

**Minutes of the LWVLA Board Meeting  
Thursday, October 27, 2016  
Mesa Public Library, Los Alamos, NM**

**Call to Order**

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

**Board Members Present:**

Wendee Brunish, President

Barbara Calef, Secretary

Amy Birnbaum, Arrangements

Julie Williams-Hill, BPU Observer

Akkana Peck, Director-at-Large (DAL)

Rosmarie Frederickson (DAL)

**Minutes**

Minutes for the September 29 meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report**

Kathy was absent but sent a report. The balance on September 1 was \$4,897.88. With receipts of \$200, 5 cents interest, and \$475 in disbursements, the balance on September 30 was \$4,622.93. The \$200 was received as donations of \$100 each from Waterman and Hartway. The disbursements were two payments of \$275 and \$200 to the Ed Fund. At the end of September there was \$2,145.53 in the savings account and \$19,814.00 in the Ed. Fund.

**Lunch with a Leader**

Karyl Ann was also absent but sent word that Kurt Steinhaus and Bill Hargraves would be coming in November to speak about the LAPS bond election and Cindy Rooney would come to talk about the UNM/LA bond election. She had not yet invited anyone for the December meeting.

**Membership Report**

Tarin was absent, but a new member, Rosemary Alme, attended the consensus meeting.

**Observer Corps**

**BPU:** Julie reported that the discussion of the long-range water supply plan scheduled for November 14 has been postponed until the next day. The plan will be posted on November 7.

During a five hour BPU meeting a contract was approved for a DPU internal resource plan to be developed by Siemens. The plan will serve as a tool to assist the BPU in making decisions regarding future energy generation resources for the County.

The developer of the small nuclear energy reactors is coming to Los Alamos to speak at Cottonwood on the Greens (at the golf course) on December 1 at 6 p.m. Los Alamos County is considering whether or not to partner on a Carbon Free Power Project that uses this technology. Representatives from UAMPS (Utah Associated Municipal Power Systems) will give a presentation at Fuller Lodge at 6 p.m. on January 12. They will explain the time-line for the Carbon Free Power Project and the decision points for the County.

**Council:** Lynn was absent but said there was no important Council news to report.

### **President Resigns**

Wendee arrived late to the meeting and announced that she was resigning immediately. She had already resigned as treasurer of LWVNM.

### **November Newsletter**

The next newsletter deadline is November 19. Articles should be sent to Kathy and Barbara.

### **Empty Chair Policy**

The board again reviewed the wording for the new Empty Chair policy, which will go into effect following the 2016 General Election. Barbara will send the final version to Julie to fix the formatting.

### **The Campaign and Candidate Forums**

There was a discussion about the nasty and misleading mailers arriving, especially those attacking Sharon Stover. Amy said that they were sent by PACs and that Stephanie Garcia Richard had no power to stop them. Amy said she would contact the SGR campaign to see if a letter could be published decrying the mailers.

The forums attracted large audiences. Rosmarie will send a thank you note to Alex Zubelewicz, who did an excellent job of arranging the Lecture Hall and bringing in extra chairs as needed. Amy will speak to Jean Constant about the possibility of providing a TV monitor in the student union for the overflow audience.

### **Publicity**

The board urged Barbara to submit the letter from the LWVNM Action Committee regarding the special session of the legislature to the LADP and the Monitor. The letter was printed in the October 23 New Mexican.

Julie reported on the hundreds of people who read the Facebook notices that she posted with League news. She listed other important social networking sites for the League: Pack Rats; Keep It Local; Los Alamos, NM; as well as the calendar: FYI Los Alamos.

### **Charter Schools Consensus Meeting**

The consensus meeting was very well attended. The Los Alamos League's responses were mostly in agreement with those of the other Leagues. The LWVNM board hopes to adopt a position during their November 12 meeting.

### **501c3**

Wendee turned over the files she had assembled regarding conversion of the League's status. Becky will deliver them to Kathy to read and explain to the board.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be on December 1.

### **Who Will Lead?**

There are three options for choosing new leadership for the LA League: a board member could volunteer to serve as president; an executive committee could be appointed; Barbara and Becky could serve as co-presidents for the rest of the year. Barbara said she will write to the whole board listing the options. The board will discuss the matter and vote electronically.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.