



MINUTES OF THE LWV ROSEVILLE AREA BOARD MEETING, February 19, 2020

Fireside Room, Lutheran Church of the Resurrection, Victoria and Co. Rd. D, Roseville, MN

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by League President Sherry Hood.

Present: Present: Barb Barany, Wayne Groff, Sherry Hood, Karen Lake, Priscilla Morton, Mary Peterson, and Karen Schaffer

Absent: Barb Anderson, Jim DeBenedet, Stephanie DeBenedet, Grace Gee, Jessica Holz, Rachel Geiser, Bonnie Koch, Beth Reinhart

Guests: Florence Sprague

1. Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2020 meeting.

Seeing no corrections, the minutes were approved.

2. Financial/Treasurer's Report

Sherry reported that Treasurer Jessica Holz provided the treasurer's report for the period ending January 31, 2020. We accepted the treasurer's report (**see attachment**).

3. Reports of Officers:

a. President

- Grace Riley, LWVMN Operations Manager recommended the Women's Expo at Rosedale Center, March 28 and 29. LWVRA will have a table there to talk about League, membership, and offer voter registration and census outreach.
- Redistricting maps – With the People Powered Fair Maps campaign we hope to get away from politically drawn maps.

b. Vice-President - None

c. Secretary - None

4. Reports of Committees:

a. **Action Advocacy**

- Action/advocacy teams around the state are meeting by conference call monthly. February 29 will be the next meeting.
- Observer Corps continues with weekly agenda postings.

Environmental Subcommittee

- Barb Luck reported on the latest progress on the Earth Day events. Anne Haugan will investigate whether anything is happening at the Harriet Alexander Nature Center.
- On January 27, members of this subcommittee were at the PWETC meeting, where the subject was sustainability, with two outside speakers.
- The Environmental Forum planned for March 24 will have four of the city mayors attending. Lauderdale mayor is unable to attend due to a conflict with a council meeting. Working on publicity with multiple avenues and an article in the *Voter* for March.
- “Did you know?” and “What can you do?” environmental questions are appearing in the *Voter* each month.
- Day of Action at the Capitol was attended by LWVRA members as well as other metro area leagues. The focus of the event was to get an overview of the LWVMN push for “2020 People Powered Fair Maps” campaign. Paul Huffman, LWVMN Census and Redistricting Coordinator, gave a presentation on this campaign. His power point presentation will be on the LWVMN website.

b. Communications

1. Social Media: Posted event in Facebook for the February and March programs, also shared postings from LWVMN on Facebook, including the Day at the Capitol on February 14.
2. Friday Email Blasts: Sent information about the February Electoral College program, a link to the LWV Upper Mississippi River Region; several notices about the History Theatre; information about precinct caucuses, and shared an event sponsored by LWVWBL.
3. Website: Updated the article about the precinct caucuses to include a link to finding your caucus location, an article about and link to the February *Voter*, weekly updates to the Local Meetings schedule, and articles about the February Electoral College program and the March environmental program. Shared a link to the CTV15 video of the January Conversations with Constituents.
4. *Voter*: February issue was published and distributed.
5. Public Relations: All five cities carried articles about the March environmental event in their communications. Little Canada and Falcon Heights confirmed that they will publish in their electronic communications.
6. Updated our calendar to reflect several LWVMN events, and updated the LWVMN calendar to reflect our February and March programs.

c. Membership

- This month and next focusing on the new renewal process. Members’ renewal information due April 1 will come through the database on March 1, with a reminder mid-March. For those with no email address in the database, a letter will be sent.
- Judy Stuthman has a join date of April 1, 1970, which makes her a lifetime member this year. A certificate will be requested from National and has traditionally been presented at the Annual Meeting.
- A spotlight article for our newest member, Nancy Olson, is planned for this month.

d. Program

1. Sherry reported for Stephanie that 58 people attended the Electoral College/National Popular Vote Compact program on February 18. Thirty-four were guests, 24 were League members.
2. Last day to sign up to attend the play “Not for Sale” on the topic of redlining on March 26, is February 24.
3. An entry will be submitted for the March *Voter* asking for suggestions to be considered at the Annual Meeting for possible local League studies next year. A request will also be submitted asking for possible ideas/speakers on monthly programs next year.
4. LWVUS is recommending adoption via concurrence at the LWVUS Convention 2020 of: *Support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters.* Concurrence on this recommendation would mean that Leagues across the country would be given guidelines for evaluating a variety of electoral systems that provide the greatest level of representation for voters. Support for this recommendation may be included in the program survey to LWVUS that must be submitted in early March (see **Action item D**).

e. Voter Services

1. On January 29, Rita Mills and Karen Lake attended, at the invitation of Minnesota Voice, a Network Alliance meeting of nonpartisan, diverse groups of Metro area organizations working to increase voter registrations and civic engagement.
2. The high schools within our five cities will be contacted to offer Spring voter registrations.
3. Nick Harper, LWVMN Civic Engagement Director updated that the goal for Vote411 is to have the local leagues relieved of data input. More information will be forthcoming.
4. The Voter Services committee members for 2020-2021 have been identified through the Nominations Committee. Grace Gee will work with Teresa Wernecke and Cecilia Warner on the organizing of Candidate Forums.
5. On February 12, Karen Lake and Rita Mills presented a program overview of the Minnesota Presidential primary election process, the caucuses, the August primary election, the general election in November and the upcoming census to residents of RosePointe Senior living complex in Roseville. Residents were given the opportunity to register to vote and to submit applications for absentee ballots for the Presidential primary and the General election.

f. AdHoc Census Report

- February 18, meeting of Ramsey County – St. Paul Joint Complete Count Committee – featured communication tools, final push for job recruitment and Questionnaire Assistance Centers.
- February 20, Kindergarten registration - we will have census outreach tables at Central Park, Edgerton and Little Canada elementary schools, with unattended literature tables at other Roseville Area elementary schools.
- Census Questionnaire Assistance Center – Barb B. is looking into having an “unpublished” QAC for internet access and assistance in completing online census forms

at Fairview Community Center and possibly Parkview Center School where ECFE meets. The state demographer's office has supplied a 24-minute training video for those who help at QAC's.

- Ramsey County Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) offices have been contacted to determine dates and times for census outreach at the WIC offices.
- Infographic – Marcia Cheney arranged for our infographic to be shared with LWV statewide through the LWV census outreach resources page and Ramsey-St. Paul CCC and additional English Language Learner sites.

g. Ad Hoc Centennial Report - None

5. Unfinished Business: None

6. New Business

- Should we approve renewal of membership for the Gavel Club. The fee is \$20 (**see Action item A**).
- Florence Sprague presented to the Board the LWVRA Nominations Committee Report for 2020-2021 for review and approval (**see Action item B**).
- LWVRA will have a table at the Women's Expo at Rosedale Center, March 28 and 29. There is a charge for rental of five chairs (**see Action item C**).
- Please see Program, paragraph 4 regarding approval of the recommendation via concurrence at the LWVUS Convention 2020 (**see Action item D**).

7. Action items

- A.** Karen L. motioned to renew membership for the Gavel Club and pay the \$20 fee. Motion passed unanimously.
- B.** Wayne motioned approval of the Nominations Committee Report for 2020-2021. Motion passed unanimously.
- C.** Karen S. motioned approval of \$50 for the Women's Expo at Rosedale Center, March 28 and 29 for rental of five chairs. Motion passed unanimously.
- D.** Wayne motioned approval of the recommendation via concurrence at the LWVUS Convention 2020 to *support electoral systems at each level of government that encourage participation, are verifiable and auditable and enhance representation for all voters*. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Announcements: None

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by Mary Peterson