

**MINUTES OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/LOS ALAMOS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2021
VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

Call to Order

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Board Members Present

Barbara Calef, Co-President
Becky Shankland, Co-President
Ellen Mills, Second Vice-President
Rebecca Chaiken, Secretary
Rosmarie Frederickson, Treasurer
Akkana Peck, Director at Large
Addie Jacobson, Director at Large
Lynn Jones, Voter Services

Guests: JoAnn Lysne, Newsletter
Dotty Reilly, Membership

Minutes

The August minutes were accepted as presented.

Lunch with a Leader

Barbara reported in Karyl Ann's absence. Our original choice for the next Lunch with a Leader event, Allegra Love, no longer lives in New Mexico. Barbara has asked Karyl Ann to contact the head of Somos Un Pueblo Unido, who spoke to us years ago and was very good. Barbara also wants to hear from the new head of Bandelier. She recently listened to a public meeting on air tours. She learned that, in 2012, Congress passed a law about air tours over national parks. There is one vendor who has been offering air tours over Bandelier for years. The National Park Service will be creating rules and regulations for such tours which, as of now, do not exist. The current vendor is conducting 101 tours a year, which is less than what is currently allowed. All in all, Barbara thought the plan seemed reasonable.

Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August 2021 reported a checking account beginning book balance of \$7,693.06 and an ending balance of \$7,391.44, which includes total receipts of \$265.07 and disbursements of \$566.69. Receipts included dues (LePage, Mason, and Sherwood), a donation (Sherwood), and \$.07 interest. Disbursements were to Enterprise Bank, Aspen Copies, Amy Birnbaum, JJ Mortensen, and Village

Arts. The savings account ending book balance was \$33,302.45, which includes \$.85 interest.

Regarding the accounting for the suffrage exhibit at Mesa Public Library, it was reported that we had an initial budget of \$600 but received donations totaling \$350 for a total of \$950. The disbursements thus far have totaled \$768.22 but additional claims for reimbursement have come in since the report was prepared. Rosmarie expects the total expenditures for this exhibit will be \$1,085.33. She will provide a final accounting at our next meeting. Because the money has been spent, it was well worth the expense, and our savings account is robust, it was agreed that there is no need to take a vote on the overage.

Rosmarie added that we have received the PMP bill from LWVUS, which totaled \$3,056. It is not due for payment until June 2022 so she plans to defer payment at least until the bills for the Voter Guide come in.

Rebecca moved that the Treasurer's Report be accepted and Becky seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

Barbara added that Julie learned we could apply to participate in Amazon Smile, which could add some funds to our coffers. It would require an application and some extra time on Rosmarie's part. Once Rosmarie agreed she could take this on, as long as there was no deadline on her part, Rebecca moved that we move forward with the application to Amazon Smile. Akkana seconded this motion and all voted in favor. Barbara will send the link to Rosmarie.

Membership

Jean sent the most recent membership report via email, which reflects 95 individual members (including single and household memberships) as of September 12. She also sent a list of members who have yet to renew. Barbara suggested removing Kurt Steinhaus, who has moved on to a higher statewide position, but the others on the list should be sent a reminder. Rosmarie will send a recent list of those who have renewed to Dotty, and Dotty will reach out to the remainder. Dotty also sends thank you notes when a member renews.

Centennial Exhibit Wrap-Up

Becky reported that the exhibit was taken down yesterday. She will write a report on the exhibit and send it to Rebecca for inclusion in the minutes before the next meeting. She will report on the huge amount of work that went into this exhibit including research, planning, writing, editing, publicity, docenting, and storage of the exhibit items. Her report will also cover how successful the exhibit was. The visitor counter suggested that 650 people passed through the doors into the gallery. Becky thinks this number is distorted because of people going in and out, but she

will also tally the number of ballots cast as well as provide some of the comments written in the guest book.

Becky would like someone to volunteer to document the photographs taken of the exhibit. Barbara suggested, and everyone agreed, that a request for a volunteer should go out to the general membership. It was also agreed that Julie should be consulted about the best way to post these photographs on our website.

Becky also wanted to discuss the future of the exhibit. The Santa Fe League members who toured the exhibit had ideas about places it could be exhibited, as did Sonya Berg from Las Vegas. Becky has not heard back from any of them as of yet. Barbara asked Becky to write to all of the local League presidents, as well as Hannah, offering them our materials to exhibit in their communities.

Zoom

JoAnn needs someone to take over as Zoom administrator. Akkana said she is willing to help but cannot commit to attending every meeting. Barbara was hoping that Amy could help as well, but Amy was not present today. JoAnn said that having to be present at every Zoom meeting, or being on call, is the main issue and that is why more than one person needs to be involved. Ellen suggested that the general membership should be queried to see who might be able to volunteer for this. Barbara will write up a description of what will be needed and send it to Becky to send out to our members.

Update on November Election Preparations

Earlier via email we unanimously voted to approve the quote from the LA Daily Post for printing the Voter Guide. Our bylaws require an email vote to be followed by an in-person vote. Becky moved that we accept the quote and Addie seconded this motion. All voted in favor.

Lynn reported that Vote411 went live on September 14. She said the format is not very intuitive (despite complaints about this last year) and it was suggested that a tutorial be included in a Friendly Reminder to our members. Lynn will provide language for Becky, who will then send out the notice. Lynn added that all candidates responded. She will be out of town on September 30, the day the Voter Guide is published in the LA daily Post, and she asked for a volunteer to pick up the remaining copies for disbursement to the libraries, senior centers, and the municipal building. Rosmarie volunteered for this and Lynn will send her an email with directions.

Regarding the Candidate Forum, it is unfortunate that three of the four school board candidates for this non-partisan election, who are registered as Republicans, cannot attend due to scheduling conflicts. They have been offered the opportunity to submit a statement, which will be read to the audience. The Forum will feature a

total of 12 candidates and Felicia will moderate it. Ellen will ask the questions posed by the League or in the chat function of Zoom. High school student Luke Favorite will act as our timekeeper. There is a rehearsal on October 3 at 3:00 p.m. JoAnn asked for details on releasing the Zoom links. It was decided that candidates, as well as guests Naomi Maestas and Jennifer Guy, will have until Sunday September 26 to register. League members will be able to register as of Monday September 27, and the link for registration will be sent by Becky via a Friendly Reminder. The general public will be invited to register on October 3. This invitation will be published in the LA Daily Post and the Los Alamos Reporter.

JoAnn said that during the last forum not all candidates could see the timekeeper. The only suggestion she had to fix this Zoom problem was to "pin" the timekeeper's image. There were several other suggestions offered, but none addressed the problem because of different versions of Zoom. Addie's suggestion that a bell or buzzer be used by Luke seemed to be the best option. Luke will be included in the rehearsal and he may know more about this because his debate club has been meeting via Zoom.

BPU Report

Julie could not be present today.

Council Reports

Addie reported on the August 31 meeting, which she has not yet watched in its entirety. Discussions centered on the location of a future middle school gymnasium and funds from the American Rescue Plan. Rebecca wrote a report covering the September 7 council meeting, but the written report was unavailable to her during this meeting. Lynn will write her report on the September 21 meeting and send it to Barbara.

Barbara had asked the Council to provide for a live transcript of proceedings and this was approved. It was not functioning when Rebecca watched her meeting and Lynn did not see it either. Akkana noted that Zoom, which provides the transcripts, is totally different than Legistar. Barbara said she found her Zoom link within the County Council agenda rather than via Legistar. She will try and find out more information.

Volunteers were solicited for future meetings. Rosmarie will cover September 28; Addie will cover October 5; Lynn will cover October 19; and Barbara will cover October 26.

Rebecca asked if the general membership had ever been asked to help with the coverage of these meetings. It does not appear that has occurred.

Barbara covered the Planning and Zoning Meeting, which included a presentation on the update of the development code. The planners who made the presentation said that they had received many public comments, especially about their intention to combine Zones W1 and W2 (Open Space categories). The planners also ignored county parks. They asked for input from the commissioners. The commissioners did not seem to have an issue with W1 and W2 being combined. Barbara spoke up during the meeting, however, and in the end three different zones were agreed to: W1, W2, and parks. There was also a discussion about the definition of cottage dwellings. Some commissioners were concerned about having greater density and others were more concerned about preserving the character of neighborhoods. Becky asked Barbara to write up a couple of paragraphs explaining these issues in more detail.

Concurrence with California on Criminal Justice Position

Last month it was agreed we will have a meeting on November 8 for all League members to discuss this proposed LWVNM concurrence with California. Felicia was unable to attend the meeting, so we do not know if she has been able to contact the District Attorney or Public Defender for assistance in framing the topic. Addie agreed to help Barbara plan how we should conduct this meeting.

Important Dates

National Voter registration Day is September 28. Instead of having a registration event, it was agreed that we publish something about this day in the local papers. Lynn agreed to add this information to the article she is writing on Vote411.

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

The next board meeting will be October 28, 2021, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:26 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Chaiken