

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

Board Meeting Minutes

September 28, 2013

Randall Student Center UMA, Rm 218

Board Present – Barbara McDade; Jill Ward; Ann Luther; Val Marsh; Kim McCollister; Lorraine Glowczak; Barbara Kaufman; Polly Ward, Colleen Tucker; Karla Wight; Tammy Wing

Absent: Martha Dickinson; Leslie Harlow; Cathie Whittenburg;

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

Motion was made and seconded 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

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

Board Operations & Governance

Motion made by Ann Luther to nominate all Board Directors to be Trustees of the Ed Fund.

ACTION: Motion approved.

Policy review:

a.) *Policy on Financial Management*

ACTION: Motion made to re-adopt as amended; motion passed.

b.) *Web Policy:*

ACTION: Motion to re-adopt passed.

c.) Jill offered to present suggested edits to existing policy relating to educational forums as to avoid having active candidates participate on such forums.

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

Local League Activity

Bangor League: Barbara reported on the upcoming panel discussion relating to the role of unenrolled voters and independent candidates in today’s political climate and on the success of three voter registration drives related to National Voter Registration Day on 9/24/13.

Brunswick

Barbara Kaufman reported that she had made contact with someone who could potentially join a leadership team for the Brunswick League; Jill and she will meet with this candidate on October 4th.

Downeast

Ann reported that there was good attendance at the documentary “Betting the Farm”; there will be a meeting focusing on Ag issues in October and they are planning another Ag event in November.

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.

Advocacy Committee

Ann reported on the meetings being held by those working on the Ranked Choice Voting initiative.

They will be focusing on voter education and are developing a website.

The League and ACLU are coordinating an effort to pass Early Voting legislation. Ann also reported on the citizen initiative for the amendments to our Clean Elections Act.

ACTION: Following discussion, a MOTION to adopt the following **advocacy priorities** was made by Ann, seconded by Val and approved by the Board: Voting Rights; Clean Elections and Campaign Finance Reform; Election Administration; and Ethics and Disclosure.

Fundraising Committee

Board members were encouraged to set up visits with potential major donors before year's end. Val has drafted a request for a grant to archive the League's materials at the State Library; she reported on the wealth of information available relating to Maine's contribution to the women's suffrage movement.

Membership Committee

The Board reviewed and approved the Membership Committee description as submitted by Kim. The new Welcome Letter and Renewal Letter were discussed and approved by the Board. Ann led the Board in a review of the Membership Report.

Communications Committee

Martha requested that all articles for the Maine Voter be submitted by October 6th. Martha and Ann are keeping the website updated; Ann may do a tutorial for Board members on how to edit the website. Jill reported that we have 367 Facebook friends and encouraged Board members to "share" LWVME posts. An updated press list is now available on Google docs and is editable.

Events Committee

The Board reviewed the Events Committee's description.

ACTION: Ann moved, Val seconded a motion to adopt as amended; motion carried.

The Timeline and Task List will be posted to the website and the Master Calendar, set up as a Google doc, will have ALL activities, fundraising, membership, Maine Voter schedule, etc.

Coalition updates:

Val reported on the retreat held by the Coalition for Maine Women.

The Board reluctantly dropped continuing participation in MFOIC and InforME.

Our work with other coalitions, referenced in the Advocacy Section above, is very active and ongoing.

Ed Fund requests

ACTION: A MOTION to recommend to the ED FUND that it finance the production of an online Voter Guide was made by Barbara Kaufman, seconded by Jill and approved by the Board.

Adjourned – 2:37 pm

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Tucker, Secretary