

League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
“Zoom” meeting
November 3, 2022
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Members Present: Mary Faulkner, Jane Hovland, Anita Gille, Gwen Thorson, Nancy Aldridge, Sandy Grandmason, Sue DeNio, Ellen Wiss, Jeri Quest, Lori Dando

Members Absent: Katherine Rasley

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:31 p.m. by President Mary Faulkner.

Visit from Youth Civic Engagement Fellows: Sue DeNio introduced this year’s fellows, Aren Carlson and Martyn Dahl from East High School and Abby Grafmyre from Denfeld High School. They have been working to get 18-year olds registered to vote and working on “get out the vote” efforts. Aren and Martyn wrote and produced a video on how to register to vote that was shown to all classes at East. Abby adapted materials from the Secretary of State’s office to make posters regarding voter registration on election day and knowing your voting rights. She has distributed them at Denfeld and in the Lincoln Park neighborhood.

Diversity Statement: The LWV Duluth Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement was read by Mary Faulkner.

Consent Agenda—Approval of the Minutes and Financials:

A **motion** was made (S. DeNio) and **seconded** (J. Quest) to approve the minutes and financials, as provided. **Motion passed unanimously.** The minutes from the October 6, 2022 Board meeting will be filed.

Unfinished Business:

A.: Land Acknowledgement Statement: Board members were provided with a copy of the LWVMN Land Acknowledgement Statement and a draft copy of a Land Acknowledgement Statement for LWV Duluth. M. Faulkner encouraged Board members to attend the LWVMN Academy on “Land Acknowledgement” on November 15, at 4:30. This training session will discuss LWVMN’s new Land Acknowledgement Statement will offer information/guidance on how local Leagues can craft their own statement. The Board will revisit this topic at the January 2023 Board meeting.

New Business:

A. LWVMN Firearms in MN Study: Board members have been provided information on how to review this information on the LWVMN website. M. Faulkner stated that LWV Duluth will participate in the completion of this study using the following process,

initially: 1) Provide study materials to all members (via December “Voter”), 2) Host an all-member meeting in January 2023 to review the background of the study and League positions—and then vote on the 8 consensus questions. M. Faulkner will do a Doodle poll to determine a January meeting date.

B. Holiday Social Outreach: Sandy Grandmaison reminded Board members of the “Holiday Open House” on December 8, 5:30-7:30, at Northland Country Club. Ticket price: \$30, non-refundable. Board members are expected to attend—and to call all League members to extend an invitation to insure that every member has been informed of this event. (M. Faulkner and S. Grandmaison will work together to create the information for Board members to convey.)

C. January 6th Event: S. Grandmaison asked the Board if there was an interest/need to sponsor an event on January 6th. If so, planning would need to begin this month. Discussion included whether or not it would be appropriate in 2023 and what action LWVUS is or is not considering. It was suggested that an alternative action might be an indoor presentation on election fairness, or a post-election wrap up that could include thanking election day workers.

For the Good of the Order (Announcements, Questions, Concerns):

A. Environmental Action Committee: A \$500 check from LWVMN has been received, as a result of a grant written by Jane Hovland. The monies will be used for work on climate issues.

B. Voter Services: S. DeNio reminded Board members that the grant for youth civic engagement fellows can only be used for reimbursable items related to voter services, up to \$250/school.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Board Meeting, Thursday, January 5, 5:30-7:00 p.m. (No December meeting.)

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary

ADDENDA (Business occurring after the regular meeting on November 3, 2022—Voting completed electronically):

December 1, 2022—The Board approved, by majority, two items:

1. Appointment of Candy Winkler to join the Board
2. Co-sponsorship of the December 14th Noon Vigil to Honor Victims of the Sandy Hook Shooting at Peace United Church of Christ

December 5, 2022—The Board approved, by majority, the appointment of Sarah Mike-sell to the Board.

