

League of Women Voters of Los Alamos

May 22, 2025 Board Meeting Minutes

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

Board Members Present

Felicia Orth, President
June Fabryka-Martin, 2nd Vice-President
Barbara Calef, Past President
Cecile Hemez, Secretary
Becky Shankland, Director at Large
Lynn Jones, Voter Services/Voter Guide
Jody Benson, Publicity
Lisa Hampton, Community Health and Wellbeing
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader
Akkana Peck, Director at Large
Wendy Swanson, Reservations and Refreshments

Guest

Ellen Mills, Fundraising

Excused

Addie Jacobson, Treasurer
Leslie Wallstrom, 1st Vice-President
Robert Williams, Membership

April LWVLA Board minutes – Cecile Hemez

Accepted

LWVLA Annual Meeting minutes – Cecile Hemez

Barbara Calef moved to approve the LWVLA Annual Meeting minutes. Lisa Hampton seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The minutes will be published in the *June Update*.

Treasurer's Report – Addie Jacobson

Addie emailed the April report to the Board.

April 30, 2025 financial position: \$4,424.28 on checking account, \$10,640.31 on savings account, \$35,746.78 on CD maturing 11/12/25, and \$15,000 on CD maturing 10/03/25.

Lunch with a Leader – Karyl Ann Armbruster

The May meeting with speaker Kristina Fisher of Think New Mexico was well attended.

- **June:** Robert Gibson, Chair of the Board of Public Utilities, Los Alamos County
- **July:** Liz Martineau, Executive Director of Los Alamos Community Foundation
- **August:** Tracie Stratton, Los Alamos Medical Center CEO

Fundraising Committee Report – Ellen Mills

To date, \$2,100 has been collected in donations from Friends of the League as a result of the April mailing. Ellen will write a thank you note to all donors.

Ellen presented to 100 Men Who Care and collected \$300.

To date, 2025 donations from members amount to \$255.

Ellen participated in the Community Day hosted at the Unitarian Church of Los Alamos. She was dressed as a suffragist and drew interest in the League.

The League will be represented by Leslie Wallstrom at the Health Fair. June suggested putting together a handout with the League's positions on healthcare.

Ellen stressed the importance of participating in community events to increase the League's visibility.

Membership Report – Barbara Calef

124 actual members. 54 of those have not renewed their membership, which expired on April 30. They will be contacted individually by Board members.

Barbara will look into adding Lisa and Cecile as roster managers in ChapterSpot.

Questions posed to League Members – All

Options for the question on ways to help the League were approved. Cecile will share the final version of the interactive form. Moving forward, the link to the interactive form will be shared in a confirmation email to new and renewing members.

To avoid redundancy, a suggestion was made to remove questions from the paper/PDF version of the membership form. Akkana Peck moved to remove questions from the paper/PDF version of the membership form. Jody Benson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board Retreat Topics – All

- Archives
- Board responsibilities
- Newsletter suggestions
- Website update
- Nonpartisanship, seeking more diversity
- Reimbursement policy
- Orientation process for new Board members

The Board retreat will be on June 6 from 11am to 1pm, at the Los Alamos Public Library. Helena Whyte and Madhavi Garimella will be invited to participate in the website update discussion.

Additional topics discussed

Ellen suggested making a Board donation or gift on behalf of long-time League members Colleen and Bart Olinger. Cecile will consult Jean Dewart on existing initiatives.

Ellen will organize the League's participation in the Los Alamos County Fair Parade (August 2).

June will be out-of-town from June 9 to August 9. She asked for volunteers to cover meetings of the County Council and Planning & Zoning Commission for the Observer Corps. She will send a list of the dates to the Board. Jody offered to cover the June 17 County Council meeting.

Lynn Jones will share the tentative timeline for the Fall Voter Guide.

Newsletter Deadline: June 1

LWL (Karyl Ann)

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

Welcome, New Members (Becky)

President's Report (Felicia)

Board Retreat: June 6, 11-1

Next Lunch with a Leader: June 19, 2025, 12pm

Next LWVLA board meeting: June 26, 2025, 12pm on Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:46pm

Respectfully Submitted by Cecile Hemez 05/27/25
Edited with comments from Barbara Calef and June Fabryka-Martin

Approved by the Board on 07/25/25