

**Draft Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 29, 2017**  
**Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

**Call to Order**

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

**Board Members Present:**

Barbara Calef, Co-president

Becky Shankland, Co-President

Kathy Taylor, Treasurer

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements

Tarin Nix, Director-at Large(DAL)

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer

Rosmarie Frederickson, Secretary

Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader

Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)

Jody Benson, Publicity

Minutes for the May meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kathy Taylor reported that on May 1, 2017 the general fund balance was \$6,650.89. The receipts for dues and donations of \$475.00 and an Ed Fund reimbursement of \$190.00, a reentry of a voided check of \$172.50 brought the receipts to \$837.50. Disbursements for the month of May for State Convention expenses and pass through to the LWV Ed Fund totaled \$549.75. With these additions and subtractions the balance on May 31, 2017 was \$6,938.70 in the checking account. At the end of May there was \$2,146.15 in the savings account. The Ed Fund had a \$100 donation and \$190 withdrawal and closed on May 31 with a balance of \$19,182.75.

**Lunch with a Leader**

The August Lunch with a Leader speakers, County Clerk Naomi Maestas and Gloria Maestas, will be unable to come to the meeting. They are available for the October meeting. For the August meeting Douglas Carver from the NM Ethics Watch will be happy to give a presentation about the Ethics Commission Constitutional Amendment to be voted on in the 2018 election.

For September Barb Calef will talk with Lynn Bjorkland to see if she might be a good fit to give background material for the Public Lands Study. If she is, Barb will ask her to come speak on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>. If not Barb will check with the Forest Service about who might be a better able to prepare us for the

Public Lands Study. Other suggestions were Jorge Silva-Bañuelos, Superintendent of Valles Caldera.

## **Membership**

Becky reported that it is difficult to tell our current membership status. She thinks we have 48 members. Suzie Havemann at the Fund Drive meeting raised the issue of welcoming new members. We have a couple of new members and we might honor and welcome them with a social gathering. It was decided to try to include prospective members.

## **September Social for new and prospective members**

The date which was agreed upon was Thursday, September 7th from 6PM to 7:30PM. It will be hosted at 1372 47th Street in Los Alamos -- on an unstained deck! There will be "hearty hors d'oeuvres" which will serve as a light dinner. Tarin Nix agreed to give a non-partisan talk on ways to stay politically connected in an off-election year.

Another idea which was discussed is to have more frequent social meetings at a place like UnQuarked. This might attract younger people to League activities. Tarin agreed to check into whether UnQuarked might be able to host such a gathering. Title of the meetings might be "Libations with the League".

## **Action to fight Climate Change**

The idea to get the County Council to sign on to the Paris Treaty goals was discussed. It was decided to check with Chris Chandler and/or Antonio Maggiore to see if one of them would sponsor the request. The goals of the Paris treaty are well represented by our FER study.

## **Observer Corps Reports**

Lynn was absent so there was no Council Observer report.

Julie reported that at the meeting of the Board of Public Utilities on June 21st the water and sewer rate increase of 8% was approved. On July 25 there will be a Council Public hearing on the Water and Sewage rates.

A public hearing on a rate increase for non-potable water was also discussed at the meeting. The rate increase proposed is from \$1.15 to \$2.50.

There was also a discussion about the wastewater treatment plant replacement in White Rock.

The BPU board also heard a presentation on the Integrated Resource Plan. On July 12 there will be a public meeting from 5:30-6:30 to explain the plan at the library in White Rock.

Amy asked the library staff if the LWV would be able to use the library meeting room on November 14 because the 21st is during Thanksgiving week. A decision will be made in the next couple of weeks and Karyl Ann will be notified. Once she knows the space is available, she will invite Julianna Koob of reproductive services to speak on that date.

**Update Deadline No July issue so it will be August 1st**

**Next Board Meeting July 27, 2017**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:40PM.