

LWVME ED FUND TRUSTEES' MEETING –August 10, 2012
Searsport Cottage

Present: Barbara McDade, Ann Luther, Anne Schink, Colleen Tucker, Cathie Whittenburg, Martha Dickinson, Polly Ferguson, Sarah Walton and Jill Ward

The meeting was called to order at 1:22 p.m. by Barbara, and the Minutes of the April and May, 2012 meetings were approved.

Ann reviewed the Treasurer's reports with us. The reports were filed for audit.

Email votes: 1.) to approve the revised Candidate Debate Policy for LWVME and the Ed Fund, and
2.) to approve the revised Fundraising Policy for the LWVME and Ed Fund.

Easy Reader Voters' Guide– Sarah Robinson recommended that local League members visit schools to discuss the Voter Guide with schoolchildren. Sarah advised of the goal of having the **Emily Farley Fund** contribute half the cost of the ERVG. The need to appoint new Trustees to the Emily Farley Fund was discussed; most of the current Trustees are no longer members of LWVME. Anne Schink offered to call the current Trustees of the Emily Farley Fund to discuss this. In accordance with the Bylaws of the Fund, Trustees are to be appointed by the Portland League leadership.

Sarah also discussed her and Anne Schink's plan to solicit corporate sponsorships and submit grant requests.

As a reminder: at an earlier meeting The Trustees discussed applying for grants with the Maine Community Foundation, the Emily Farley Fund, the King Foundation and Maine Initiatives to fund the publication of the Easy Reader Voters' Guide. Maine Adult Ed wants to partner with us and will proofread materials for free and contact educators for feedback. At an earlier meeting, the Board discussed possible sponsorship versus having ads in the Voter, and agreed to focus on seeking sponsorships from AARP, Adult Ed, United Way, and how to best utilize INFORME'S Democracy website link.

411 website/ Voter info – Sarah Robinson let the Board in a discussion of progress made with developing Maine's site on Vote 411: all ballot questions, candidates and questions are there. The challenge now is getting candidates to participate.

A motion PASSED for the Ed Fund to pay \$250 to co-sponsor (with the Maine Women's Policy Center) the October 4th US Senatorial Debate at Hannaford Hall on the USM campus in Portland.

The Ed Fund Trustees adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Colleen P. Tucker
Secretary