

League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
“Zoom” meeting
April 1, 2021
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Members Present: Candy Winkler, Sandy Grandmaison, Gwen Thorson, Theresa O’Gara, Karin Haidos, Julie Seidelmann, Ellen Wiss, Nancy Aldridge, Sue DeNio, Gay Trachsel, Mary Faulkner, Gail Nouska, Jane Hovland

Members Absent: Barbara Johnson has ended her term as a board member.

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Co-President Candy Winkler. It was announced that this would be the final regular Board meeting for co-presidents, Candy Winkler and Sandy Grandmaison and Board member, Karin Haidos.

Diversity Statement: The LWV Duluth Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement was read by Co-President Sandy Grandmaison.

Consent Agenda—Approval of the Minutes and Financials:

A **motion** was made (J. Hovland) and **seconded** (G. Trachsel) to approve the consent agenda. (It was requested that funds be allotted to assist members’ attendance at the State Convention for LWVMN.)

Motion passed. The reports from the March 4, 2021 Board meeting will be filed.

Committee Reports:

- **Written reports from the Communication, Membership, Natural Resources, and Cross Cultural Committees were made available for review. Voter Services Committee provided an oral report.**
- **Events** (S. Grandmaison)
 - Annual Meeting (May 6, 7:00-8:15):** Terresa Moses will be the featured speaker, speak for 20 minutes and take questions afterwards. 50 members will be needed for a quorum and RSVP is requested—via website, email, or phone. General discussion of the proposed event agenda was held.
- **Voter Services** (E. Wiss)
 - Theresa O’Gara and Sue DeNio will coordinate “voter registration” efforts, next year.
 - Voter suppression was discussed. We should encourage members to get the “Capitol Letter” in order to stay informed about state efforts in this area.
 - The app, “Outreach Circle,” is supported by LWVMN and LWVS as a resource, explaining what League supports and what we can/should monitor, enabling us to be involved.
 - April 29 is a “Day of Action.” Several suggestions were discussed (e.g. community meetings, writing editorials, sending postcards to legislators about the need for an independent commission to determine legislative and congressional districts, promote the state’s “Day of Action”).

Old Business:

- **Bylaws Revisions:** C. Winkler noted the final language revisions re: the composition of the nominating committee AND the process for electronic voting.
- **Policies & Procedures Revisions:** A **motion** was made (E. Wiss) and **seconded** (J. Hovland) to approve the updated “Policies & Procedures” of LWV Duluth, as presented at the Board meeting, February 4, 2021. **Motion passed.**

New Business:

- **LWVMN Convention:** J. Hovland is working with Michelle Witte (LWVMN) on the convention program. Jane has made the following suggestions: 1) Ellen Anderson—presentation of Minnesota’s “Climate Report Card,” 2) Karen Diver—to discuss land acknowledgement, 3) Susana Pelayo-Woodward—to

discuss “diversity, equity, and inclusion,” 4) a past presidents’ round table discussion.

- LWVMN Survey: Co-presidents, C. Winkler and S. Grandmaison were authorized to complete this survey on “program,” on behalf of LWV Duluth.

Announcements:

—E-News should be sent to all League members regarding the virtual LWVMN State Convention and asking about their interest in being a delegate.

—LWVMN State Convention (Virtual): June 11-12

—LWVMN is sponsoring an Earth Day seminar, 7:00-8:30 p.m.

—PPFM (“People Powered Fair Maps”) Day of Action: April 29

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary