

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, May 26, 2016
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

Call to Order

Wendee Brunish called the meeting to order at 12:08 pm.

Board Members Present:

Wendee Brunish, President
Becky Shankland, Second Vice
President
Kathy Taylor, Treasurer
Barbara Calef, Secretary
Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a
Leader
Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer
Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large

Minutes

Minutes for the April 28 meeting were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report

Kathy has not been able to balance the checkbook so far. She needs more time to review the files and/or seek assistance from Rosmarie. The current balance in the checking account is \$7,922.80. Kathy will give Becky the donation forms showing who wants to be on the e-mail list. Becky will share the information with Karyl Ann and will also work with Tarin to update the membership list.

Website

The five-year contract for our domain name with Network Solutions expires on July 23 and the cost to renew has doubled. Akkana will investigate alternative providers. Barbara will ask Barbara Lemmick or Kathy Campbell for the password.

Membership

Tarin was absent, but the question arose whether she has updated the membership on the national database. Lynn Jones was called by LWVUS and encouraged to renew, which she had done with LWVLA already.

Fund Drive: Letter to businesses

Wendee has not yet composed the letter to businesses, but will do so soon.

Lunch with a Leader

Tamara Baer, principal planner in the Community Development Department, will be the speaker on June 21. She has been asked to update us on the development of the new comprehensive plan. Becky and Akkana will miss LWL and the board meeting in June because they will be in Washington DC. Lynn will pick up the lunches at the Coop.

Karyl Ann contacted Beverly Billie of United Tewa Women about speaking at LWL in July. She said she would come with two other women in the group. We would like them to tell us about their organization and about San Ildefonso Pueblo. Karyl Ann will be out of town but will set up the meeting. For August Wendee will invite Karen Kendall to talk about the Coop's financial situation, which Wendee says is deteriorating. For September she will invite Kathryn Roberts of NMED and/or Danny Katzman of LANL to talk about the lab's chromium mitigation effort.

Observer Corps

County Council: Lynn reported that most of the Council meetings in April were devoted to budget meetings.

Five pots decorated by San Ildefonso artists have been installed in White Rock. The solar tree at the Municipal Building is still under construction. Tuesday evening, May 24 the Council voted to transfer the task of processing warrants from the Sheriff's Office to the Police Department for safety and liability reasons. Some members of the public objected to the hasty action, saying that there was not adequate time for public input. The position of Probate Judge is vacant again. Bill McKerley was told that state law prohibited him from serving as judge and head of the Republican Party simultaneously. He chose to continue leading the party.

Utilities: Julie reported on the May BPU meeting. Following a sub-committee investigation into complaints made by George Chandler, the board decided that the department would send a letter to all homeowners whose water meter is not on the property line offering to move it and also would update the leak report.

Meanwhile, smart meters are coming although the RFP has not yet been issued.

State Council

The tour of the New Mexico Consortium (NMC) before the Council meeting was very interesting. The meeting itself began 45 minutes late because the

speaker, Yvonne Flores, went to the wrong branch of the NMC. As a result there was no time for introductions. Becky suggested that in future more time be allowed for the meeting to allow for discussion so that we can get to know the members from other Leagues. There were 25 registered League members and food for at least 50. We should keep a record of what we ordered so we can better judge how much we need next time.

Candidate Forum May 12

The forum went very well. The acoustics in the Lecture Hall are much better than in Fuller Lodge. Attendance was good and there was plenty of food. Four Hilltalkers came to help with the timing and did a fine job.

Parliamentarian Seminar, Leadership Los Alamos

Wendee will sign up for the seminar on June 10. It was agreed that Leadership LA is too expensive at \$650 and no one on the board expressed interest in participating.

The next LWV Board meeting will be at 10 a.m. on June 21, before Lunch with a Leader.

To Do:

Lynn will send voter guide questions from years past to the board to consider for this year and to inspire new questions.

Discuss switching to a two-year budget.

Consider changing the day of the board meeting.

Next newsletter deadline end of June

Adjourned 1:37 p.m.