



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MAINE

LWVME Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Saturday, November 4, 2017 ♦ 9am – 1:30pm

Maine Center for Economic Policy (conference room)

One Weston Court, Suite 103, Augusta, Maine

Present – Peg Balano, John Brautigam, Helen Hanlon, Ann Luther, Barbara McDade, Stephanie Philbrick, Anne Schink, Jill Ward, Polly Ward, Cathie Whittenburg

Absent – Barbara Kaufman, Linda Lord

Preliminaries

- *Call to order* – 9:15 a.m.
- *Approval of Minutes from September Meeting.* Barbara McDade moved to accept, Helen Hanlon second. Unanimously approved.
- *Email votes* on LWVME-MCCE MOU and joint ED posting/announcement, and on one-time exception to Privacy Policy to share donor information in joint fundraising effort with MCCE. Barbara McDade moved to accept email votes. Polly Ward second. Unanimously approved.
- *Treasurer's Reports.* Ann Luther reported that the League, Ed Fund, Downeast and Portland books were reviewed and came back fine. 990s being filed soon. Ann Luther presented League and Downeast reports. Polly Ward presented Portland. Reports filed for financial review.

Board Operations & Governance

- *Policy review (2)* – Privacy and Document Retention. Polly Ward recommended re-adoption of Document policy. Barbara McDade second. Unanimously approved. Privacy policy - John Brautigam moved to amend to strike last two and a half sentences, starting with “for the purpose of expanding our mailing list,” of policy. Ann Luther second. Unanimously approved. Barbara McDade moved to add “members and doors” to second bullet point and to adopt amended policy. Ann Luther second. Unanimously approved
- *Update/Discussion on Strategic Planning & MCCE partnership.* It was reported that an MOU has been developed, the executive director job description was posted, a case statement to use with potential donors has been completed and work is being done to describe what program work would look like. John Brautigam reported on fundraising outreach
- *LWVUS Update* – Nothing major to report.
- *Projector request* – Ann Luther moved to approve \$750 to buy two projectors, one to keep Downeast and one to keep in Portland. Polly Ward second. Unanimously approved. Ann Luther moved to recommend to the Ed Fund that they contribute \$500 towards the projectors. Barbara McDade second. Unanimously approved.

Committee Items

- *Advocacy Corps Report.* Ann Luther reported on the activities of the group and the subcommittees. The Corps is working on a legislative scorecard. Discussion on best way to use this report. John Brautigam reported on the unbelievably complicated situation with RCV. There could be multiple actions at the same time - people's veto, litigation in the courts from a variety of fronts, legislators going back to revisit the issue and candidates trying to figure out how to work within the situation.
- *Membership Report.* Ann Luther reported that membership continues to rise.
- *Communications Committee Report* – Not much to report. The Maine Voter went out on time to an expanded mailing list.
- *Fundraising Report* – End-of-the-year appeal will be going out soon.



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Events

- *Feb 14th 2018 event at the Statehouse* – Helen Hanlon has booked the Hall of Flags. Helen Hanlon, John Brautigam, Jill Ward and Ann Luther will work with MCCE on a program that will highlight our new, joint agenda.
- *100th Anniversary updates* – No report.

Coalition Partners Updates

- *Yes on 2! GOTV volunteer request.* The League has gotten a number of requests from Yes on 2! Ann Luther will incorporate the request for volunteers in a 'don't forget to vote' email.
- *Alliance for Maine Women.* Helen Hanlon and Jill Ward reported on the Alliance retreat.
- *Maine Freedom of Information Coalition.* Nothing to report.

Local League Development

- *Portland* – Peg Balano reported on upcoming events including open board meeting, a community conversation on Nov 15th and a new member celebration in December.
- *Downeast* – Ann Luther reported that the radio show and follow-up pizza night discussion continue to go well. The November show will talk about 10 months into the Trump administration and the impact on Maine.
- *Brunswick* – Stephanie Philbrick reported that the group is planning a meet and greet event.
- *Bangor* – Barbara McDade reported that they held three candidate forums. Next book for discussion is One Nation After Trump
- *Midcoast* – Ann Luther reported the group had a successful issue forum. Anne Schnik will do civil discourse training in December. The group has committed to holding at least one event a quarter.
- *Machias* – Ann Luther reported that the group is working on a speed dating event with representatives from all the major parties in March.

Adjourn Meeting adjourned at 1:27 p.m.

Submitted by Cathie Whittenburg, Secretary