

**MINUTES OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/LOS ALAMOS BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY MARCH 25, 2021  
VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

**Call to Order**

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:03 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

Barbara Calef, Co-President  
Becky Shankland, Co-President  
Ellen Mills, Second Vice-President  
Rosmarie Frederickson, Treasurer  
Rebecca Chaiken, Secretary  
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader  
Akkana Peck, Director at Large  
Lynn Jones, Voter Services  
Leslie Wallstrom, Publicity  
Amy Birnbaum, Reservations  
Julie Williams-Hill, Webmaster  
Jody Benson, Publicity

**Guests:** Addie Jacobson, Special Projects  
JoAnn Lysne, Newsletter  
Jean Dewart, Membership

**Minutes**

The February minutes were accepted as presented.

**Treasurer's Report**

For February 2021, Rosmarie reported a checking account beginning book balance of \$1,914.97 and an ending balance of \$2,018.91, which includes total receipts of \$120.02 and disbursements of \$16.08. Receipts included dues and \$.02 interest. The savings account ending book balance was \$33,296.64, which includes \$.85 interest.

Rebecca moved that the treasurer's report be accepted as presented. Amy seconded this motion and all voted in favor.

Rosmarie applied for a credit card with Enterprise Bank. The credit limit is \$1,000, which is guaranteed by our savings account, and the signatories will be Rosmarie and Barbara.

## **Membership**

Becky reported that last year's membership closed at the end of September at which time we had 103 members. She recently added George Best as an honorary member due to his age (100) and history of making contributions. Lynn will check to see if he has been a lifelong member in which case we would not have to pay dues to LWWUS or LWWNM. Two other new members include Maxine McReynolds and Elizabeth Auden.

Rosmarie will send all new members/renewals information to Jean Dewart who, with Dotty Reilly, will be taking over membership from Becky. Jean will then forward this information to Lynn, who sends the membership information to LWWUS, and to Karyl Ann for Lunch with a Leader. Jean and Dotty plan some reformatting and will also have questions for Lynn about the LWWUS membership lists. Becky will continue with the newsletter and friendly reminders until Jean and Dotty have everything figured out.

## **Budget**

Julie reviewed the 2022/2023 budget proposed by the budget committee (Julie, Rosmarie, and Ed Birnbaum). Some of the numbers in the draft budget sent to the board will need revising but the bottom line will be essentially the same. Some of the needed revisions include the website, PayPal expenses, convention expenses, voter services, and the library exhibit. Julie said she might need to make some adjustments to PMP as well because she made some assumptions about household members before receiving the membership list from Becky. Julie will add a column to make the distinction between total members and total membership clear.

Fiscal year 2023 expenses are quite a bit higher than fiscal year 2022 because it is an election year and Voter Guides and forums will be needed. In addition, the LWWNM and LWWUS conventions will be held. Income will be adjusted as well based on the correct membership information and an increase in non-member donations. Business donations will be reduced because several businesses, which had contributed in the past, have closed. Our net operating income for 2023 is a negative number but our savings account is healthy. Julie also noted that we will have an opportunity to adjust the budget as needed next year.

Leslie moved that we accept the budget with the amendments proposed by Julie and Rosmarie seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

## **Lunch with a Leader**

The April Lunch with a Leader, which is also our annual meeting, will feature Representative Christine Chandler, who will talk about the legislative session. Council Chair Randall Rytty will be asked for May. Jody instead suggested Maggie Toulouse-Oliver to speak about the special election for Deb Haaland's replacement.

Everyone agreed this would be an interesting topic but it would be better suited for after the June 1 special election, so she can discuss both process and outcome.

Leslie asked when we plan to resume in-person events. Barbara believes that we are at least three months off, but she will add this topic to one of the next agendas.

### **Preparation for Annual Meeting**

The final nomination report has been completed. Jean and Dotty will be taking over membership from Becky. If Jean were to become a voting member of the board, we would need to amend the bylaws to allow for a ninth member. For now, however, Jean elected to remain off the board. We still do not have a candidate for the First Vice President position.

The chairs of each committee will be called upon at the annual meeting to explain the committee and its responsibilities.

For the LWVNM convention, which is scheduled for April 24 and 25, Barbara noted that we are in need of five delegates in addition to Becky. Barbara, Akkana, and Rebecca will be delegates by virtue of their position on the state board. No volunteers were forthcoming.

### **Council Reports**

Jody reported on the March 9 meeting during which the Council discussed several items of interest to the League. The Canyon Rim Trail underpass is proceeding; the summer concerts will again be held virtually; and the Legistar contract was renewed. The council also voted in support of pit production at LANL despite the members not knowing much about the issue.

Lynn reported on the March 16 meeting. The public works director reported on the updated evaluations of the costs and efforts needed if the County were to purchase the CB Fox building and the Reel Deal Theater. The Council met for this work session primarily to consider whether to request a 30-day extension of the due diligence time period so they could further evaluate the purchase. The motion to request a 30-day extension failed on a 2 to 5 vote, and so the purchase will not happen. Both Councilors Scott and Izraelevitz wanted to continue with the purchase evaluation because they felt that, even though the county would lose money on the project, it was a singular opportunity to help the community get the kind of downtown they wanted. The remaining councilors felt that the economics did not justify the costs.

Jody volunteered to cover the April 6 Council session. The membership will be asked to cover the remaining April sessions (April 19, April 20, April 26, and April 27).

**Important Dates**

The deadline for the next newsletter is April 1, 2021.

The next board meeting will be April 22, 2021, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:58 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Rebecca Chaiken*