

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

Meeting Minutes

January 25, 2014

Randall Student Center UMA, Rm 250

Board Present –; Jill Ward; Ann Luther; Kim McCollister; Lorraine Glowczak; Barbara Kaufman; Polly Ward, Colleen Tucker; Karla Wight; Cathie Whittenburg; Martha Dickinson (via Skype)

Absent: Barbara McDade; Leslie Harlow; Val Marsh; Tammy Wing

Called to Order – by Jill at 10:07 a.m.

Minutes of the November 2013 meeting: Ann L moved to approve as amended; Cathie W seconded motion; and Board approved minutes, as amended.

Treasurer's Reports

Ann reviewed the Treasurer's reports with the Board. Reports will be filed for audit.

E-Mail Votes: the Board approved (8 votes to 2 votes) a recommendation to the LWVME Ed Fund to contribute \$1,000 to MCCE's polling effort; Colleen Tucker and Polly Ward dissented.

Board Operations & Governance

- Consideration of Fundraising Policy:
ACTION: Ann moved, Karla seconded, and the Board approved the Fundraising Policy as is.
- Pam Person has been invited back to go to the Oxfam IWD Summit in DC March 4-5, 2014
- MECEP Office/ Storage space: Jill MOVED, Ann seconded a motion to continue our storage relationship with them
ACTION: the Board unanimously approved this motion.
- **Strategy Review and Check In** Barbara K. read through our goals and the Board concluded that we're doing pretty well with achieving them, which more emphasis needed to amp up our public presence via submitting Op Eds, etc.

Fundraising Committee

- We are on track! December's fundraising effort raised half of our \$5,000 fiscal year goal, with average donation of \$72.00, with 28 donors and donation amounts varying from \$10 to \$250.00.

Membership Committee

The Board reviewed and commented on letters for renewal and new members and remittance envelopes to reflect our new membership offers

National Dues Pilot Program: we're going to decline to participate for now, but ask whether LWVUS would send out renewal invites to long lapsed members

Events Committee

Portland is planning a membership raising program at Bayside Bowl on Monday, April 21st; Leslie is working on gathering swag; Lorraine is putting info into Task List and will circulate for input; cost proposal for food discussed and a request will be made to the Emily Farley Fund for an educational speaker; the Board discussed possible speakers (Food & Water Watch ED who just wrote book, etc.). Discussion of the Master Calendar was TABLED.

Communications Committee

- Email schedule to be maintained by Ann, with all contributing
- Newsletter- current issue coming together
- Website- Colleen and Ann will review and comment on substance and Martha will assist with execution
- Facebook: we have 393 fans
- Media

Program

- LWFVUS National Convention this June in Dallas: Cathie W interested, Ann going as member of LWFVUS Budget Committee;
MA request to update national position on Campaign Finance Reform
ACTION; Ann moved, we all seconded motion to support MA's proposal ; Jill will communicate that to LWFVUS
- LWFVME Spring 2014 Retreat: the Board would like to discuss possible program to recommend for 2016 LWFVUS National Convention
- LWFVUS Agricultural Policy Update Portland met and came to consensus on half of the questions; second meeting to discuss remaining questions in February; issue of mis-numbering consensus questions discussed
- Advocacy Committee Ann reported that the MCCE polling indicated widespread support for Clean Elections; petitions will be circulated in May for referendum to strengthen law
- Coalition Updates: MCCE (Ann reported); Coalition for Maine Women and Choice Coalition (Val); MFOIC renewal- **ACTION**: Karla moved, Barbara K seconded motion to renew membership; Board approved. Discussion of possible representative on the MFOIC Bd ensued.

Local League Development

- Portland is putting on Moderator Training and Effective Meetings workshops 3/19/14; second Ag policy meeting 2/19; working on Bylaws, setting up Nominating Committee and working on a budget; and co-sponsoring a couple of events with the Library on civic participation
- Downeast will hold its first AG Study meeting 2/19
- Brunswick: Karla is in touch with a Brunswick woman who may be interested
- Bangor: holding a couple of events, one with Harvard doctoral student discussing corporate influence in state legislatures

Adjourned – 2:35 pm

Respectfully submitted

Colleen Tucker, Secretary