



Board Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2020 - via Zoom

7:00 – 8:00 PM – board business

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Pres. Barb Barany

Present: Barb Barany, Barb Anderson, Rita Mills, Wayne Groff, Mary Peterson, Karen Lake, Jim DeBenedet, Stef DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Florence Sprague, Priscilla Morton

Not Present: Mindy Greiling, Karen Schaffer, Jessica Holz

1. Additions/changes to agenda – Rita asked to add a discussion item about high school students.
2. Approval of minutes, July 22, 2020 – Minutes were approved with no corrections/additions
3. Treasurer's Report - No comments. Karen Lake asked about submitting expenses with the expense report form. She was told we still have to have them and they are available online.
4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. President – No report
 - b. Vice President - No report
 - c. Secretary – No report
5. Reports of Committees – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. Action/Advocacy – Priscilla mentioned materials included in their report. Nick Harper wrote an article about the Post Office. Was not non-partisan was very interesting. Rachel said she was contacted by a City of Maplewood group asking for interested persons to study environmental issues in that City. Jim D said he wanted to submit an article for the Voter regarding to racial covenant on their property.
 - b. Communications – Barb A. reported on an issue with Facebook which rejected a Facebook post because it had the words "vote" and "election". She is working to resolve that matter.
 - c. Membership – Rita said we had 133 members. She is sending a packet to new members about how our league works. She also sends an email to new members. Also sending a card to life members thanking them for their years of service.
 - d. Program – Florence reported we had a good program in Aug. In December will do a program about racial covenants. There will be a program about firearms in all aspects including social impacts; uncertain date, but could be March or April.
 - e. Program – Studies
 - i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities – Jim D. reported that we have slowed down until after the elections.
 - ii. Equitable Representation Study Committee – Expect to have a meeting in Sept.
 - f. Voter Services – The St. Paul LWV will do the candidates meeting for SD 66. The LWV vote 411 will not be updated until mid-Sept. Karen is meeting every Friday to get updates on voting. Rita

said she got a call from Melanie Haslip about LWV support for the MTC report. There was extensive discussion about ex-felon voting.

- g. Ad hoc Census – Minnesota is leading other states in self-response, but slow with door knocking.

6. Unfinished business

7. New Business

8. Announcements - Rita got an email from a former member who has a daughter in the Mounds View School District. She thought high school students might be interested in talking to people about voting, census issues, etc.

9. Adjournment – Adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, September 23, 2020

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Submitted by Secretary, Jim DeBenedet