

LWV Los Alamos Annual Meeting
April 17, 2010

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Calef at 10:02 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Los Alamos.

Attendees: Karyl Ann Armbruster, Ann Beyer, Liz Bennett, Barbara Calef, Kathy Campbell, Jill Forman, Paul Frederickson, Rosmarie Frederickson, Lynn Jones, Mark Jones, Naishing Key, Michael McKay, Janie O'Rourke, Evelyn Petschek, Pete Sheehey, Jane Sherwood, Carroll Thomas, Renate Zinn. This constitutes a quorum (20% of the membership.)

In the absence of Secretary Susan Roach, the minutes were taken by Kathy Campbell. Readers will be Evelyn Petschek and Janie O'Rourke.

President's report Barbara Calef highlighted the successful Lunch with a Leader program, which has been drawing more than 20 attendees monthly. She mentioned the public forums of the past year: Emile Nakhleh on Middle East diplomacy, David Gutzler on climate change, and a school bond forum. She thanked outgoing directors Susan Roach, Wendee Brunish and Evelyn Petschek as well as those agreeing to join or continue on the board for the coming year.

Treasurer's report Rosmarie Frederickson reported that our expenses to date remain under the amounts budgeted for the general and education funds. She has not yet applied for reimbursement of some expenses (specifically, the Elizabeth Best fund) from the Education Fund. Income is lagging but in part this is a function of our fiscal year, which does not end until April 30. The annual fund drive comes near the end of the fiscal year, and dues paid in April for the upcoming year are recorded as income in the current year. No business fund drive was conducted in FY 2010, but a significant effort is planned for FY 2011.

Bills for FY 2010 expenses should be submitted to Rosmarie before April 30.

Minutes from Annual Meeting 2009 Minutes from the 2009 annual meeting were passed out. Kathy Campbell pointed out that it was not necessary, under standard parliamentary procedure, for the meeting to approve them, so they were filed for information.

Membership report LWVLA currently has 74 members: 19 sustaining single members, 21 regular single members, 9 sustaining households and 6 regular households, plus 4 national members. LWVUS will no longer automatically enroll donors to the national League as members. LWVLA should encourage its national members to renew locally.

Committee reports Barbara Calef reported that the Water Study Committee has completed its work with the adoption of a state League position on water in March 2010.

Bylaws amendment Pete Sheehey moved that the proposed bylaws amendment to Article VI, Section 2 be adopted. Ann Beyer seconded. The amendment would do away with the prorating of dues for new members who join in the middle of the fiscal year. Instead, new members who join after September 30 will not be required to pay dues the

following year. The motion passed unanimously. The revised section of the bylaws is attached.

Program Barbara Calef reviewed our existing positions, especially the water position (adopted 2009.) She then went over suggestions from the program planning meeting held in March:

- Hold public meetings on fiscal policy;
- Sponsor a forum on health care in other countries, inviting members of Los Alamos' extensive international community to speak;
- Provide information about how renewable energy tax assessment districts are working where they have been in effect for several years (Boulder, Berkeley);
- Advocate on transportation issues;
- Monitor impact of the proposed Manhattan Project National Historical Park on Fuller Lodge.

In addition, of course, we will have multiple candidate forums for the primary and general elections and produce a Voters Guide for the general election.

Kathy Campbell moved that we adopt our current positions unchanged. Pete Sheehey seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget committee report Kathy Campbell reviewed the proposed budget, emphasizing areas of change from last year. Mike McKay moved that the budget be adopted. Ann Beyer seconded. A motion to double the budget for Lunch with a Leader failed for lack of a second after Kathy explained that the budget is only a planning document. The original motion passed unanimously. The budget is attached.

Nominating committee report Carroll Thomas presented the proposed slate. There are no nominees for several important positions: First vice-president (and president-elect), Secretary, and Publicity. Changes from when the March newsletter went to press include Kyle Wheeler as membership chair. Also, Suzie Havermann declined to be chair of the Affordable Housing committee. In discussion it was suggested that publicity could be taken care of by those most closely involved, given a list of contacts. Lynn Jones will provide a list of Los Alamos contacts and Kathy Campbell will add some regional newspaper contacts.

Ann Beyer moved that the slate be elected. Renate Zinn seconded. The motion passed unanimously. The list of FY11 board members is attached.

General discussion Carroll Thomas said that finding individuals willing to serve on the board is very difficult and suggested that we need to increase membership. Kathy Campbell observed that membership has in fact been growing, but this does not automatically translate into more candidates for the board.

Karyl Ann Armbruster brought up the fact that Tuesdays, when we currently schedule our Lunch with a Leader, is also the regular weekly meeting day of both the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs. Thursday and Monday alternatives were discussed. Karyl Ann will inquire if Monday would be better. Mike McKay said that we have excellent attendance and changing the day could create more problems than it solves.

Barbara Calef recognized our only 50-year League member, Ann Beyer, and asked her to share some of her remembrances of the League. When Ann joined the Los Alamos League, it had many more members. It held two monthly unit meetings, one in the morning and one in the evening, at which the speakers were local members. This led to a discussion of why there were more members then and fewer now. When Ann arrived, the gates of Los Alamos had just been “opened”, so there was still a strong culture of looking inward for community activities. But as elsewhere, more women joined the work force in the ensuing years, resulting in a drop in League membership around the country. Ann was state agenda chair for the local League. She remembers as “hot issues” the absentee ballot (which was resolved nationally); nonpartisan judicial elections (currently only retention elections are nonpartisan in New Mexico); and a non political state personnel system or civil service. Also the League and AAUW sponsored a weekly radio spot on the local station, for which Ann was the League’s speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2010-11

Officers

President: Barbara Calef

1st VP: *not filled*

2nd VP: Becky Shankland

Treasurer: Rosmarie Frederickson

Secretary: *not filled*

Directors

Arrangements: Renate Zinn

Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster

Membership: Kyle Wheeler

Publicity: *not filled*

Transportation: Janie O'Rourke

Director-at-large: Jane Sherwood

Voter Services: Lynn Jones

Off-Board Directors

Newsletter: Kathy Taylor

Observer Corps: Lynn Jones

Budget Committee: Kathy Campbell

Fund Drive: Chris Chandler

Nominations: Carroll Thomas

Web site: Kathy Campbell

Apprentice Webmaster: Gale Zander Barlow

AMENDED BYLAWS

ARTICLE VI. FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION

Section 1. FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of LWV/LA shall be from May 1 to April 30 of the following year.

Section 2. DUES

Annual dues shall be determined by a majority vote of the voting members present and voting at Annual Meeting or other membership meeting, provided notification of the proposed dues was given to the membership in writing at least one month prior to the meeting.

Dues shall be collected during April for the upcoming fiscal year and are delinquent on September 30. No one whose payment is delinquent will be carried on the membership rolls.

The initial payment may be made at any time. New members who join after September 30 will not be required to pay dues for the following fiscal year.

Proposed FY11 Budget		
	General	Ed Fund
INCOME		
A. Dues		
1. Regular	\$720.00	
2. Sustaining	\$1,200.00	
3. Household	\$390.00	
4. Household Sustaining	\$665.00	
Total Dues	\$2,975.00	
B. Contributions		
1. Members	\$0.00	\$500.00
2. Non-members	\$0.00	\$1,000.00
3. Businesses	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
Total Contributions	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
C. Miscellaneous		
1. LWVNM (for Voters Guide)		
2. Forum partners	\$100.00	
3. Memorial contributions		
4. From Ed Fund	\$700.00	
5. Interest	\$17.40	
Total Miscellaneous	\$817.40	\$0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$5,292.40	\$1,500.00

Proposed FY11 Budget

	General	Ed Fund
EXPENSE		
A. Administration		
1. President's Funds	\$50.00	
2. Secretary	\$20.00	
3. Treasurer	\$20.00	
4. Board tools	\$60.00	
5. Communications		
a. Newsletter	\$100.00	
b. Webpage	\$360.00	
6. Other Administrative	\$100.00	
Total Administration	\$710.00	
B. Per Member Payment (PMP)		
1. State	\$618.00	
2. National	\$1,524.40	
Total PMP	\$2,142.40	
C. Committees		
1. Fundraising	\$150.00	
2. Membership	\$100.00	
3. Lunch with a Leader	\$150.00	
Total Committees	\$400.00	
D. Position Support		
1. National	\$25.00	
2. State	\$25.00	
3. Local	\$50.00	
Total Position Support	\$100.00	
E. Convention, Council, & other travel		
1. National Convention	\$1,000.00	
2. State Council	\$0.00	
3. State Convention	\$150.00	
4. Other travel	\$40.00	
Total Travel	\$1,190.00	
F. Program		
1. Voters' Services	\$600.00	\$1,200.00
2. Sustainability	\$50.00	\$300.00
3. Local Government	\$50.00	
4. Child Care	\$0.00	
5. Affordable Housing	\$50.00	
6. Election Reform	\$0.00	
Total Program	\$750.00	\$1,500.00
G. Other		
1. Ed Fund pass-through	\$0.00	
2. Memorials	\$0.00	
Total Other	\$0.00	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$5,292.40	\$1,500.00
Income - Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00

