

Minutes of LWVME Board- October 16, 2011
Wells, Maine

Present: Barbara McDade; Ann Luther; Polly Ferguson, Anne Schink ; Jill Ward; Sarah Walton; Colleen Tucker

Absent: Cathie Whittenburg, Michelle Small

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 p.m. and review/approval of the Minutes of the September meeting was POSTPONED until the next Board meeting

The Treasurer's reports were approved and filed for audit.

E Mail Votes:

- 1.) to APPROVE giving \$2,500 to MCCE
- 2.) to NOT participate in the LWVUS Clean Air Promise initiative
- 3.) to APPROVE responding to the SOS post election re: the student voting snafu

Board Operations & Governance

Review of the LWVME Annual Calendar was TABLED.

The Board reviewed and edited the Issue Forum Policy, and approved it, as amended.

Consideration of the Coalition Policy and the Candidate Debater Policy was TABLED.

"Hot Topics" Lunch: Ann L. will invite Wendy Wasserstein from the Brennan Center to come to Maine to discuss the Photo ID and other voting issues in January

Advocacy:

Lobby Corps: TABLED

People's Veto Update: discussed MMA and OneMaine endorsement; fundraising challenges; focusing on GOTV and radio saturation, series of local houseparties; Jill will ask about email blasts to members for house party scheduling and phone banking

Redistricting Updates: is over, compromise plan endorsed

Fundraising

Jill led us in a discussion of when to roll out the fundraising plan; letter will go out early December; make follow up calls; get credit card #s over the phone and through PayPal online. Plan to scour list of lapsed members, member prospects for streamlined list of appropriate potential funders.

Membership

The Board discussed having lunches in Ellsworth, Bangor, Portland and Brunswick in January, 2012.

Program

1. Ann will set up two hour session for Board to review the PAC Study results at our December 8th Board meeting.
2. The LWVME Board determined that Maine would not be participating in the National Study on Education.
3. MCCE report: over 89% of Maine voters want Clean Elections to stay; Ann led a discussion on potential “fixes” which legislature is considering.
4. MANP the Board APPROVED a MOTION to renew our membership for \$50.00.
5. Choice Coalition: Anne reported that they are having a retreat on 10/31 to discuss next steps;
6. ME Women’s Coalition: re-thinking Day on the Hill; LWVME may want to do its own event in January or February. Keys to the Capital will be discussed at 12/8/11 Board mtg.
7. Privatization: National Study- Martha will post materials to LWVME website

Voter Service and Education

Forums in a Box: The Board determined to put this item on the Agenda for its February, 2012 meeting.

Easy Reader Voters Guide: Sarah Robinson reported. We had a great response to the Guide from Portland majoral candidates and from the League of Young Voters....especially w. respect to the Portland Supplement. The Board discussed that next time the ED FUND would sponsor the Guide and that the Guide would include a generic DISCLAIMER. Guides are being supplied to Portland City Council members; a press release is in the works and Jill is working on an Op Ed.

Ed Fund Requests: None.

The Board adjourned at 1:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen P. Tucker
Secretary