



Board Meeting Minutes
November 17, 2021 - via Zoom

Present: Barb Anderson, Barb Barany, Rachel Geiser, Wayne Groff, Sherry Hood, Bonnie Koch, Rita Mills, Mary Peterson, Karen Schaffer, Florence Sprague, Teresa Wernecke, Jim DeBenedet

Absent: Jessica Holz, Kathy Macomber

Meeting called to order at 7:02 pm.

1. Additions/changes to agenda
2. Corrections to October 27, 2021 minutes. The Firearms vote will occur in January or February and consensus must be in by March.
3. Treasurer's Report - See report. Florence asked whether the Nine North and Library donations would be coming from the program budget. Response: Yes and the program committee budget will not go over. Keep this topic in mind when budget input is requested for next year's budget.
4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. President - see report. State League providing more formal training for leaders and members
 - b. Vice President -none
 - c. Secretary - none
5. Reports of Committees, CMAL Rep – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. Action/Advocacy - see report. Continue to update local government meetings. The environmental subcommittee is working on tree canopies, birds, and dark skies for mid-December. Electric vehicles (there may be a display) in June. Sherry and Rita attended a virtual program from St. Cloud program. The topic was Critical Race Theory. Rita has the link which should only be distributed to League members, as St. Cloud League is concerned about potential harassment. The White Bear League asked whether we would join them in partnering in a letter regarding redistricting (Commission districts) for Ramsey County. Requests that the County adopt the redistricting principles which the state LWV endorses. Sherry will email the WBL letter to Barb B for review.
 - b. Communications - see report. Posted CMAL newsletter, year end gathering, on website and e-blast.

c. Membership - see report. We now have 5 members who need print copies of materials, and we do 3 print copies for congressional offices. There is a new member brochure that can be customized for our League. Rita will follow up.

d. Program - The Extension program had fewer than 45 attendees. Correct date for Conversation with Constituents is January 20. Regarding December, Florence hasn't yet received final materials for firearms study; it is possible we will need to do 2 consensus meetings in February, including ADA study. Florence and Karen will schedule a date in March for CMAL consensus. Karen will run the meeting. Additional program is St. Thomas professor on voter suppression. April is a historical display in the library and environmental subcommittee. The Death with Dignity concurrence would have to be done in April, as well. There are relevant materials and speakers available from the Minneapolis League. A lengthy discussion of health and safety concerns regarding the December social. Barb Barany will compose email to registrants offering option to opt out and have registration refunded.

i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities: The ADA report will be delivered in February. There will be consensus questions at the end of the report. The consensus vote would occur during the annual meeting.

ii. Equitable Representation (Advocacy)

f. Voter Services - Only one student at RAHS showed up, however the principal is very interested in getting students engaged in voting. The check was presented to Nine North and they are interested in receiving eblast and Voter. In November the WBL youth engagement program was well attended. We will be considering what we might be interested in doing for 2022 re youth engagement. Wayne mentioned that Nine North does have a calendar and we could ask them to add our events.

g. CMAL- see report. The counties are looking forward to this report to see what other counties are doing.

6. Unfinished business

DEI within LWVRA - DEI roundtable had a discussion of events that require fees, such as a dinner, that may not be welcoming to lower income communities with whom we are trying to engage. Wayne brought up other potential barriers like daycare, translation services, and time of day of gatherings. Sherry suggested Kathy Ramundt as a resource. Discussion of how to manage refreshments and meals, perhaps providing meals and requesting a donation to help cover costs.

7. New Business - Discussion of the redistricting letter request from the WBL League. Sherry will ask if WBL has the specific Ramsey County letter draft, as the letter they sent us is specific to Washington County. Sherry will send it to Barb B. who will review and make a decision.

8. Announcements- Wayne announced the Roseville City Council unanimously passed the Conversion Ban Ordinance.

9. Adjournment - at 8:41 pm

Next Regular Board Meeting Wednesday, January 26, 2022

