

BOARD MEETING –December 8, 2011 Community Conference Rm, UMA

Present: Barbara McDade, Ann Luther, Anne Schink, Colleen Tucker, Cathie Whittenburg (by phone), Martha Dickinson (by phone 11:35 ó 12:00), Jill Ward, Polly Ferguson
Absent: Sarah Walton

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Barbara, and the Minutes of the December 8, 2011 meeting was approved.

Ann reviewed the Treasurer's reports with us, which were filed for audit.

Email votes:

12/10/12 PASSED-to recommend to ED FUND that it sponsor Lee Rowland (of Brennan Center) trip to Maine to address recent wave of attacks on voting rights across the nation at LWVME events in Portland, Ellsworth and Bangor.

Board Operations & Governance

Motions to eliminate Security Policy and to revise Fundraising policy to incorporate pertinent part of Security Policy PASSED, as per attached.

Jill reported on a recent phone conference relating to LWVUS's efforts on Campaign Finance Reform and Disclosure; the Board discussed various ways we could engage the public and Senators Collins and Snowe to support this legislation; LWVUS has \$40,000 to spend for outreach in Maine.

LWVUS Priorities: Have been determined and we were heartened to see that LWVUS had adopted the LWVME Board recommendation that Campaign Finance Reform take top priority.

The Board passed a MOTION to have Ann Luther call Judy Davis and request that LWVUS clarify whether LWVUS's position would support a strategy of working toward a Constitutional amendment to address campaign finance reform, and to express to LWVUS our desire to pursue such a strategy.

LWVUS is forming a task force on Campaign Finance and the LWVME board would like someone from LWVME to be on the task force. Ann and Jill volunteered to apply.

LWVME State Council will be held late April/ early May. Ideas discussed were the unveiling of a commercial of YouTube video on Campaign Finance Reform and a press event, then lunch

National Convention will be held this June in Washington, DC.. Anne Schink will be going as a guest of LWVUS, given her nomination on the LWVUS recommended slate of LWVUS Board members (CONGRATULATIONS, ANNE!); Ann Luther will be there as a member of the Budget Committee; Jill Ward will attend as a LWVME State Board delegate, and Martha Dickinson expressed interest in going, as well. Barbara will call Michelle to see whether anyone from Brunswick wants to go.



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er on the topic of Clean Elections for the Orono AAUW meeting

Anne Schink volunteered to address folks at the Atrium on February 13th on the issues of recent attacks on voting rights

Fundraising and Membership

We now have 285 Facebook fans.

Membership Plan/ Coaching effort is underway with calls set up with Kate Rader, our State Coach. Anne Schink, Jill, Sarah, Martha, and Ann L. have participated in calls.

Cathie has compiled a list of 150 teachers of women's studies at the university level, and we will be sending them a targeted membership appeal, focusing on Women's History Month.

Portland Local League: There will be a membership outreach meeting held March 14th at Jill Ward's house; privatization study meetings at One City Center in March and April, with the consensus meeting on 4/24, and an annual meeting to elect officers on May 22, 2012.

Bangor Local League: they are planning an event for the near future.

Downeast League: Ann will be participating in a series of radio shows on WERU focusing on government issues. They are also engaged in the Privatization Study, with the consensus meeting scheduled for April 28.

Program

The Downeast League and the nascent Portland League will participate in the **PRIVATIZATION Study.** Anne S. and Martha will spearhead this effort.

We will not be participating in the Sunshine Week activities this year.

Ann Luther agreed to call the producer of Patriarchy, a non-partisan documentary on the dysfunction in DC. We are interested in showing it in Bangor, Portland, UMA and other venues.

Coalitions: The Board passed motions to renew membership to MCCE (\$50.) and MFOIC (\$50) . We are looking for a volunteer to be nominated to the board of MFOIC .

Voter Service: Anne Schink is reviewing Martha's edits to Forum in a Box.

ED Fund Requests: to sponsor Girls' Day on the Hill for \$250.00-motion passed.

Acknowledgements and thanks were given to MICHELLE SMALL, who has had to step down from her position on the LWVME Board due to other obligations. Her knowledge and skill will be sorely missed.

The Board adjourned at 2:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colleen P. Tucker
Secretary



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EDUCATION FUND FUNDRAISING POLICY

(Approved by LWVME and LWVME Education Fund 2/9/2012)

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LWVME board members or Education Fund trustees, in their League capacity or in their work for other organizations, shall not use the LWVME member list to solicit donations to other organizations except as explicitly approved for LWVME/LWVME Education Fund directed activities.

The LWVME board/LWVME Education Fund trustees can, at anytime, consider giving a direct financial contribution from LWVME/LWVME Education Fund to a partner organization if our financial situation permits and, in the case of the Education Fund, if the contribution is consistent with its tax-exempt purposes.

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