**League of Women Voters of Los Alamos**

**March 27, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes – Final**

Felicia Orth called the meeting to order at 12:04.

**Board Members Present**

Felicia Orth, President

Barbara Calef, Past President

Addie Jacobson, Treasurer

Cecile Hemez, Secretary

Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Becky Shankland (by phone), 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

Ellen Mills, Second Vice President

**Excused**

Wendy Swanson, Reservations and Refreshments

**Guests**

Leslie Wallstrom

June Fabryka-Martin

Craig Martin

**February LWVLA Board minutes - Cecile**

Approved

**Treasurer’s Report - Addie**

February 28, 2025 financial position: $7,038.20 on checking account, $25,639.37 on savings account, $35,377.58 on CD maturing May 12, 2025

Barbara Calef moved to transfer $15,000 from the savings account to a new CD; to reinvest the funds from the existing CD once it has reached maturity date; to give the Treasurer authority to pick the term (duration) for both CDs. Akkana Peck seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Lunch with a Leader – Karyl Ann**

* **April 17**: Representative Chris Chandler, Annual Meeting
* **May 15**: Kristina Fisher, Think New Mexico, for an update on the proposed health care legislation.

Suggestions June and July:

* Tracie Stratton, CEO of Los Alamos Medical Center
* Martha Burk, has a show on KSFR
* Liz Martineau, Executive Director of Los Alamos Community Foundation

**Membership Report – Bob, Barbara**

Bob provided a list of members who joined within 6 months of May 1, 2024.

The efforts to integrate ChapterSpot are ongoing. Barbara recommends keeping two databases, one for memberships, one for donations. Bob is excused from keeping track of amounts paid by members in the membership database.

Issues with the Join/Donate page of the website are identified. The membership form is currently not available. Barbara will talk to webmaster Madhavi Garimella.

Felicia and Addie will do a test of the “Donate” function to better understand how the funds are transferred to the local league.

**Needed for LWVLA Annual Meeting on April 17**

The Annual Meeting will start at 1:10pm, after Lunch with a Leader with Chris Chandler. Oral reports by Board members will follow:

* President’s Report – Felicia
* Treasurer’s Report – Addie
* Membership Report – Bob
* Adoption of Local Program (position, plans of action) – Barbara
* Consideration of Bylaws Amendments – Barbara
* Adoption of the FY2526 Budget – Lisa and Julie
* Election of Officers and Directors – Becky

Cecile will set up a sign-in sheet. She will take minutes and record votes.

Talking points:

* The switch to ChapterSpot and its consequences
* How dues are split between national, state and local leagues
* Encourage members to use the online form (paper forms require additional work from Bob and Addie)
* What the LWVUS is doing in response to recent Presidential executive orders

**LWVNM Convention April 26-27 in Santa Fe**

Felicia, Becky, Leslie and Lisa will attend as delegates. The Los Alamos League is entitled

to send seven delegates, so we are trying to sign up three more.

Akkana and Barbara will attend as members of the State Board.

**C’YA Health and Wellness Fair on May 3 at United Church**

No volunteers

**Senior Health Fair “Stay Informed, Stay Healthy” on June 5 at Betty Ehart**

Discuss participation at next April Board meeting. Leslie and Lisa will RSVP to the invitation.

**Nominating Slate**

The Nominating Committee, composed of Rebecca Shankland, Ed Santiago and Leslie Wallstrom, presented the following slate by email:

* Officers:
  + President: Felicia Orth
  + 1st Vice-President/President Elect: Leslie Wallstrom
  + 2nd Vice-President: June Fabryka-Martin
  + Past President/Newsletter Edito: Barbara Calef
  + Secretary: Cecile Hemez
  + Treasurer: Adelaide Jacobson
* Directors:
  + Lunch with a Leader: Karyl Ann Armbruster
  + Membership: Robert 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 (Communications): Rebecca Shankland
  + Nominating Committee: Ellen Mills, Vacant
* Off-Board Directors (vote by membership not required):
  + Website/Social Media: Helena Whyte, Madhavi Garimella
  + Observer Corps: June Fabryka-Martin, Craig Martin, Maire O’Neill
  + Fundraising: Ellen Mills
  + Video: Ed Santiago, Robert Williams
  + Newsletter: Barbara Calef, Robert Williams, Rebecca Shankland

Cecile Hemez moved to approve it electronically. Jody Benson seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Fund Drive meeting on April 7, 2pm, at Ellen’s**

Becky will send a Friendly Reminder. Felicia will write a letter. Ellen will take care of mailing.

**Additional topic discussed**

Leslie suggested that the local newsletter could include a report on the activities of the LWV at the national level. The suggestion was discussed and approved, along with the idea of posting articles on the subject in the Los Alamos Daily Post and Los Alamos Reporter.

**Newsletter Deadline: April 6 (March 29 preferred)**

LWL (Karyl Ann)

County Council, P&Z Reports (June and Craig)

Welcome, New Members (Becky)

President’s Report (Felicia)

**Next Lunch with a Leader: April 17, 2025, 12pm**

**Annual Meeting: April 17, 2025, 1pm**

**Next LWVLA board meeting: April 24, 2025. 12pm**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cecile Hemez 03/28/25

Edited with comments from Barbara Calef, Rebecca Shankland and Leslie Wallstrom 04/06/2025

Edited with comments from Jody Benson and Akkana Peck 04/08/2025

Approved by the Board on 04/24/2025