

Minutes of LWVME Board- June 3, 2011
Ann Luther's Portland home

Present: Barbara McDade; Ann Luther; Jill Ward; Sarah Walton; Colleen Tucker and Cathie Whittenburg, Polly Ferguson, Anne Schink
Absent: Michelle Small and Martha Dickinson

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 p.m. and the Minutes of the April 8, 2011 meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Ann L. reported that the LWVME was broke; we did manage to raise the \$500 needed for the special appeal (to hire folks to conduct phone banking to reach ME legislators re: pending same day registration bills), all of which was donated by LWVME Board members.

The Board officially confirmed two email votes, recommending to the ED FUND that it support a League of Young Voters' event to educate on instant runoff voting, and to fund a special appeal to generate calls to legislators on pending election day registration bills.

Membership

Jill reported on the development of a Bangor League.

Lobby Corps

Ann Luther reported on LWVME's advocacy in Augusta, largely centered around election day registration, clean election and photo ID bills

Coalition News

Anne Schink reported on reproductive rights bills and the Maine Women's Coalition activities; Ann Luther reported the MCCE got its 501(c)(3).

Program

Colleen will forward the Board the email with the LWVUS Education Study materials/questions for consensus, etc.

Voter Service & Education

Anne Schink reported on Sarah Robinson's efforts with the Easy to Read Voter Guide, and the intention to have a Portland Supplement which will provide information about the mayoral race and the use of instant runoff voting. She also noted that United Way and MANP are interested in funding the effort.

Barbara reported about the Bangor naturalization ceremonies.

Grant Requests and Status

VOTED to recommend to the LWVME ED FUND that it pay for 75% of the cost to send two voting delegates to the LWVUS Council in June, 2011.

Adjourned 5:30. Respectfully Submitted by Colleen P. Tucker, Secretary