

Minutes of the LWVME
March 21, 2015
Maine State Library, Augusta

Present: Helen Hanlon (visitor), Cathie Whittenburg; Barbara McDade; Ann Luther; Colleen Tucker; Barbara Kaufman; Jill Ward; Polly Ward; Joanna Bowers (visitor) and Sarah Woodard (visitor)

Absent: Lorraine Glowczak

9:15 a.m. introductions and welcome to prospective Board members Helen Hanlon, Joanna Bowers and Sarah Woodard

Call to order by Pres. Barbara McDade at 9:30 a.m.

Minutes of January 24, 2015 meeting: **ACTION:** Ann moved, Barbara K seconded acceptance of Minutes, and were APPROVED unanimously by Board.

Treasurer's report: Ann presented the Treasurer's reports, which will be filed for review. Fundraising continues to pay off.

EMAIL votes: none

Board Operations & Governance

Michelle Small and Tammy Wing have resigned, and the Board regrettably accepts their resignations and thanks them for their service to the League.

Nominating Committee report given by Ann: six current Board members and five new Board candidates have agreed to stand for nomination to the Board

Privacy Policy: Colleen moved for re-adoption as is; Barbara K seconded and the Board approved and the Web Site Policy will be reviewed, updated and submitted for approval at the next meeting

State Convention May 1 and 2; Barbara K. led discussion. **ACTION:** Motion to approve Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick as a venue and dinner at the Tavern made by Jill, Ann seconded, unanimously approved

Quad States will be in Wells, May 16 & 17, focussing on election law

Paid Staff Plan Ann updated; negotiations will begin with best candidate Monday

Bylaws Review Committee: will be amending and submitted for approval at State Convention

Fundraising & Development Committee

Jill reviewed and Board discussed our Fundraising Plan; Jill will convene a meeting of the Committee to nail down a spring appeal.

Membership

Ann reports 203 members; plan to contact lapsing members discussed; and Ann discussed results of \$25.00 student/ first time membership dues (which led to 35 new members) and the Board discussed continuance of the policy and plans to solicit membership renewals

Communications Committee

Ann is doing a great job with marshalling the email communications around events, etc; discussion ensued around Sunshine Week, Women's History Month, legislative workshop protocol versus practice

Program

National Study: Ann working with LWVUS on Constitutional Convention and on Money in Politics Study

Quad States event:

ACTION: Motion to recommend to Ed Fund to contribute \$50/night to Quad States participants who request assistance in subsidizing hotel room made by Ann; seconded by Cathie and passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion to recommend to Ed Fund to contribute \$50.00 for Quad States made by Ann, seconded by Barbara and passed unanimously.

Advocacy Committee update: Ann reported Lobby Corp has never been stronger.

Coalitions:

Coalition for Maine Women : Maine Women's Fund luncheon at Holiday Inn by the Bay on May 19, 2015 **ACTION:** Motion to pay \$40 renewal membership fee to Coalition for Maine Coalition made by Ann, seconded by Jill and unanimously approved.

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