

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE
Board Meeting Minutes
January 31, 2013
Women, Work & Community, UMA Gannett Building, Augusta, ME

Board Present – Barbara McDade, Jill Ward, Ann Luther, Val March, Polly Ferguson, Cathie Whittenburg, Martha Dickinson, Colleen Tucker
Guests – Karla Wight

Called to Order – by Barbara at 10:15 a.m.
Review of minutes from the November meeting.
ACTION: moved/approved as submitted

Treasurer's Report

Ann reviewed Treasurer's reports and LWVME, Portland League, Brunswick League and Downeast League's bank accounts and signatures on each; a new signatory is needed for the LWVME Ed Fund account

ACTION: Reports will be filed for audit

Board Operations & Governance

Jill led a discussion about developing the Board Toolkit
Jill will work on developing a Social Media policy for our next meeting, March 22
Laura Bean has joined Ann, Martha and Sarah Robinson on our Nominating Committee

Local League Activity

Brunswick League – Ann reported that Michelle Small had closed the PO box and directed mail to go to the State Board; discussion followed re: developing leadership team in Brunswick

Portland League : recent meeting about the Charter School Commission led by Jana Lapoint, LWVME member and Chair of the Commission; meetings relating to the LWVUS Ag Study; upcoming meeting on Portland's City Charter Commission

Bangor League: Barbara discussed plan to develop

Communications Committee

Jill will set up an internal master calendar on Google calendar to consolidate events
Martha led discussion about timing and content of next newsletter, to come out in time for Quad States (4/27 & 28) and State Convention (5/25)

Program

Barbara discussed meetings being held at the Bangor Library in conjunction with Maine Municipal Assoc. to discuss impact of Governor's budget proposals on Bangor
Discussion around collaboration with MBPN on upcoming showings of "Park Avenue" in Portland and Bangor
Quad States- Barbara reported on recent activity and planning

State Convention

The Board discusses possible venues and programming
A Budget Committee was self-selected, with Val Marsh (Chair), Ann and Jill and plans to invite off

Board member Polly Ward

Advocacy

Ann led a discussion on top issues we'll be following

Development Committee

Tasks assigned to move forward with the fundraising program proposed by Jill and adopted by the Board

Barbara, Ann and Val agreed to work on a grant application for our archive project due February 15

Coalitions

MFOIC -Board voted to pay \$50.00 dues to renew membership

Coalition for Maine Women- Cathie reported that they have adopted Early Voting as one of four legislative priorities- thank you, Cathie!

MCCE – Ann and Jill reported on recent activity

Adjourned – 2:01pm

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Tucker, Secretary