

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 2017
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

Call to Order

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Barbara Calef Co-president

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements

Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer

Wayne Ward Newsletter publication

Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)

Jody Benson, Publicity

Rosmarie Frederickson Secretary

Minutes

Minutes for the March meeting were approved as amended.

Welcome to Wayne

Wayne was introduced to the members of the board and the procedure of getting out the newsletter was reviewed.

Treasurer's Report

There was no treasurer's report. Kathy was attending a BPU Meeting. She had sent an e-mail with the news that \$1187.00 in donations had been received in response to the recent letter writing campaign. Her e-mail also reported that the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws had been sent off to the NM Secretary of State.

May Bond Issue Issues

There was a discussion on the advertisements and voter education about the \$20,000,000 Bond issue for recreational projects to built in Los Alamos. It was noted that the new County Website was difficult to use and actually redirected the user to a website outsourced by the council to deal with the bond issues. It was noted that the website made no promises in what order these projects were to be built and the cost estimates were not estimates based on a firm design. More information could be gathered from LosAlamosBondProjects2017.com. It was also noted that many cost estimates were done with no input from the Utilities Department.

The board felt that voters at this point were confused by the mistakes in the original information and the difficulty of getting information. Julie Williams-Hill will see if Judy Harbenger can make the County Website more user friendly. The board chose not to intervene further.

Lunch With a Leader

The May meeting speakers will be four people from TheLosAlamosBondProjects2017 committee.

The June Lunch with a leader will have County Clerk Naomi Maestas and Gloria Maestas to speak about the process of counting votes.

Jody Benson moved that we cancel the July Lunch with a Leader meeting. Amy seconded the motion. After a brief discussion, the motion passed.

Membership

There was no formal membership report but Lynn counted the number of people who have already paid dues and thought that there were 57. The board agreed that it is a good idea to send out a hardcopy newsletter and an envelope the annual meeting.

Observer Corps Reports

Lynn reported that there were four budget meetings during the previous two weeks. Some issues discussed were the funding for the Administrative Assistant for the Sherriff. At present the Sherriff and the Police share the Administrative Assistant. 65K have been set aside for this position. The County Council finally passed the budget with a vote of four to three. It did increase the salaries of County Staff by 2%.

Julie Williams-Hill reported that the BPU has awarded the contract to begin drilling a new drinking water well. It also discussed the Long Range Water Supply Plan. It approved the option to make changes as recommended by the County Council, and also to update water demand projections in light of LANL supercomputing projects. In the fall the DPU will hold a public meeting to go over the plan with the public one more time.

The White Rock Wastewater Treatment plant presentation reported that there are insufficient funds to replace this plant that was built in the 1960's. Several options were discussed and staff will return to the BPU in June with details about the various options.

Update deadline May 5th

Next Meeting May 25th

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm