

League of Women Voters Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
Building for Women
January 9, 2020
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Present: Christina Woods, Gwen Thorson, Nancy Aldridge, Sandy Grandmaison, Julie Seidelmann, Linda Vukson, Gail Nouska, Sue DeNio, Ellen Wiss, Theresa O’Gara

Absent: Candy Winkler, Nancy Palmer, Mary Faulkner, Jane Hovland, Karin Haidos, Laura Birnbaum, Jodi Broadwell, Barbara Johnson

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Christina Woods.

Consent Agenda—Minutes and Financial:

A **motion** was made (E. Wiss) and **seconded** (S. Grandmaison) to file the “financial report.”

Motion passed. A **motion** was made (S. DeNio) and **seconded** (S. Grandmaison) to file the secretary’s minutes from the November 7, 2019 meeting. **Motion passed.**

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Budget**—Nancy Palmer and Nancy Aldridge
N. Aldridge reviewed the new reporting format (i.e. balance sheet), and the “Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual” for April through November 2019. Note: State and U.S. dues have not been paid, yet.
- **Communications**—Julie Seidelmann and Gwen Thorson
“Voter” deadline was announced: January 15
New logo for League of Women Voters of Duluth; can be viewed on our website and in E-News
Discussion re: how to share board minutes with membership and best way to share “observer corps” reports. Decisions to be determined at February meeting.
LWV Duluth email account needs to be checked—on a regular basis; and following brief discussion, it was decided that Julie and Gwen will be responsible.
- **Cross Cultural**—Janet Kennedy and Gail Schoenfelder
N. Aldridge reported that the committee has recommended spending \$125 for a 1/4 page ad in the program for the NAACP’s Freedom Fund dinner, celebrating its 100th anniversary. A **motion** was made (N. Aldridge) and **seconded** (L. Vukson) to approve placement of a 1/4 page ad, for \$125, contingent on availability of funds. **Motion passed.**
Committee has discussed the online description of the City of Duluth’s new flag, which was not completely inclusive. Draft letter, including suggestions for a revised description was read. However, a revision may have already been made. Recommended that the committee reexamine this issue at their next meeting, before contacting the city.
- **Events**—Sandy Grandmaison
 - 1) Holiday Social: December 12, 2019, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Building for Women. The event was a success—good food and decorations; site was satisfactory.
Suggested that event continue at this site. **Tentative date set for 2020:**
December 10, 2020
 - 2) Women of Influence: February 13, 2020, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in The George

Morrison Room, at the Depot. Diana Oestreich will speak. AAUW will co-sponsor. Next planning meeting: January 16, 2020 at Dovetail Cafe. Needs: determination of speaker's presentation title/details, E-News schedule, methods to enhance attendance

- 3) **Annual Meeting**: May 2020. C. Woods is continuing to pursue Peggy Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor, as a possible speaker. K. Haidos agreed to co-chair the silent auction and has 2 people to assist. S. Grandmaison will contact Northland Country Club re: available dates.
 - 4) **Equali-TEA**: G. Nouska reported that the date is March 28, 2020. Readers Theater will provide the program, related to 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment.
- **Membership**—Theresa O’Gara and Barb Johnson
T. O’Gara stated that the Citizens in Action event would be a good opportunity to involve new members. General discussion about other ways to involve new members.
 - **Natural Resources**—Sally Munger and Gay Trachsel
No report.
 - **Nominating**—Maria Isley
No report.
 - **Observer Corps**—Mary Jane Peterson
No report.
 - **Voter Services**—Ellen Wiss, Mary Faulkner
E. Wiss reported that the next planning meeting will be in February 2020. General discussion about changes in the election process, the census, and the need to provide voter registration opportunities (including offering our help to other agencies) and candidate forums.
E. Wiss and C. Winkler will work on a Wirtennen grant request.
 - **Health Committee**
No report.

New Business:

- C. Woods addressed the St. Louis County Board meeting on January 7, 2020 regarding the resolution about refugee resettlement in the county. She spoke as president of LWV Duluth and LWV’s national program which supports humanitarian issues.
- L. Vukson mentioned Sally Munger’s request to notify board members that they are welcome to submit questions for the Legislative Roundtable, to be held February 2, 2020, 1:00-3:00, at CSS, Somers Lounge.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made (E. Wiss) and **seconded** (L. Vukson) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary