



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

LWVME Board of Directors Meeting

Saturday, November 12, 2016 ♦ 9:00am – 1:00pm
Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)
One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

Present: John Brautigam, Helen Hanlon, Linda Lord, Ann Luther, Barbara McDade, Colleen Tucker, Jill Ward, Polly Ward, Cathie Whittenburg

Absent: Joanne Bowers, Barbara Kaufman, Stephanie Philbrick

Preliminaries

- Call to order 9:12 a.m.
- Approval of Minutes from September Meeting. Ann Luther moved to approve the minutes, Barbara Kaufman second. Unanimous approved.
- Note for the record, email vote to recommend to the Ed Fund an additional expenditure of up to \$1000 for the Voter Guide to cover overages on Sarah Robinson's contract (approved 11-0).
- Treasurer's Reports. Polly Ward presented Portland report. Ann Luther presented DownEast and LWVME report. Reports filed for audit.

Board Operations & Governance

- Compliance Items - Ann reported that required state and federal reports, charitable solicitation report, 990s, have been filed.
- Strategic Planning Next Steps – Transition committee still working on recommendations to the board.
- Update on MCCE-LWVME partnership work group. We are working on how to partner with MCCE to go forward with ranked choice voting. Need to be very clear about separating our roles
- Finn Melanson Contract. Motion to recommend to the Ed Fund to extend Finn's contract through December for \$1500. Ann Luther moved, Polly Ward second. Unanimously approved.

Election Debrief

- Question 5 - Ranked Choice Voting (CRCV) - Noted that referendum passed by a 52-48% victory.
- Question 3 - Mainers for Responsible Gun Ownership – Noted that the referendum failed by a 52-48% defeat.
- Turnout – Discussion about concern over some voter suppression activities in Maine. 69% of those eligible to vote voted, which is the third highest voter turnout in the nation.

Committee Items

- Advocacy Committee Report - Motion to adopt the legislative priority set forth by the Advocacy Committee. Ann Luther moved, Barbara McDade second. Unanimously approved.
- Membership Report - Ann Luther gave report.
- Fundraising – It's time for the End of Year appeal letter. Will work to get it out before Thanksgiving.

Coalition Partners Updates

- MCCE & the Clean Elections Initiative – Ann Luther reported that they are doing lots of work around gubernatorial elections and are worried about continued funding for clean election candidates.
- Alliance for Maine Women (Helen) – Helen Hanlon reported that the meetings are going well. Medicaid expansion is the current top priority.
- Maine Freedom of Information Coalition (John) – John Brautigam reported that the Coalition sent letter to candidates to sign to pledge endorsing freedom of access. 88 candidates returned letters.



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Local League Development

- Portland - Polly Ward reported on the activities of the LWVPA.
- Downeast – Ann Luther reported on the activities of the LWVDE.
- Bangor – Barbara McDade reported on the activities of the Bangor League.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 1:20 pm.

Submitted by Cathie Whittenburg, Secretary