

## League of Women Voters of Maine Education Fund Trustees' Meeting

Saturday, March 12, 2016 ♦ 1:00pm – 2:00pm

Maine Center for Economic Policy

One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

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**Present** Joanna Bowers, John Brautigam, Helen Hanlon, Linda Lord, Ann Luther, Barbara McDade, Stephanie Philbrick, Jill Ward, Polly Ward

**Call to order:** at 1:24 pm

### **Preliminaries**

- Minutes of the January 9, 2016 meeting - Barbara McDade moved to accept the minutes as presented. Linda Lord second. Unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Reports – filed for review.

### **Board Operations & Governance**

- Policy Review – Ann Luther moved to adopt the policy on Candidate Debates as passed by the LWVME Board. Helen Hanlon second. Unanimously approved.
- LWVME to Ed Fund Requests
  - Ann Luther moved to approve the educational outreach project funded by the Palmer grant to FairVote Maine as a re-grant from FairVote Maine, as recommended by the LWVME Board of Directors. Joanna Bowers second. Unanimously approved.
  - Ann Luther moved to authorize the President to utilize some of the Davis grant to the LWVME Education Fund and to negotiate with Vision and Strategy, LLC to manage the educational/outreach project funded by the Palmer grant to FairVote Maine and re-granted to the LWVME. Barbara McDade second. Approved unanimously.
  - Ann Luther moved to approve two (2) Voter Services projects recommended by the LWVME Board:
    1. the fall 2016 paper Voter Guide, in the amount of \$10,900 for 50,000 copies, and
    2. the Voter Services brochure on how to vote, in the amount of \$1,505 for 1,000 copies.

Linda Lord second. Unanimously approved.

- Appointment of a new trustee – the LWVME Ed Fund welcomed Gina Coppens as the new trustee to the Fund.

### **Fundraising Committee**

Jill Ward reported on two grant applications that were submitted in February, 2016:

- a grant for \$6,900 to Maine Community Foundation for expansion of Voter Guide project to print 50K guides and includes \$500 for Vote 411.
- a grant for \$5,500 to Fisher Foundation for expansion of Voter Guide project to print 50K guides and includes \$1,500 for General Voting Brochure (includes project management, design, and printing \$1,000).

### **Voter Service and Education Committee**

- RCV education project – see Ed Fund Board Operations & Governance
- Voting Brochure – see Ed Fund Board Operations & Governance
- Voter Guide – see Ed Fund Board Operations & Governance
- Library partnership – Barbara Kaufman provided a written report regarding an effort to enlist the Maine State Library in sponsoring a Voter Registration Day on September 27, 2016 (National Voter Registration Day) that will include libraries around the state holding voter registration drives. Helen Hanlon provided additional information on the meeting with the library representative that she and Regina Coppens attended.
- Voter Services Committee – Jill Ward reported that Joanna Bowers has agreed to co-chair the Voter Services Committee.

**Adjourn:** – 1:55 p.m.