

League of Women Voters of Juneau

Board of Directors Meeting March 9, 2020 MINUTES

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

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

Members Present: <u>c</u>arolyn Brown, Brynn Keith, Amy Paige, Sarah Moore, Marianne Mills

Approval or Agenda: Agenda approved with correction reflect correct title of Amy's presentation.

Approval of February Minutes: Minutes Approved as written

Treasurer's Report: Much discussion about the deficit shown due to Peratrovich Project monies. Lori assured that this is not a cause for concern, but a bookkeeping procedure. Report filed for audit.

Correspondence: Thank you note received for Capitol Visits and shared with those present.

Advocacy Team Training: Amy Paige spoke about the upcoming Advocacy Team Training being presented by a Friends Committee national member, to be held at the Downtown Library on April 15th from 5-8. The purpose of the training is to form an Advocacy Team in Juneau to lobby against endless wars, conflicts in Iran, Saudi/Yemen conflict. All are invited to attend with no obligation to actually join an Advocacy Team.

Updates:

Membership: Marianne reported that we have gained several new members and our current membership is approximately 150 people; the highest chapter membership in the state.

<u>Capitol Visits:</u> Marjorie wrote a thank you to be published in the paper and has also written individual thank you notes. She is also going ahead with submitting a grant request to the Community Foundation. The program is now done for the year.



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<u>Nominating Committee:</u> We have a full state of officers for the upcoming year. Still must determine if we wish to add up to 6 additional Directors.

Book Distribution: carolyn reported that the distribution of *Fighter in Velvet Gloves* to the Legislators and the Governor's office went very well, with many positive comments received. There are still 3 books to send to our DC Delegation, otherwise the project is completed.

Legislative Citation: Representative Sara Hannan will present, at our Annual Meeting, a citation to the LWV honoring the anniversary of suffrage and our work in voting rights and voter education.

It was decided to hold off on requesting an Assembly Resolution until the summer.

Old Business:

Fake News Lunch and Learn: It was decided that we will go ahead with this program downtown, in August, with lunch served. Peggy will take the lead in putting all those pieces together to find a venue and date.

Annual Meeting: Judith is working with Karen on the Agenda. There has been a change in speaker, though NOT topic, due to employment change. Donna Bach, Tribal Partnership Coordinator for Census 2020 will be the speaker. <u>c</u>arolyn and Sally will arrange to meet with her ahead of time.

There has been a change in the Budget since **The Voter** went out. An amended budget will be presented to Members. It highlights the need for fundraising to keep our account healthy.

Lori volunteered to take care of coffee service for the meeting, Karen will provide water, and all will be asked to provide brunch food as we did for the Legislators' Reception. All out-going Board Members are asked to bring their handbooks to the Annual Meeting to give to new Board Members.

New Business:

<u>State Convention</u>: The State Convention will be held in Anchorage the weekend of April 25th. Judith and Kirsa will be our voting representatives with a third representative to be solicited at the Annual Meeting.

Delegates to the National Convention will be discussed at the April Board Meeting.



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Dark Money Film: We have been approached to be a sponsor of the **Dark Money** film to be shown in Juneau. Since the film is about the 28th Amendment and the National League does not support that Amendment, it was decide that we will publicize the movie on our website as information only, not as a sponsor or endorsement.

Board Comments:

Judith asked for clarification as to who will do what at the Annual Meeting as far as presentation of materials/information.

Peggy thanked Karen for her year of service as our Board President. Rousing round of applause followed.

Lori thanked Judith and Peggy for their work on the annual budget.

carolyn reminded that we need to have ample food at the Annual Meeting.

Trish mentioned an ungoing problem with the GMail account.

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

The Next Board Meeting is Monday, April 6th at 5:15 at the Valley Library Conference Room. (Sorry, Douglas was booked that day!)