



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

Board of Directors & Education Fund Trustees Meetings Minutes

Friday, August 19, 2016 ♦ 5:00pm – 6:00pm

Abromson Center, Room 213, USM

Portland, Maine

Education Fund Trustees' Meeting

Present: Joanna Bowers, John Brautigam, Regina Coppens, Helen Hanlon, Barbara Kaufman, Ann Luther, , Linda Lord, Barbara McDade, , Stephanie Philbrick, Colleen Tucker, Jill Ward, Polly Ward, Cathie Whittenburg

Preliminaries

- Call to order at 5:38 p.m.
- Approval of Minutes from May Meeting - Barbara McDade moved to approve as presented. Linda Lord second. Unanimously approved.
- Email vote on expenditure for strategic planning process – Approved 13 to zero.
- Treasurer's Report. Ann Luther presented. Report filed for audit.

Board Operations

- Contract for Finn Melanson to continue RCV education project. Ann Luther moved to accept recommendation of LWVME and authorize the Board President, along with Executive Committee, to contract with Finn Melanson through mid-November not to exceed \$5000. Barbara McDade second. Unanimously approved.
- Expenditure for MBPN underwriting for NVRD promotion. Barbara Kaufman moved to accept recommendation of LWVME for to use \$500 LWV pass-through grant, along with an additional \$25, to purchase MPBN ads to promote NVRD. Ann Luther second. Unanimously approved.

Voter Service & Education Update

- Update from Joanna Bowers reported that the Voter Guide is going well. Will be sending out a draft for review and edit soon.
- Voter Guide & Educational Presentation on Ballot Measures, including discussion of Emily Farley Fund request for support. Unfortunately, did not get anticipated grants. In order to stay with the goal of printing 50,000 copies of Voter Guide will ask for \$3,500 from Emily Farley fund. John Brautigam has developed a presentation for the ballot measures that others can easily use.
- Voter registration activities & National Voter Registration Day. Regina Coppens is working on NVRD events. She and Helen Hanlon will each be staffing an event, will be working with a volunteer. Also hoping to do other events that day.
- Naturalization ceremonies. Brief discussion on some communication problems between Portland and Bangor teams.
- Forums – Portland Chapter has been asked to partner with Portland Public Library and the Portland Press Herald on a forum event, League has been asked to talk about the RCV ballot question. Bangor Chapter is doing a forum with the Bangor City Council and School Committee. Also trying to put together a forum with Emily Cain and Bruce Poliquin.

Adjourn at 6:14 p.m.

Submitted by Cathie Whittenburg, Secretary