

League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
Zoom
March 4, 2024
5:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Members Present: Jane Hovland, Anita Gille, Nancy Aldridge, Gwen Thorson, Ellen Wiss, Sandy Grandmaison, Jeri Quest, Sue Henke, Sue DeNio, Theresa O’Gara, Candy Winkler, Pam Kramer, Katherine Rasley, Lori Dando

Members Absent: Kay Allen, excused

1. Call to Order & DEI Statement: The meeting was called to order at 5:01 p.m. by President Jane Hovland. The DEI statement was read by Gwen Thorson.

2. Consent Agenda (including Secretary’s Minutes, Treasurer’s Financial Statements, Reports of standing committees—DEI, Membership, Environmental Action, Observer Corps): The Consent Agenda was approved by consensus.

*Highlights: Treasurer’s report was unavailable this month. Membership reported that some new members joined on the ERA bus. Environmental Action is in progress. DEI will have a speaker at March 9: Deyona Kirk. Observer Corps members had a formal training recently and the recording will be posted online soon.

3. Continuing Business:

a. *Finance Committee:* A Board member and a non-Board member are needed to join the President and Treasurer.

b. *Nonpartisanship policies for Board, members, coalitions, etc.:* (See attached.) Extensive discussion was held. A **motion** was made (S. Henke) and **seconded** (S. DeNio) to approve the new nonpartisan policy with proposed edits.

Motion passed. *NOTE: The edited policy will be sent electronically to Board members for final review.

c. *Program Planning:* E. Wiss explained the LWVMN and LWVUS format regarding program issues. Discussion followed about how to survey members, how to select issues for focus, and how to move forward. It was pointed out that “education” for members about this process is important. T. O’Gara, E. Wiss, J. Hovland, and P. Kramer will work on how LWV Duluth can move ahead.

d. *Plant & Book Sale:* June 8, 2024 is the selected date. J. Hovland has secured Mt. Royal Market parking lot as the site for the sale. This will be a “Board event.”

e. *Nominating Committee Update:* T. O’Gara reported that the committee is still working.

f. *Other Business/Announcements*: The Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 2, 2024, at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth. The event will include arrival/social time, business meeting and short program, and continued social time. A quorum is required. There was discussion about timelines, possible menu, and short program. The Board, with events committee support, is responsible for the event.

4. Adjournment: A **motion** was made (S. Grandmaison) and **seconded** (P. Kramer) to adjourn.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Monday, April 1, 2024, 5:00-6:30 p.m., via Zoom

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary

ADDENDUM (Business occurring after the regular meeting on March 4, 2024—Voting completed electronically):

March 12, 2024—The Board approved the following motion:

MOTION: To co-sponsor, with AAUW, the showing of Ava DuVernay's film, "Origins," based on Isabelle Wilkerson's book, "Caste." (Note: The film will be shown on March 21, 2024 at Zinema. There will be no cost for LWV Duluth.)