

## League of Women Voters of Los Alamos

### February 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes – Final

Felicia Orth called the meeting to order at 12:05.

#### **Board Members Present**

Felicia Orth, President  
Barbara Calef, Past President  
Addie Jacobson, Treasurer  
Cecile Hemez, Secretary  
Lynn Jones, Voter Services  
Becky Shankland, Director at Large  
Jody Benson, Publicity  
Lisa Hampton, Community Health and Wellbeing  
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch With a Leader  
Robert Williams, Membership  
Akkana Peck, Director at Large

#### **Excused**

Ellen Mills, Second Vice President  
Wendy Swanson, Reservations and Refreshments

#### **Guest**

Leslie Wallstrom

#### **January LWVLA Board minutes - Cecile**

Approved

#### **Treasurer's Report - Addie**

January 31, 2025 financial position: \$6,459.91 on checking account, \$25,638.78 on savings account, \$35,000 on CD maturing May 12, 2025

Motion passed unanimously to reimburse Felicia for the microphones she purchased.

#### **Lunch with a Leader – Karyl Ann**

Excellent feedback about the February program, a Non-Technical Introduction to Artificial Intelligence by Hari Viswanathan. The video recording was posted the same day thanks to the efforts of Bob and Ed.

- **March 20:** Gwen Kalavaza, Manager of Los Alamos Public Library
- **April 17:** Representative Chris Chandler, Annual Meeting

Suggestions for May and June:

- Tracie Stratton, CEO of Los Alamos Medical Center
- Kristina Fisher, Think New Mexico, for an update on the proposed health care legislation
- Martha Burk, has a show on KSFR

### **Membership Report – Bob, Barbara**

No update on synchronizing existing database with ChapterSpot database. Issues with Excel macros for Mac users of the database. Bob offers to provide reports to the Board as needed, and to tutor users.

Barbara continues to work on the integration of ChapterSpot. A concern is that, currently, the interface does not allow people to make a donation without also paying dues. Membership expiration date seems to be defaulted to April 30 for all members. The questions from the updated registration form are not all showing with the appropriate drop-down choices. Once it is up and running, ChapterSpot will automatically send reminder emails for membership renewal.

### **Preparations for Consensus Meeting – Felicia**

Scheduled March 3, from 6 to 9pm at the Unitarian Fellowship Hall.

The goal is to develop a position on the federal judiciary. Felicia watched the town hall held by LWVUS to prepare. The consensus questions sent by LWVUS are very broad. Felicia will use the discussion prompts when facilitating the meeting.

Becky sent a friendly reminder to the membership on February 18. It includes resources to consult ahead of the meeting. Becky will send another reminder email on February 28.

This is a member-only event. About 30 are expected to attend. Felicia will set up a “minestrone bar”.

### **Legislative Report - Barbara, Akkana**

Bills followed:

- SB 21 and SB 22 – Clean water protection bills. Would give NM more control over pollution of its waters, including the ephemeral waters
- SB 5 – Game commission reform
- Some health care bills aiming to increase number of healthcare providers in the state: interstate compacts – medical malpractice – removal of GRT for medical services

### **Program Planning Meeting Report – Barbara**

A Healthcare Forum in partnership with the Community Foundation is in the works. Details will be shared with the membership ahead of the Annual Meeting, if possible.

### **Update on Preparations for Annual Meeting**

- Budget Committee: Julie, Lisa, Addie, Jeffrey Howell

The committee presented a draft budget. Moving forward, line items will attempt to reflect program expenses (Voter Guide, Legislative Preview...) rather than the type of

expense (printing, reservation, refreshments...). After review by the board, a motion was passed unanimously to accept the budget as proposed, with 6 changes.

- Nominating Committee Report: Becky, Leslie Wallstrom, Ed Santiago  
The committee presented a slate for 6 officers and 8 directors as follows:

Officers: President, Felicia Orth; 1st Vice-president, open; 2nd Vice-president, June Fabryka-Martin; Secretary, Cecile Hemez; Treasurer, Adelaide Jacobson.

Directors: Lunch with a Leader, Karyl Ann Armbruster; Membership, Bob Williams; Publicity, Jody Benson; Voter Services/Voter Guide, Lynn Jones; Community Health and Wellbeing, Lisa Hampton; Reservations and Refreshments, Wendy Swanson; Director at Large Technology, Akkana Peck; Director at Large for Communications, Rebecca Shankland.

The slate was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously.

Research will continue for an off-board chair for next year's nominating committee (per Bylaws).

The discussion about an archivist position was rolled to May.

- The Extract will be mailed to the membership before March 17, a month prior to the Annual Meeting. Barbara requests a copy of the approved budget and of the officers and directors nominations no later than March 10.

**Newsletter Deadline: March 1**

LWL (Karyl Ann)  
County Council, P&Z Reports (June and Craig)  
Welcome, New Members (Becky)  
President's Report (Felicia)

**Next Lunch with a Leader: March 20, 2025**

**Next LWVLA board meeting: March 27, 2025**

**Annual Meeting: April 17, 2025**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:06pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cecile Hemez 02/28/25

Edited with comments from Barbara Calef and Rebecca Shankland 03/05/2025

Approved by the Board on 03/27/2025