



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

LWVME Ed Fund Trustees Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, January 28, 2017

Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)

One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

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

Absent – Barbara McDade, Colleen Tucker

Preliminaries

- Call to order at 2:05 pm.
- Approval of Minutes from November Meeting. Ann Luther moved and Barbara Kaufman seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Report -Ann Luther gave Ed Fund report. Report filed for audit.

Board Operations & Governance

- Linda Lord moved, John Brautigam seconded, that the grant application to the Maine Humanities be allowed to include \$200 from LWVME Ed Fund. Ann Luther added, Polly Ward seconded, a friendly amendment that it can be up to \$500. Unanimously approved.
- Polly Ward moved, Barbara Kaufman seconded, to approve the request from LWVME that Ed Fund pay for hotel room at Quad States for anyone who requests it. Unanimously approved.
- Ann Luther moved, Linda Lord seconded, request from LWVME that Ed Fund grant the Downeast League \$50. Unanimously approved.
- Board Roles and Responsibilities – Barbara Kaufman moved, Ann Luther seconded, to adopt amended policy. Unanimously approved.
- Contract proposal – Polly Ward moved, Helen Hanlon seconded, to approve request from LWVME to engage in a proposal to offer David Sammarco a part-time, six month contract. Unanimously approved.
- Fundraising –
 - Grant report for WhyNot – Jill Ward reported we will be submitting an additional request for funds.
 - LWVUS pass-thru grant re: voter registration – Jill Ward reported on grant proposal progress.
 - Maine Humanities/Archives grant - Linda Lord reported on grant proposal progress.
- Compliance Report – Ann Luther noted that LWVME Ed Fund has filed their 1099s and 1096.

Voter Service & Education Update

- Voter Guide Recap – Joanna Bowers reported. The Guide was very well received and went out earlier this year than in the past. All in all a success.
- RCV Implementation - Jill Ward reported that the Ed Fund is proposing to take the lead on the details around RVC implementation and public education. Details about the legislative request for solemn occasion still unclear. Polly Ward moved and Linda Lord seconded that a subcommittee consisting of Ann Luther, John Brautigam, Jill Ward and Polly Ward be given the authority to sign off on a brief, either our own or someone else's, if the request goes forward and the courts accept it. Unanimously approved.
- Partnership with Scholars Strategy Network on speaker series – Amy Fried runs a Maine chapter of this national organization and would like to partner with the Ed Fund on bringing scholars of interest to Maine. She would like our help in coordinating a multi-stop trip for the speaker. Most likely two events a year, spring and fall.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm