

**MINUTES OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/LOS ALAMOS BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2022  
VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

**Call to Order**

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 12:34 p.m.

**Board Members Present**

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

**Guest:** Jean Dewart, Membership

**Minutes**

The August minutes were accepted as presented.

**Lunch with a Leader**

Karyl Ann reported that she has confirmed Beverley Simpson, Emergency Services Commander, for our October meeting. Barbara will watch the recording from the Anne Laurent event and write up a summary for the *Update*. We planned to invite Teresa Leger Fernandez for our November event, but Karyl Ann said that it may be difficult for her to commit two months in advance. If she is unavailable, Karyl Ann will select another participant from our ongoing list. One new name which had been discussed was Michael Mikolanis, Environmental Manager for the Department of Energy Field Office in Los Alamos. He wanted the League to participate in a Citizen's Advisory Committee, but members of that committee have felt their time was wasted and their voices not heard. Mr. Mikolanis is not interested in participating in our Lunch with a Leader events.

Other names on our list include, but are not limited to: Thom Mason; a representative from Food Depot; Representative Susan Herrera; Eric Peterson; Christine Koblenz; Luis Reyes (CEO of Kit Carson Electrical Co-Op who secured broadband for Taos) County; Senator Bobby Gonzales; Inez Russell Gomez (editorial page editor for the Santa Fe New Mexican); Dede Feldman; Barbara Vigil (CYFD);

Taraka Dale (plastic bottle project); Karl Braithwaite (environmental issues at LANL); Christa Slaton (engaging people with differing opinions); Maxine McReynolds (issues of law); Justice Shannon Bacon; Terry Foecke; Kathleen Sabo (New Mexico Ethics Watch); and Patrick Moore (New Mexico Historic Sites). Ellen suggested that the new LAPS Superintendent, Dr. José Delfin, should be added to this list. Bette Korber, a LANL computational biologist focusing on HIV, was also added to the list.

Barbara asked Karyl Ann to invite Thom Mason for November and Teresa Leger Fernandez for December. Jody countered that December is a busy month and we have fewer attendees, and she suggested instead a representative from Food Depot because it would coincide with the holidays. Karyl Ann will invite Teresa Leger Fernandez for November and if she cannot participate Karyl Ann will invite Thom Mason. Karyl Ann asked Jody to send her an email with his contact information and suggestions on what he could discuss.

### **Treasurer's Report**

The Treasurer's Report for August 2022 showed a checking account beginning book balance of \$1,554.47 and an ending balance of \$1,300.48, which includes total receipts of \$.03 and disbursements of \$254.37. Receipts included interest. Disbursements were to Enterprise Bank, GoDaddy, Aspen Copies, and Zoom. The savings account ending book balance was \$33,312.45, which includes \$.85 interest.

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

We have large expenditures coming up, including LWVUS PMP (\$3,488) and the cost of the Voter Guide which is based on number of pages and will not be known until next week. Rosmarie suggested that we transfer \$6,500 from our savings account to our checking account to cover these expenses. Amy made this motion. Rebecca seconded the motion, and all voted in favor. Rosmarie added that she will also have to pay for the LWVNM PMP, but that amount will not be due until the end of the year.

### **Membership**

Jean advised that we now have 121 individual members. Our newest member is County Council candidate Theresa Cull.

Barbara said that she spoke with the president of LWV of El Paso about Club Express. LWVTX gave each local League \$960 to sign up. It took several months to get finalized but they have been very happy with the service. Barbara and Akkana will bring this issue up to the LWVNM board when it meets this weekend.

### **Voter Services**

Lynn reported that all but one of the local candidates (Reggie Page) have responded to our questions for the Voter Guide. We have also received a pretty good response from candidates at the state level. The Voter Guide will be published on October 6.

Ellen said that she spoke with Carter Page and Jennifer Guy with LAPS. They will be communicating with the 17-year-old students about voter registration and Naomi Maestas has also addressed these students.

Barbara reported that our candidate forums will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on September 29 and October 3. All eight of the County Council candidates will participate on September 29. Barbara will moderate that event and she asked Ellen to moderate on October 3. Barbara is still waiting to hear from two candidates for that event.

Barbara and Charlie Sartor participated in a voter registration event at the Farmer's Market on the 22nd. They registered one new voter and answered questions from many who stopped by their booth. Rebecca volunteered to cover the voter registration event at the Farmer's Market with Charlie Sartor on October 6.

Regarding the candidate forums, which will be held via Zoom, it was agreed that unopposed candidates can answer questions (in the past they only gave a statement). Questions posed to candidates by the audience will be typed into Q and A and Lynn will read them. In the past, inflammatory questions were screened out. It was suggested that Barbara ask for civility and tell the audience that not all questions they pose will be asked due to time constraints. A student from the high school will act as timekeeper.

Akkana asked for an understudy for handling the forums. The time commitment is too much, and Felicia will be unavailable. Jean asked if computer skill was necessary, but Akkana said it is just a matter of starting the event and admitting participants. Bob agreed to help for the October 3 event.

Jody asked for the links for both events so she can publicize them soon.

Akkana said that we need to upgrade our Zoom account in order to host these webinars. Rosmarie will provide the credit card information necessary for this upgrade.

Whether or not to hold events in person or hybrid was discussed. Our library has a Zoom Owl, but it does not work with their internet. Other local Leagues have held hybrid events but with significant technical assistance. Barbara will inquire with PEEC about the cost of hosting future hybrid events at their facility which Jody said worked well for the Sierra Club.

The LA Daily Post provided a written quote for printing the Voter Guide. This quote is as follows: \$2,123.37 for 20 pages; \$2,968.80 for 24 pages; and \$3,334.60 for 28 pages. Jody moved that we approve this quote for printing the Voter Guide and Lynn seconded the motion. All voted in favor.

Regarding questions the LWVLA board may want to pose to the candidates during the forums, Barbara asked that we send preferred questions to the entire board. She and Ellen will compile lists of questions for their respective forums.

### **Observer Corps**

June Fabryka-Martin and Craig Martin are unavailable to cover the September 27 County Council meeting or the September 28 Planning and Zoning meeting. Barbara asked for volunteers, but no one came forward. Our members will be solicited.

### **Important Dates**

The deadline for the next newsletter is October 1, 2022.

The next board meeting will be October 27, 2022, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:36 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Rebecca Chaiken*