



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

LWVME 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, 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 9:13 a.m
- Approval of Minutes from November Meeting - Stephanie Philbrick moved, Helen Hanlon seconded. Unanimously approved.
- Treasurer's Reports - Ann Luther presented reports for LWVME and Downeast Leagues, Polly Ward presented Portland report. Reports filed for audit.

Board Operations & Governance

- Strategic Planning Update – Jill Ward presented Strategic Planning draft and Mission/Values/History statements.
- Board Roles and Responsibilities. Cathie Whittenburg outlined changes to current policy. Ann Luther moved and Polly Ward seconded to adopt police with suggested amendment. Unanimously approved.
- Nominating Committee – Discussed Inventory of Skills for the Board and who will serve on nominating committee both from the board and off board. Jill Ward, John Brautigam, Linda Lord, Barbara McDade and Joanna Bowers will start the process.
- Update on MCCE-LWVME partnership work group – Jill Ward gave an update.
- Contract proposal – Polly Ward moved and Ann Luther seconded a motion to ask the Ed Fund to provide a contract to David Sammarco, part-time for six months, primarily to support fundraising and grant writing in the amount of \$12-\$15K. Contract will be finalized subject to legal review and final approval by the board. Unanimously approved.
- Ann Luther moved and Barbara Kaufman seconded a motion to ask the Ed Fund to grant the Downeast League \$50. Unanimous approved.
- May 19-20 Convention planning – Barbara Kaufman, Jill Ward, Joanna Bowers, Helen Hanlon and Cathie Whittenburg will work on logistics and agenda for Convention.
- Compliance Report – Ann Luther reported that LWVME filled its 1099s and 1096s this month.

Committee Items

- Advocacy Corps Report – Ann Luther reported on legislative agenda and activity in the new session.
- Fundraising Report – Ann Luther gave update on the end of the year appeal. Discussion of possible redesign of the remit envelope followed.
- Membership Report – Ann Luther gave report on current membership and pending lapses.
- Communications Committee Report – LWVME thanks Helen Hanlon for speaking at Democracy Day. Discussion around be more mindful to promote when we are going to testify in Augusta.
- Quad States Update - Theme this year is Making Democracy Work. April 7-9 in Wells. NH, RI, ME and VT are all participating with slight interest from CT and MA. Ann Luther moved and Linda Lord seconded a request to Ed Fund to pay for hotel room for anyone who requests it. Unanimously approved.

LWVUS Update – Jill Ward gave report.

Coalition Partners Updates

- MCCE & the Clean Elections Initiative - Ann Luther reported on legislative top priorities.



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- Alliance for Maine Women – Helen Hanlon noted there was a lot of discussion about the recent march in Augusta. Note, May 11th is Women's Day at State House. Helen will be on subcommittee planning for this.
- Maine Freedom of Information Coalition – John Brautigam reported on legislative agenda.

Local League Development

- Portland – Barbara Kaufman reported that they are having a Train the Trainer training March 2nd for how to facilitate civil discussions. Will then hold community conversation in Westbrook.
- Downeast – Ann Luther reported they are keeping up with radio show going. Usually it would stop with Presidential election. In order to have a bigger impact in communities, they will be paring the radio show with a live meeting the following week.
- Brunswick - Stephanie Philbrick gave update.
- Bangor – Linda Lord reported on the recent book group discussion which had a great turnout.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 2:04 p.m.