

League of Women Voters of Juneau

Board of Directors Meeting February 10, 2020 MINUTES

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

Board Present: Karen Crane, Judith Mitchell, Barbara Murray, Kirsa Hughes-Skandjs, Peggy Cowan, Sally Saddler, and Trish Turner Custard. **Quorum Established**

Members Present: carolyn Brown, Jan Caufield, Sally Rue

Approval or Agenda: Agenda approved

Approval of January Minutes: Minutes Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: No report

Correspondence: We received a letter from Karla Hart on behalf of Representative Tarr requesting support for her wage equity bill. Discussion tabled until a next meeting. Sally read two possible Positions for consideration for next year submitted by Margo Waring: Update the Water and Wastewater program/position and Create a new program/position regarding Climate Change.

Updates:

Moms Demand Action For Gun Sense: Jan Caulfield and Sally Rue presented an update about the activities of Moms Demand Action and the Be SMART program. They gave a background on both groups and their activities. Currently they are advocating for HB 62, a Red Flag Bill, to get a hearing with the House Judiciary. They are hosting an Advocacy Day to the Capitol on February 19th. Jan and Sally asked that we keep an eye out for any groups or organizations that may benefit from their presentation and materials.

Membership: No report

<u>Capitol Visits</u>: Judith reported the the visits are going great. She expressed kudos to Jesse Kiehl, Sara Hannan, Andi Story, and Judge Amy Mead. It was agreed thank you letters need to be sent to these four when the program ends for the year. There has been an overlap this year with the Close Up Program that needs to be resolved to not happen next year.



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Women's March: Bridget Smith represented the League well with her stellar speech at the March. Her speech is posted in the LWV Juneau webpage. Approximately 50 signatures were captured on the petition we had at our table.

<u>**Civics For Citizens Workshop:**</u> Sally Saddler reported that 20 people attended the workshop and feedback was very positive. It was suggested by the attendees that this become an annual workshop.

Nominating Committee: No report

<u>Silent Sky Panel</u>: Peggy, Judith, Bridget, and Lauri Sica were on a panel to discuss voting and the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage after a performance of *Silent Sky* at Perseverance Theater. Judith remarked that she was impressed by the number of people who stayed for the panel.

Old Business:

<u>Charter/Local Government Position</u>: Karen presented the updated Position wording. Motioned and approved to send to Members. Trish will send.

New Business:

Legislative Citation: The Ketchikan Borough sent a copy of a citation from their Borough Assembly honoring the LWV and the 100th Anniversary of Women's Suffrage. Karen will go to our state representatives to have a Legislative Citation done for the Alaska LWV. Peggy asked that Andi Story not be asked to sponsor the citation as she will be approaching her later in the year for a different citation request.

Books to Legislators: carolyn is working to set up a date to deliver *Fighter in Velvet Gloves* to Legislators. She needs 6-8 volunteers to help deliver. Date will be either February 20th or 21st. The LWV volunteers will be recognized in the House and then the Senate and will deliver books after.

Annual Meeting: The Annual Meeting will be March 28th at Congregation Sukkat Shalom on Cordova in Douglas. Judith has **The Voter** almost done, is waiting for final decisions on Programs and Speaker. Peggy and Lori have completed the budget. Margo Waring on redistricting and Barbara Miranda on Census 2020 were discussed as speakers. It was decided that we would ask Barbara to speak at the Annual Meeting,



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with Margo as a back up if Barbara is not able. Margo will be asked to do a Community Conversation on redistricting if she is not the Annual Meeting speaker. Agenda will be finalized at next Board Meeting. Judith will send to Karen last year's agenda for her review.

Other Business:

<u>c</u>arolyn expressed a need for more full color LWV Fact Sheets. Judith will confirm cost of printer ink and if that cost is less than professional copy services she will print out the sheets using her home printer.

<u>c</u>arolyn reminded us of the film and event honoring Elizabeth Peratrovich on Monday, February 17th beginning at 11:00 at Peratrovich Hall. Members have been notified and invited to the event.

With no further business, Karen adjourned the meeting at 6:25.

The Next Board Meeting is Monday, March 9th at 5:15 at the Valley Library Conference Room.