn Brown, Pat Race, Andi Story, Caren Robinson, John Pugh

Discuss and Approve:

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of November Minutes: Approved.

Treasurer's Report: We are fiscally sound. Report filed for audit.

Correspondence: We received a Christmas card from Rep. Sara Hannan

Old Business/Updates:

Membership: Marianne reported that we have approximately 47 members who have not yet renewed. She asked the Board to contact members on the list and prompt them to renew. carolyn suggested that we put a blurb about our 2020 accomplishments in the next renewal request. Judith is working on the next **Juneau Voter** and hopefully that will spur renewals. Trish will tag a renewal request to all upcoming Members' emails.

Capitol Visits: Peggy reported that the working team is busy individualizing the program as teachers had requested. The program will be streamlined, punctuated lessons. Our Legislative Delegation will deliver content. Platforms for delivery of the program are a bit complex as different schools/ teachers use different platforms. Also whether schools will be open for in classroom or not in the new year and what that would look like, is a moving target.



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Health Care Alaska Committee: carolyn updated all on the Health Care Reform for US national working group's activity. They have sent a letter to LWV President Dr. Turner for a meeting on her views on health care reform. carolyn has sent a draft letter to Judy Andree, state League president, that would be forwarded to Chapter presidents asking them to invite members to join the state working group.

Fundraiser: Kirsia and Lori discussed a glitch in activating the Facebook donate button that they have been working on. Somewhere along the line, we have become listed with the IRS under two different names. Lori is working with the IRS to get the documentation for Facebook.

Lori spoke with people at Northern Light Church regarding their recent virtual fundraiser. She learned that the software they used was not as cost prohibitive as was first thought; approximately \$300. John Pugh suggested that we look into the Better Unite platform used by the Rotary in their fundraiser. He believes it offers 2% fee rather than a fixed rate and has a very user friendly interface.

After much discussion about the realities of 2020, especially in regards to fundraising, **Sally made a motion** that we postpone fundraising until we can physically be back together. Seconded. **Motion passed by a majority.** Mary suggested that we plan an event, not tied to a fundraiser, to celebrate democracy. Andi cautioned that after the contentious election aftermath we need to tread carefully about celebrating democracy.

Pat Race Final Deliverables for VRAA: Done. Many thanks to Pat for his creativity and efforts.

January Meeting with Legislators: The virtual meeting with our Legislators will be January 11th at 5:30, lasting for one hour. The Legislators will each speak about their agenda items for the session as well as the proposed budget. After, there will be a question and answer period. We will solicit questions ahead of time from members to help get the ball rolling, but members will be able to ask questions on the spot.

Currently the plan is for the event to be a webinar. Peggy spoke on the relative isolating experience of a webinar and suggested we use a Zoom meeting format so that members can see each other. Judith will speak to the Legislators and see if that format is agreeable to them.



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New Business:

Program Planning: Marianne took us through the timeline of what we need to do in advance of the March Annual Meeting. We need to have a Program Planning Meeting, open to members, in January. **It was motioned, seconded, and approved that we hold a Program Planning Meeting on January 25th at 5:30.**

Annual Meeting in March: In February, a month prior to the Annual Meeting date, we need to send out a notice about the upcoming Annual Meeting to include agenda, program, slate, budget, etc. **It was motioned that Sarah, Lori, and Peggy comprise the budget planning committee, with Peggy as Chair. Seconded and Approved.**

The date for the Annual Meeting was tentatively set as March 20th at 10:00 am via Zoom. Date will be firmed at the January Board Meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Judith at 6:30.

The Next Board Meeting will be January 4th at 5:15 via Zoom.