

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

Board Meeting Minutes

August 24, 2013

Randall Student Center UMA, Rm 218

Board Present – Barbara McDade; Jill Ward; Ann Luther; Val Marsh; Cathie Whittenburg; Kim McCollister; Lorraine Glowczak; Barbara Kaufman; Polly Ward, Colleen Tucker; Karla Wight, Martha Dickinson; Leslie Harlow

Absent: Tammy Wing

Called to Order – by Barbara at 10:20 a.m.

Martha moved, Karla seconded motion to accept **Minutes** of the June 8, 2013 meeting

ACTION: Minutes accepted, to be posted to website

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 and Ann was directed to arrange for the annual financial review.

Barbara M. noted that there were no **E-Mail votes** taken since the last meeting

The Board approved a Motion by Ann to be on the Steering Committee of a new coalition working on the Clean Election ballot initiative.

Board Operations & Governance

Policy review:

a.) *Policy on Supporting Other Organizations' Activities* policy

ACTION: Ann moved, Jill seconded motion to approve as is; motion carried.

b.) *Jill Privacy Policy:*

ACTION: Jill moved, Leslie seconded motion to approve the policy as amended after discussion by the Board; motion carried.

c.) *Non-Partisan Policy:*

ACTION: Ann moved, Val seconded motion to approve the policy as is; motion carried.

d.) All new policies to be uploaded to the website

Local League Activity

Bangor League: Barbara reported that the five member leadership team met on August 25th and have set up various events, including: candidate forums for local council on Sept. 18 and 19; a panel discussion relating to the role of unenrolled voters and independent candidates in today's political climate; three voter registration drives related to National Voter Registration Day on 9/24/13.

Brunswick

Barbara Kaufman reported that efforts to develop a leadership team were not yet taking hold.

Downeast

Martha reported on: an event to be held 9/11; a showing of the documentary "Betting the Farm" in September; and the development of a calendar of events to be held relating to the Ag Study

Portland League : holding monthly meetings; will be holding an event in October focusing on the tension between our privacy and free speech rights, prompted by the recent protests at the Planned Parenthood facility in Portland; future public meetings will look further into the charter school issue; the interaction between county level government functioning and developing “how your community works” programs.

Motion re: Strategy Plan

The Board reviewed and discussed the Strategy Plan proposed by Barbara Kaufman and thanked her for her work on this.

ACTION: Ann moved, Martha seconded Motion to adopt Strategy Plan, as amended.

Advocacy Committee

The Board discussed and approved the Advocacy Committee description as submitted.

Ann provided an update on strategies around getting ranked choice voting passed in Maine

ACTION: Motion to recommend to the Ed Fund that LWVME be fiscal agent for the ranked choice voting group being developed; Barbara K moved, Polly seconded motion which was unanimously approved.

Fundraising Committee

The Fundraising Committee description was reviewed and approved as submitted.

Jill led a discussion about the committee’s plan and calendar.

Cathie discussed the major donor fundraising plan.

Jill encouraged all committees to aid in developing a calendar of events.

Membership Committee

The Board reviewed the Membership Committee description and Kim solicited edits to same for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Voter Service Committee

The Board reviewed the Voter Service Committee description and Barbara K. solicited edits to same for consideration at the next Board meeting.

Barbara reported that many voter registration events were going to be held across the State

Communications Committee

Colleen agreed to be the convener of the Committee. The Committee description online will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Ann L. agreed to provide us with a lesson in Google docs and other technical matters next mtg.

Cathie agreed to monitor the LWVME voicemail; Jill will continue to monitor the email;

Jill and Cathie will maintain our Facebook presence; Kim and Martha will be co-editors of the Maine Voter; an updated press list will be maintained via Google docs.

Adjourned – 3:05 pm

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Tucker, Secretary