

League of Women Voters of Maine Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, September 24, 2016 – 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)

One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

Present – Jill Ward, Ann Luther, Polly Ward, Barbara Kaufman, Stephanie Philbrick, Barbara McDade, Joanna Bowers, John Brautigam
Regina Coppens – Member

Preliminaries

- Call to order – 11:49 am.
- Approval of Minutes from August Meeting – Barbara McDade moved and John Brautigam second. Approved unanimously.
- Email vote to recommend to the Ed fund the expenditure from RCV public comment in SoS voter guide (Approved 12-0).
- Treasurer's Reports – Ann Luther gave reports for the LWVME and Downeast League. Polly Ward gave reports for Portland League. Reports filed for financial review. The reports for the LWVME and the local leagues for FY 2016 have been sent for financial review.

Board Operations & Governance

- Update on Finn Melanson Contract – the contract with Finn Melanson is signed and in effect until November 18, 2016.
- LWVUS update – Ann Luther provided information regarding her involvement with the LWVUS Member Engagement and Structure Committee. This committee is looking at what it means to be a member and the relationship among the three levels.
- Conversation with MCCE Board – Jill Ward reported on her meeting with the MCCE Board to discuss the potential for partnership opportunities. It was the consensus of the LWVME Board that Jill should continue dialogue with MCCE regarding future collaborations.
- Order LWV brochures – the LWVUS is no longer making LWV brochures available to member leagues. It was agreed that Jill should seek a quote for printing them in Maine.
- Calendar Review – No report

Committee Reports

- Advocacy Committee – Ann Luther reported that the committee is very active. The committee plans to make recommendation at the next Board meeting.
- Communications Committee – Jill Ward reported on the schedule for production and dissemination of the Fall Voter.
- Fundraising Committee – Jill Ward reported that there will be an end of year appeal. It will require a quick turnaround.
- Membership Committee – Ann Luther reported on the new membership numbers as of the date of the meeting. There is a promising increase in membership.
- Voter Services – to be discussed as part of the agenda for the Ed. Fund.

Coalition Partners Updates

- MCCE & Clean Elections – Ann Luther reported on work being done by MCCE .
- RCV – Polly Ward reported on the work that the Campaign for Ranked Choice Voting is doing and the Ed Fund presentations to schools, senior centers, libraries and service organization done by Finn Melanson.
- Alliance for Maine Women – Jill Ward reported that they have been very actively registering people to vote.
- Mainers for Responsible Gun Ownership – no report
- Maine Freedom of Information Coalition – John Brautigam reported that the coalition has not been very active. There is a letter going out to candidates asking them to pledge to support freedom of access.

Local League Development

- Portland – Barbara Kaufman reported on the activities of the LWVPA.
- Downeast – Ann Luther reported on the activities of the LWVDE.
- Brunswick – Stephanie Philbrick reported on the activities of the LWVBA.
- Bangor – Barbara McDade reported on the activities in the Bangor area.

Adjourn at 2:00 pm.

Submitted by Polly Ward, Vice-President