

League of Women Voters of New Mexico

Council 2012

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May 12, 2012, 10 a.m.- 11:52 a.m.

Members Present:

LWVNM Board: Joe Keefe, Cheryl Haaker, Mona Blaber, Chris Burroughs, Dick Mason, Linda Moscarella, Meredith Machen

Other Delegates: Sandra Browne, Karen Wentworth, Bonnie Burn, Rosmarie Frederickson, Barbara Calef, Donna Reynolds, Adair Waldenberg

Attending as Observers: Herb Hughes, Olin Bray, Jan Bray, Linda McDowell, Peg Hill (LWVUS liaison, luncheon speaker)

Attending Luncheon Only: Lora Lucero

Call to Order: LWVNM Leadership Team Co-President Linda Moscarella called meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Quorum: Moscarella asked the group to introduce themselves and announced that a quorum was present.

Appointment of Readers: Donna Reynolds and Bonnie Burn were appointed as readers of the Council 2012 minutes.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Leadership Team Report:

- 1) Moscarella said her Leadership Team report is not complete. She said she felt the action, redistricting, land use reports were reported thoroughly in the last *La Palabra*.
- 2) Moscarella said she will submit a report to the minutes on what happened at the Legislative session and on redistricting.
- 3) Mason said he wanted to see if people had questions on redistricting, action and land use.
- 4) Burn said she wanted to congratulate the Leadership Team on putting together an effective leadership team model. "For four people to write a leadership team model is extraordinary," she said.

- 5) Moscarella requested study chairs give reports.
 - a) Land Use: Calef, chair of the state study of land use, said her study committee had written several articles on land use issues for *La Palabra*. Several local leagues have had meetings on land use. Also, Calef announced that Natural Resources Chair Lora Lucero was stepping down and moving to the Middle East. Barbara also announced that she was not going to have time to work on the study personally, but that it was important to continue working to revise the natural resources position because the current position is outdated. Keefe noted that there are some at-large members who might be interested in working on the study.
 - b) Alcohol Study: Jan Bray said that she was taking over leadership of the Alcohol Study Committee following the death of Dee Watkins. She said the committee has a lot of information on alcohol treatment but needs to do more research in the area of prevention, the last piece of the study. She expects the committee to have a report completed and ready to present to the state League in the September-October time frame
 - c) PRC Study: Machen, member of the LWVNM Leadership Team, said that the study group is making progress on the study. Several members made a presentation on the study to the LWVLA earlier this year. More information is expected to come in September.

As part of the Leadership Team report, Moscarella noted that Jane Gaziano, former member of LWVNM and former president of the Santa Fe League, recently died.

Treasurer's report:

Operating Fund

- 1) Treasurer Haaker said the LWVNM has a total of \$10,775.79 in "liquid" funds, including checking (\$1,764.43) and savings (\$9,011.36). The CD accumulated \$36.68 in interest and was renewed for another year at 0.60 percent. Membership appears to have dropped in all Leagues but Los Alamos.
- 2) PAVP grant: Of the \$5,000 grant, there is a total of \$3,188.61 remaining. Overall, and thanks entirely to the PAVP grant, the League took in \$1,212 more than budgeted. Moreover, we have spent \$3,599 less than budgeted. This gives a potential surplus of \$4,811 of which \$3,189 is subject to the PAVP grant restrictions and \$1,622 which is not.
- 3) In-Kind Contributions: Total in-kind contributions for FY2011-12 were \$401.12.
- 4) Tax Returns: The federal form 990N and state nonprofit report will be filed online shortly after Council.
- 5) Expenses: Haaker noted there are more travel expenses in this budget, largely due to travel to the LWVUS convention in Washington, D.C. Originally it was calculated that two people

would attend at \$800 each, but now three people are going. The board recommended raising the compensation to \$2,400 so that each of the three delegates would be reimbursed up to \$800 each.

- 6) Postal Permit: Haaker said that piggybacking on LWVCNM's permit has worked well. She also noted that because more people are getting La Palabra via email, the amount allocated for mailing probably can be reduced.

Education Fund

Haaker said the LWVNM received \$50 in checks the week before the Council meeting. A check will be sent to our LWVUS account at the end of May in hopes that more contributions come in. Once the check is deposited, the balance will be \$1,536.42. An updated *Voters' Key* will need to be prepared after the November election. At least \$1,600 will be needed to print it. Moreover, the budget specifies \$1,600 in revenue sharing with the local Leagues. Overall, there were no expenditures from the Ed Fund in 2011-12, but LWVNM will have taken in \$375.

Machen moved to accept the Operating Fund budget as amended; Frederickson, seconded. The board unanimously approved.

Mason moved that the LWVNM board be authorized to move money from the Operating Fund to the Ed Fund, if needed to cover cost of *Voters' Key*; Machen seconded. A hand vote was taken. The tally was 8 yes, 3 no, and 3 abstained. The motion passed.

Frederickson moved to set the budget for *Voters' Key* at \$1,486.42 and remove the revenue sharing line, taking into account that money can be moved from the Operating Fund to the Ed Fund to pay for any overtures of printing the publication. Mason seconded. The board approved unanimously.

Program:

- 1) Climate Change: Lucero was not in attendance to discuss the Climate Change Program.
- 2) *Voters' Guide*: Machen said that more people are needed to help with the *Voters' Guide* preparation. They are needed to come up with questions via email. Each local League will use the same standardized questions. Also, ads will be placed in papers in municipalities that do not have local Leagues, directing people to the LWVNM website.

Local League Sharing

Local League presidents outlined some of their League's activities. Among some of the information relayed included:

- 1) Co-president LWVCNM Sandra Browne announced that the UNM Law School will not be available for the July LWVNM meeting.
- 2) LWVSFC has been nominated for the Santa Fe Community Foundation Pinon Award.

Directions to the Board: Council members were asked for direction in terms of objectives and activities outlined in the LWVNM 2011-2012 Strategic Plan.

- 1) LWVNM should align its fiscal year with the IRS fiscal year.
- 2) Treasurers of local Leagues should get together with Haaker, Burn, and Mason to find out how LWVGLC rearranged its fiscal year.
- 3) Delegates at the LWVUS convention should speak out against a raise in PMP.
- 4) The LWVNM board was encouraged to consider fundraising efforts for the Ed Fund.
- 5) The LWVNM treasurer should continue to investigate establishing a Pay Pal account to allow people to make donations to the state via the web.
- 6) LWVNM should look into getting involved in community activities as LWVGLC has in Las Cruces. The Las Cruces group has been volunteering with the Children's Reading Foundation.
- 7) The board was encouraged to continue the pattern started this year at the 2013 League Day at the Legislature. This included a reception/panel discussion the day before and a panel on the actual day.

Adjournment: The board adjourned at 11:52 p.m.

Submitted by:

Chris Burroughs
LWVNM Secretary

July 17, 2012, 4:20 p.m.