

# **LWVME Education Fund Trustees Meeting**

Saturday, January 6, 2018 ♦ 1:00 – 3:00pm  
Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)  
One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

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Present: Jill Ward, Ann Luther, Barbara Kaufman, Helen Hanlon, Stephanie Philbrick, Polly Ward, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade, John Brautigam, Peg Balano, Anne Schink, Regina Coppens, Cathie Whittenburg by phone

Also present: Anna Kellar, Gary Friedmann, Mason Morfit by phone until 2:37 pm.

## **Preliminaries**

- Call to order at 1:32 pm.
- Approval of Minutes from November Meeting. Barbara McDade moved and John Brautigam seconded. Unanimously approved
- Email vote on November 28, 2017 to recommend to the Ed Fund a transfer of \$8,500 to MCCE in support of partnership work. Unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Report – Ann Luther gave the Ed Fund report. Report filed for audit.

## **Board Operations**

- Joint discussion with MCCE Board members on the collaboration, hiring staff and team building.
- Policy review – Barbara Kaufman motioned to approve the policies adopted by the LWVME Board of Directors. Helen Hanlon seconded. Unanimously approved.

## **Fundraising Update**

- Hewlett grant to support implementation of RCV. It will be \$250,000 for now until the end of June.
- Whynot-FairVote grant of \$25,000 to support gearing up for the RCV implementation.
- LWVUS pass-thru grant has been awarded to support voter registration for young and underrepresented populations.
- Community Conversations proposals to support the development of a full range of efforts to engage people who may disagree in civil and respectful conversations. Several proposals are pending.

**Study Committee** – the committee to study the primary system in Maine is aiming to have the results of its work ready for presentation to the Board at the March meeting. The Secretary of State's Office reported to the Veterans and Legal Affairs committee on January 3, 2018 on the anticipated cost of a presidential primary.

## **Voter Service & Education Update**

- 2018 Voter Guide – need to start developing a plan
- Making Your Vote Count brochure has been updated and reprinting is in process.
- LWVUS 2018 voter registration grant was discussed. Peg Balano provided lanyards to members to use when conducting voter registration drives.
- Naturalization ceremonies – Peg Balano reported on the number of new citizens registered to vote during 2017.
- Partnership with Scholars Strategy Network on speaker series – Barbara McDade reported on the visit by Shauna Shames to Bangor and Portland in early March.

## **New Business**

- Town Manager outreach – deferred until the March meeting.

**Adjourn:** Meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Polly Ward