

League of Women Voters of Maine Education Fund Trustees' Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2016 – 2:30 to 3:00 pm

Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)

One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

Present – Jill Ward, Ann Luther, Polly Ward, Barbara Kaufman, Stephanie Philbrick, Barbara McDade, Joanna Bowers, John Brautigam, Regina Coppens

Preliminaries

- Call to order 2:01 pm.
- Approval of Minutes from August Meeting – on a motion by Ann Luther, second by Barbara McDade, the minutes were approved unanimously.
- Email vote on expenditure for RCV public comment in SoS voter guide – Approved 13-0.
- Treasurer's Report. Ann Luther presented. Filed for financial review.

Board Operations

- Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 budget. Ann Luther presented the proposed budget. She suggested amending the budget to L236 to L237 -- the original \$9,500 hundred was on the wrong line altogether and to move \$5,000 for Finn's contract from L237 to L 287. The amendment was moved by Barbara McDade with a second by Barbara Kaufman and approved unanimously. The fiscal year budget as amended was moved by Barbara McDade, second by Barbara Kaufman. Unanimously approved.
- Update on Finn Melanson Contract – Jill Ward described the work being done by Finn to provide educational outreach regarding Ranked Choice Voting. Volunteers are needed to assist Finn to meet the schedule for the presentations requested.

Voter Service & Education Update

- Voter Guide Update & ballot presentations – Jill Ward, Joanna Bowers and Barbara Kaufman provided an update on the status of the Voter Guide. It should be ready for distribution on October 4, 2016. Some of the candidates have not responded to the questionnaire at this point. The goal is to have responses from all candidates. John Brautigam's presentation on the ballot questions is on the web site to be used as appropriate.
- Voter registration activities & National Voter Registration Day (September 27th) – Jill Ward reviewed the activities planned for National Voter Registration Day and the record-keeping requirements resulting from a grant from the LWVUS. All of the local leagues are actively involved in registering new voters. Regina Coppens is designing a postcard to be sent to all new voters reminding them to vote in the 2016 election.
- RCV educational presentations – discussed during the item on Finn Melanson's contract.
- Naturalization ceremonies – Peg Balano keeps track of the number of new voters registered during these ceremonies.
- Forums – Stephanie Philbrick reported on a forum planned for Brunswick. It may not be held due to the unavailability of the candidates representing one of the parties.

Adjourn at 2:50 pm.

Submitted by Polly Ward, Vice-President