

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

Board Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2013

Alison's Lake House, Fayette, ME

Board Present – Barbara McDade; Jill Ward; Ann Luther; Val March; Cathie Whittenburg; Kim McCollister; Lorraine Glowczak; Barbara Kaufman; Tammy Wing; Colleen Tucker; Karla Wight

Absent: Martha Dickinson; Polly Ward; Leslie Harlow

Called to Order – by Barbara at 11:30 a.m.

Treasurer's Reports

Ann reviewed Treasurer's reports and LWVME, Portland League, Brunswick League and Downeast League's bank accounts

ACTION: Reports will be filed for audit

Board Operations & Governance

Review/update of policies TABLED for next meeting

Fundraising

Jill reported that the spring appeal was very successful and that it led to at least 10 new membership renewals/sign-ups and approximately \$1,300 in donations

Advocacy

Ann reported that: the bill to ban incarcerated felons from voting failed; the early voting bill is too close to call; the vote to have IRV/ranked choice voting failed over questions of conflict with the Maine Constitution, but was close; and the bill to strengthen Maine Clean Elections system may pass but that the proposed budget cuts will make sufficient funds unavailable.

Local League Activity

Bangor League: Barbara reported that a five member leadership team has developed and that they are meeting 6/22/13 to work on a September program about the role of political parties in politics

Brunswick

Barbara Kaufman and Jill Ward working to develop a leadership team; more members interested

Downeast

Leslie, Martha, Ann and Nancy Files are organizing monthly meetings; hosting a representative of the blueberry growers' association on July 10th; showing the documentary "Betting the Farm" in September

Portland League : holding monthly meetings, most recently a panel discussion around food issues, and holding monthly Ag Study meetings, looking at a tour of farms; future public meetings will look further into the charter school issue; the interaction between county level government functioning and developing "how your community works" publications

Adjourned – 12:30pm

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Tucker, Secretary