



Board Minutes

February 23, 2022 - via Zoom

Present: Barb Anderson, Barb Barany, Marcia Cheney, Rachel Geiser, Sherry Hood, Bonnie Koch, Kathy Macomber, Rita Mills, Mary Peterson, Karen Schaffer, Florence Sprague, Teresa Wernecke

Absent: Wayne Groff, Jessica Holz

Meeting called to order at 7:05 pm

1. Additions/changes to agenda:

2. Approval of minutes, January 26, 2021: approved

3. Treasurer's Report: see report

4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments

a. President: see report. Comment to Ramsey County supporting their work to include communities of interest in redistricting. Council is 4/30. There is no state information yet. We are able to have 8 delegates. Discussion that National has convention in even years (June of this year) and in odd years, State has a convention. Council occurs at the state level in even years. Updates to bylaws, trainings, etc

b. Vice President: none

c. Secretary: none

5. Reports of Committees/CMAL Rep – Discussion/Questions/Comments

a. Action/Advocacy: see report. Our League Observer Corps has 2 reps from/for Maplewood, 1 for school district, and Sherry covers the rest. Sherry serves on the State Observer Corps and recently attended legislative committee meetings on environmental issues including charging stations at rest areas and PFAS (forever chemicals).

b. Communications: see report. Reminder that Nominations Committee report, the budget need to be ready for the April Voter.

c. Membership: see report. Up to 139 members. Rita encouraged board members to renew their membership if it is up this spring and request to use PayPal, if possible. This will reduce the workload since approximately 85 memberships expire in March/April. Discussion of a problem with household memberships in the online renewal. There is no place for the second

name. Rita will check with State to see whether this has been corrected in databank—this is a known problem

- d. Program: see report. Florence encourages members to watch one of the recordings from other League programs on Death with Dignity, as it will likely come up at Council.

- e. Program – Studies

- i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities: No additional report
 - ii. Equitable Representation (Advocacy): No additional report

- f. Voter Services: see report. Marcia Cheney described youth engagement strategies. She reviewed the St. Paul and WBL initiatives and has drafted a proposal to roll out a Youth Ambassador project in RAHS. Youth Ambassadors would be working through the end of the school year on recruiting and compiling Public Service Announcements (PSA) to be posted on Tik-Tok and Instagram to encourage youth Voter registration, steps to voting, creating and using hashtags related to the program. Another initiative would be the use of a spinning “Quiz Wheel” with questions related to civics and voting. This would be available for teachers to borrow for using in the classroom. Also developing a list of one time actions members can take. Voter Services training (Moderator, etc) this spring. Being prepared for disruptors at the candidate forums is one new focus area in the training.

- g. CMAL: Karen strongly encouraged attendance at the March CMAL consensus program.

6. Unfinished business

Approve funding for net dessert costs at May Annual Meeting: moved by Macomber, unanimously approved.

7. New Business

- a. Determine consensus, and recommend new and amended positions based on ADA study: Need to rework wording of one of the recommendations. Will appear on next month’s agenda.

- b. Appoint budget committee: Committee members are Barb Anderson and Bonnie Koch, chairs; Jessica Holz, Mary Ann Palmer and Merrie Zakaras, committee members

- c. Approve up to \$90 for VS spinning prize wheel: Sherry moved to authorize purchase of sturdy wheel, not to exceed \$100. Wheel will be available for teacher use in classroom, with replaceable questions. Unanimous support.

- d. Approve \$300 for VS RAHS student ambassadors: Stipend of \$100 per ambassador to cover their assistance through the end of this school year. Work will include encouraging students to create Instagram posts and 90 second Tik Tok videos addressing topics like: Where do you vote? Why bother voting? Steps to register. Patterned after WBL youth engagement. Deeper description of proposed project to be emailed to board shortly. Discussion of sustainable funding if/when this project expands to additional schools. Martin & Brown grants may help fund this project. Individual donors likely will find this project appealing. Moved by Karen, unanimously approved.
- e. Open March CMAL consensus meeting to members of other local Leagues: unanimously approved
- f. Approve comment to Ramsey County regarding redistricting priorities. Moved by Florence, unanimously approved.
- g. Designation of delegates to State Convention/fee reimbursement: Barb Anderson will attend, and does not count in our 8 delegates. Delegates are Florence, Kathy, Teresa, Sherry, Rachel, Karen, Rita. Moved by Sherry, unanimously approved.

8. Announcements: Dr. Tamara Gray, a new LWV member, is part of a free Zoom program tomorrow (Thursday). Register at wisdomway.org. The registration process is a bit tricky—be persistent. Marcia has also asked for links to this and previous Wisdom Way recordings.

9. Adjournment 8:45 pm

Next Regular Board Meeting is Wednesday, March 23, 2022