

LWVME meeting May 30, 2014

Present: Barbara McDade., Barbara Kaufman, Jill Ward, Kim McCollister, Ann Luther, Michelle Small, Colleen Tucker, Lorraine Glowzcak, Cathie Whittenburg

Absent: Polly Ward, Tammy Wing, Leslie Harlow, Martha Dickinson

Preliminaries

Call to order 9:15

Minutes: 3/22/2014 will be truncated and re-sent; CPT to send amended minutes from last meeting to Ann

Treasurer's Reports-Ann reviewed State, Portland, Downeast and Brunswick League reports with Board- filed for audit

Barbara K led review of our Strategy guideline and Board agrees that we are doing well on most goals

Code of Ethics: Jill, Michelle and Colleen will bring something to the Board for consideration

Staff sharing proposal from LWVCT-discussed and Board will explore further

WGS Internship-Advocacy Committee will follow up for possible intern opportunity

Retreat- date of August 16 chosen- venue TBD

Fundraising & Development Committee- Jill led discussion; spring appeal did well

Membership Committee-we have 18% increase in membership within past fiscal year-

Portland League was recognized by LWVUS for its increased membership

Events Committee- Lorraine led discussion about upcoming (September 22, 2014)

fundraising/membership/ educational event at Bayside Bowl and other events coming together

Communications-Ann thanked for her ongoing excellence with managing our email blasts; Michelle feted for her agreement to take on position of editor of Maine Voter, with Martha thanked for her past service as same; Jill reported on heightened Facebook response with \$5 payment and Cathie contributed \$100 to ongoing Facebook promotion of League events

Quad States- successful event, after paying all expenses, we have \$500 to carry over for net year's event; New England States Regional collaborative effort, formed a committee focusing on climate change as well as Voting and Elections subcommittee; next year's May 2 & 3, 2015.

Program: discussions around upcoming LWVUS Convention June 6-10 in Dallas, TX; LWVUS Agriculture Policy Update; Advocacy Committee Update, Michelle will be putting together a State Impact on Issues; discussion around MCCE ballot initiative for Clean Elections reforms-signature gathering at June election; discussion around continuing membership as coalition partners with Choice Coalition and Coalition for Maine Women;

Ed Fund-none

Portland League has upcoming Retreat; Downeast- book group; Bangor-just completed third panel on independent (unenrolled) voters;

ADJOURNED AT 1:16 PM