

**League of Women Voters of Duluth: Annual Meeting**  
**Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth**  
**May 4, 2023**  
**6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.**

**SECRETARY MINUTES**

**Welcome:**

Mary Faulkner, President welcomed members and thanked the Events Committee for their efforts. The committee included co-chairs Sandy Grandmaison, Candy Winkler, and Cindy Blomberg and other committee members, Theresa O’Gara, Gwen Thorson, Gail Schoenfelder and Linda Vukson.

**Reading of the DEI Statement:**

Mary Faulkner, President, read the LWV Duluth Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement.

**Recognition of o Outgoing Board Members:**

President Mary Faulkner thanked outgoing Board members Candy Winkler and Sarah Mikesell for their service this past year.

**Recognition of New Members:**

President Faulkner welcomed 21 new LWV Duluth members, who joined during the period April 2022-May 2023. Four additional members also joined at today’s Annual Meeting. She also acknowledged the efforts of Anita Gille, Membership Committee chairperson.

**Announcement of Upcoming League Events:**

President Mary Faulkner announced several upcoming League events, including: 1) Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee meeting on May 13, 2) Sisters Book Club meeting on May 25, 3) DEI and Membership Committees are partnering for member meet-ups, involving birding, on May 11 & 16, 4) Updated “Restore the Vote” information will be coming soon, 5) Plant and Book Sale on June 10 needs workers and shoppers for this League fundraiser. Sue DeNio, Board member, talked about upcoming voter registration efforts, especially at Juneteenth activities. Volunteers are needed. She also talked about the work of our Youth Civic Engagement Fellows this year.

**Call to Order:**

The Annual Meeting was called to order at 6:25 p.m. by President Mary Faulkner.

**Establishment of a Quorum:**

President Mary Faulkner announced that a quorum was established with 64 members present. (Quorum=54 required, based on 213 members)

### **Report of Budget Committee:**

The proposed 2023-2024 budget was presented. (Details were provided to the entire membership in the April 2023 “Voter” newsletter and was available on our website.) A **motion** was made (Jan Magree) and **seconded** (Gay Trachsel) to approve the budget, as submitted by the Budget Committee. **Motion passed unanimously.**

### **Financial Report:**

We had a record \$4,153.80 contributed by members as donations and “In Memoriam” gifts. The budget committee (Nancy Aldridge, Jane Hovland, and Mary Faulkner) set the proposed budget for 2023-24. The audit committee (Nancy Aldridge, Mary Faulkner, Jim Schulzetenberg) conducted an audit on April 24, 2023 and submitted our Annual Financial Report to LWV Minnesota on April 28. We have no debt. Our total assets are \$27,215 as of March 31, 2023.

### **Report of Nominating Committee:**

The proposed nominating slate for Board members AND nominating committee members was presented. (Details were provided to the entire membership in the April 2023 “Voter” newsletter and was available on our website.) No additional nominations were made. A **motion** was made (Michelle McDonald) and **seconded** (Mary Evans) to approve the nominating slate. **Motion passed unanimously. The secretary was instructed to cast a unanimous ballot and the ballot was elected:** President (2023-24): Jane Hovland, Vice President (2023-24): Mary Faulkner, Secretary (2023-25): Gwen Thorson, Treasurer (2023-25): Nancy Aldridge, Board members (2023-25): Sue DeNio, Pam Kramer, Ellen Wiss. Nominating committee members: Nancy Aldridge, Susie Darley-Hill, Anita Gille, Sally Munger, Theresa O’Gara (Chair), Gay Trachsel.

### **Welcome to new President, Vice President, and Board of Directors:**

Outgoing President Mary Faulkner introduced incoming President Jane Hovland, who offered a brief message to the membership.

### **Adjournment:**

A **motion** was made and **seconded** to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

The business meeting was followed by guest speaker, Janet Kennedy, whose presentation was “Unexpected Journey: Pathway from Poverty to Prosperity and Policies that are Making a Difference.”

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary