

**MINUTES OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS/LOS ALAMOS BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY MAY 26, 2022
VIA ZOOM DUE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK**

Call to Order

Barbara Calef called the meeting to order at 1:21 p.m.

Board Members Present

Barbara Calef, Co-President
Becky Shankland, Co-President
Ellen Mills, Second Vice President
Rebecca Chaiken, Secretary
Lynn Jones, Voter Services
Karyl Ann Armbruster, Lunch with a Leader
Akkana Peck, Director at Large
Jody Benson, Publicity

Minutes

The April minutes were accepted as presented.

Treasurer's Report

Rosmarie emailed an abbreviated Treasurer's Report for April 2022. This report reflected a checking account beginning book balance of \$2,691.71; total receipts of \$2,706.04; disbursements of \$190.57; and an ending book balance of \$5,207.18. Receipts stemmed from the fundraising drive (\$825) and membership dues.

Barbara asked that if anyone had questions about the report, to email Rosmarie with a copy to the rest of the board.

Lunch with a Leader

Karyl Ann reported that our guest for the June event will be Claudia Borchert. For July, Karyl Ann suggested either Senator Leo Jaramillo or a representative from the Food Depot, both of whom were included in the list of possibilities reported in the April minutes. Barbara suggested that Anne Laurent, the Deputy County Manager and former head of both Community Planning and Public Works, be added to the list. Becky concurred with this suggestion. Several people from the list of possibilities were suggested for our August event, but Ellen suggested instead that we invite Emergency Services Commander Beverley Simpson. She could talk about both COVID and the fires that recently threatened our community. This suggestion received a positive response from the group.

Membership

According to Jean's most recent report, we have 116 individual members.

Policies

Barbara reported that all Conflict of Interest signatures have been received and recorded.

Barbara briefly reported on our Non-Partisan Policy which was sent to the board on April 23, 2022. This policy prohibits the President(s), First Vice President, and Voter Services Director from attending partisan functions unless the purpose is becoming informed about candidates and issues. It is important for anyone participating in such events to ensure that nothing they say constitutes a public statement of partisanship attributable to the League. Any questions about this policy should be brought to the board for clarification.

Hybrid Meetings

Because the COVID numbers continue to climb, Barbara noted that the June Lunch with a Leader will be held virtually. Felicia has secured the Fellowship Hall at the Unitarian Church for future meetings should we decide to hold these meetings in person. Jean Dewart indicated that League member Zachary Baker is knowledgeable about setting up hybrid meetings, and he would be willing to set this up for us for future meetings. Karyl Ann will contact him about this possibility.

Retreat Plans

Jean suggested that we use a centralized mailing list for contacting our membership, so we do not have multiple people using multiple lists. Akkana said that there are such lists such as the birding list used by PEEC. Another list would be something like Constant Contact which tends not to be supported by free sites. This will be discussed in more detail at the retreat scheduled for Saturday and Akkana will see what options may be available.

As of this morning, there were 10 confirmed to attend the retreat at Ellen's house. Julie Williams-Hill plans to be there and we can discuss with her the website and YouTube. Following lunch, we will have a warm-up exercise. Then we will discuss our roles and any issues; Jean's idea about having a centralized mailing list; and the review process for the county's Development Code.

Primary Election

Barbara has been working at the polls during this primary election. As of this morning, approximately 700 votes had been cast. She helped open the ballot box at

the public library, which is done every day of the week. The box has two locks and a seal and those present create a written record of what was found.

There are currently 15 people in the county building that are looking at the 2020 ballots. The County Clerk cannot ask what group they represent, and she must cover up the last four digits of the social security numbers contained on absentee ballot envelopes. Barbara hopes that Maire O'Neill will investigate and report on this event.

The LWVNM Executive Committee has planned some election-related events including a film on voter suppression (June 15), get out the vote training (July 20), a forum on ranked-choice voting (August 31), and an educational event on the constitutional amendment transferring funds from the permanent fund to early childhood education (September 15).

Miscellaneous

Barbara learned that the new underpass from the Canyon Rim Trail contains art panels, like the White Rock rock. Julie Williams-Hill said that we can apply to have a panel which will last for one year. Rebecca suggested we use the poster Ellen found for the 100th Anniversary as the basis for our panel. We will need to secure the permit and find an artist to help.

Becky asked Jody to write an article for the newsletter on the activities of the Zero Waste team.

Important Dates

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

There will be no board meeting in June. The next board meeting will be July 28, 2022, from 12:00 to 2:00 p.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:13 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Rebecca Chaiken