



**League of Women Voters of Juneau**

**Board of Directors Meeting  
January 4, 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, Donna Knight Staton **Quorum Established**

**Members Present:** carolyn Brown, Caren Robinson, Marjorie Menzi, Marian Clough, Bridget Smith

**Discuss and Approve:**

**Approval of Agenda:** Agenda approved with additions of Health Care Update and Capitol Visits Update

**Approval of December Minutes:** Approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lori reported that we had no expenses last month. Received \$900 in renewals and donations. Lori resolved the name confusion with the IRS; they will add the "s" to our name. Lori and Peggy are working on a budget revision for the rest of our fiscal year. Report filed for audit.

**Correspondence:** carolyn received an email from Anne Boochever detailing the completion of a study guide to accompany the book ***Fighter in Velvet Gloves***. It will be available for sale by February 15th. She is also working on a history book about Elizabeth Peratrovich for much younger children.

**Old Business/Updates:**

**Membership:** Marianne reported that we have 4 new members. She will be sending out the third letter to members explaining that it is time to pay dues. It was determined that anyone we have not heard from since 2018 will be removed from our membership rolls. Marianne asked that we continue to personally contact members who are delinquent in their dues. She also mentioned that the



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student members have not, save for one, replied to the membership renewal letters.

Sarah inquired if we kept up communications with past members; to keep them informed and encourage them to again become members. She felt that this would be a good way to increase our public presence. Lori expressed that maintaining two separate communication lists would be a management concern. Emails and newsletters are one of the benefits of membership. It was also discussed that in pre-COVID times we held many events that were open to all.

**January Meeting with Legislators:** The virtual meeting with our Legislators will be January 11th at 5:30, lasting for one hour. It will be a regular ZOOM, with anyone who wants to be able to join with their video on. Kirsa will facilitate the meeting while Judith provides the tech. We have room for 100 attendees. Trish will send out a notice of the Reception to members and ask for them to submit questions ahead of time.

**Program Planning:** Marianne explained that the purpose of program planning is twofold: 1. to give members the opportunity to give input, feel involved with the League, and to work on issues that they are passionate about, and 2. To determine if there are any new study areas we wish to take on. Local issues introduced at the Planning Meeting will go to our Board and be introduced for consideration at our Annual Meeting. Any state issues that are introduced will go to the State Board for consideration for the State Convention. The Program Planning Meeting will be on January 25th at 5:30. Trish will send an invitation to participate to all members. Marianne will send to Trish a sample email from past years. All Board Members will facilitate the meeting.

**Annual Meeting Planning:** The date for the Annual Meeting is March 20th at 10:00 am via Zoom. Judith will create ***The Juneau Voter*** which will be sent to members on February 19th, one month prior to the Annual Meeting. She needs by February 15th the Financials, Nominating Committee Slate, Proposed Programs, Presidents' Wrap-Up, and Capitol Visits write up. We need to determine the Keynote Speaker. Judith suggested someone from the Assembly and Carolyn suggested someone to speak about how health money is spent. The discussion will continue at the February Board Meeting. In the interim, Board Members are requested to think of possible speakers and bring the names to the next meeting or send via email.

**Health Care Alaska Committee:** Carolyn updated all on the Health Care Reform for US national working group's activity. Carolyn will send a letter to Judy Andree,



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state League president, that when approved by State Board, will be forwarded to Chapter presidents asking them to invite members to join a state working group. There are currently 20 states that have State League Health Care Reform committees.

**Capitol Visits:** Marjorie reported that the working group is busy creating content and activities for the topic “How A Bill Becomes A Law”, as requested by teachers. Our local Legislators will present videos around this topic. They need to have the videos complete before session starts on January 19th. Teachers want the final complete project for use starting in February.

Marjorie discussed that there was a need to find someone who could make the videos interesting and engaging. She asked for suggestions on who might be able to do this. Pat Race and KTOO were cited as possible resources. Marjorie also mentioned that the working group has not heard from the Alaska Committee which in the past has provided \$500 to pay for transportation for the program. That money is needed to help with the video production. Lori and Peggy stated that in the budget revision they will allocate \$500 for the program.

### **New Business:**

**Nominating Committee:** Marianne Mills, Joy Lyon, Luanne McVey, Cheryl Jebe, and Bridget Smith will be meeting to develop a slate of Board Members.

**For The Good Of The Order:** Caren Robinson updated on the upcoming Legislative Session.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Kirsa at 6:40.

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



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