



League of Women Voters of Juneau

**Board of Directors Meeting  
February 8, 2021  
MINUTES**

**Call to Order:** Co-President Kirsa Hughes Skandijs called the meeting to order at 5:15 pm

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

**Members Present:** Laurie Sica, Caren Robinson, Marjorie Menzi, Marian Clough, Sally Rue, John Pugh, Luann McVey

**Discuss and Approve:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved with addition of Budget Review

**Approval of January Minutes:** Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lori reported that we had \$785.20 in revenue for the month in memberships and donations. The fiscal year 2021 Nations dues were paid as well as the Post Office Box rental. Lori is hoping will make it to the end of the fiscal year without having to draw from the savings account. Peggy and Lori worked on a revised budget for this year and it will be presented at the next Board Meeting. The Facebook Donation button is still in the works. Report filed for audit.

**Correspondence:** None

**Old Business/Updates:**

**Membership:** Marianne reported that she called members who have not paid dues since 2018. Due to non-response after two calls, she removed two of these people from our member rolls.



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**Finalize Education Position:** It was confirmed that the updated Education Position had been approved via vote last year. The updated position has been posted to our website. Mary Hakala will review to make sure what is on the website is correct.

**Capitol Visits:** Marjorie reported that each of our local Legislators produced 15 minute videos for the program. Jessie's video focused on the levels of government, Sarah's on the branches of government, and Andi's on how a bill becomes a law. Andi's is still in production, but will be completed soon. The videos will be put on the LWV Juneau You Tube channel as private, unlisted and password protected. Access to the videos and accompanying curriculum documents will be given to the participating schools.

**Program Planning:** The Program Planning meeting on January 25th was active, engaged, and resulted in the following programs for consideration:

### State Issues Proposed:

1. Constitutional Convention: Take action based our position since it will be on the ballot this fall;
2. Election Process: Update to include mail-in voting, ranked choice, revisit open primaries;
3. Voter Registration : Update position to include PFD;
4. Study and develop a new position on Civil Discourse in the political realm;
5. Study and develop a new position Taxation, Fair and Equitable - link to PFD;
6. Legislative Process and Procedures: Take action on this position.

### Local Issues Proposed:

1. Update Local Election Procedures (address punch cards, voting by mail, publicize the integrity of the election system);
2. Post and share newest Education Position - DONE;
3. Update Avalanche and Mass Wasting position to add flood damage;
4. Update Water and Wastewater Position;
5. Study and develop a new position on Climate and Community Resilience (include work of CBJ Climate Commission);
6. Update Parks and Recreation Position;
7. Educate the public on critical thinking;
8. Update the LWV position on Domestic Violence through the process of concurrence with the LWVAK position updated recently by Judy Andree.



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It was agreed that we send to the State Board the full six issues proposed. Peggy cautioned that doing this might require us to take the lead on developing the positions if they are selected by the State Board.

Judith moved we select the following four local issues for the annual proposal: Items 1, 3, 4, and 6 above. Seconded and approved.

**Annual Meeting Planning:** The Annual Meeting will be on March 20th. Marianne made a motion to approve Mayor Beth Weldon as the guest speaker. Seconded and approved. She will be asked to focus on the last municipal election and mail-in voting.

The nominating committees slate of candidates will be sent to Judith by Monday, February 15th. Judith will create *The Juneau Voter* to send to all members by February 19th.

### **New Business:**

**Budget Review:** A budget for next fiscal year was developed by Peggy and Lori. It can be added to *The Juneau Voter* without any approval needed.

The idea of raising annual dues was brought up. Lori believes the budget is to the good and raising dues is not a matter that needs to be addressed this year. Judith suggested that in a COVID year increasing dues would be a difficult ask and we do not have a specific plan for additional funds. However, we do give away much of our income to National and State dues and any change in this fees would require a revisit of dues increase.

**Update of current Domestic Violence Position through Concurrence:** Will be researched and voted on at next meeting.

**Update Our By-laws to include statement on Diversity and Inclusion through Concurrence:** Judith will change the by-laws as shown in the emailed document. Will then send to Lori. The by-law change may need to be reported to state, etc. for 403c status. Lori will research.

**Both the DV and DEI changes will be include in *The Juneau Voter* for discussion at the Annual Meeting.**

**Letter Writing Campaign - Senator Shower/SB-39:** Marianne pointed out that this is a state issue and any statement/letter should come from the State Board. John Pugh requested that if that does happen, we report back and declare the Juneau Chapter's support.



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**For The Good Of The Order:** Marjorie suggested the we develop a statement/position on changes in judicial composition and Governor Dunleavy's proposed Constitutional Amendments. Judith and Marianne will bring up to the State Board because there is a state position that bears on this topic.

Marianne motioned and Judith seconded adjournment. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Kirsa at 6:32.

**The Next Board Meeting will be March 8th at 5:15 via Zoom.**