**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF NEW MEXICO**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

May 17, 2015, Albuquerque

Present: Barbara Calef, Diane Goldfarb, Cheryl Haaker, Gwen Hanson, Meredith Machen, Dick Mason, Tarin Nix, Akkana Peck, Miriam Ries, Laura Stokes, Carol Tucker Trelease, Judy Williams.

Guest: Linda Wassenich

President Machen called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

The agenda was reviewed and approved.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously passed to approve the minutes of our March 21 Board meeting.

Board members were asked if there were suggestions to improve Convention. One idea was to explain “concurrence” further and to review our policy on concurrence and other documents regarding adopting positions. We should look at member documents to see if what we might want to include in the packet or in communications before Convention.

When League members make comments and suggestions, please let Meredith or the whole Board know if you think they merit discussion and follow-up.

The Nonpartisan Policy was reviewed. Board responsibilities document was also reviewed. A draft Strategic Plan and To Do list was also discussed briefly.

We continued reviewing the Board Calendar. Tarin asked about “Council.” Council is the state League meeting that is held in the year in between Conventions. New positions are not adopted at Council. The draft Board Calendar in our packet needs to be finalized, so Board members were asked to review their calendars for conflicts and to reserve all dates in their calendars.

The next scheduled Board meeting is July 18 at North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center from 11:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Carol will confirm the location and reserve a space for us to use.

The deadline for *La Palabra was* changed to July 19 (from July 27). Local League presidents will provide quarterly reports March through July. Other articles were discussed.

Tarin, Akkana, and Laura will be leaders of the Communications Committee and will discuss social media, website outreach, Constant Contact messages, and more

The Los Alamos Board will be asked to host Convention. Diane and Carol will look into the possibility of holding Council in Albuquerque next May.

Dick reported that Viki Harrison of Common Cause is working on public financing for elections around New Mexico.

Judy reported that LWVUS wants local Leagues to work on consensus questions on the Constitutional Amendment study and the Money in Politics study.

Judy will write an article for *La Palabra* regarding getting local League participation in the Charter School study.

Dick and Judy will write an Op Ed piece on the Mental Health funding crisis in New Mexico.

New Mexico Senator Peter Wirth says that if you don’t have the attention of legislators by October, you miss the opportunity to work with them during the legislative session in January.

Our policies were revised/updated in July through September of 2013.The Board could have a committee to review policies. Meredith is asking new Board members to do this and let us know if there is anything unclear.

All Board members gave thanks to our national liaison, Linda Wassenich, for attending Convention.

There being no further business, it was moved, seconded and unanimously passed to end our meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Tucker Trelease

Secretary