

League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
“Zoom” meeting
April 2, 2020
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Present: Christina Woods, Candy Winkler, Gwen Thorson, Nancy Aldridge, Nancy Palmer, Sandy Grandmason, Linda Vukson, Theresa O’Gara, Karin Haidos, Mary Faulkner, Jane Hovland, Julie Seidelmann, Sue DeNio, Ellen Wiss, Barbara Johnson, Gail Nouska

Absent: None

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by Christina Woods.

Approval of the Minutes:

A **motion** was made (S. DeNio) and **seconded** (S. Grandmason) to approve the minutes.

Motion passed. The minutes from the March 5, 2020 board meeting will be filed.

President’s Report:

A **motion** was made (C. Winkler) and **seconded** (E. Wiss) to add this to the agenda at this point in time. **Motion passed.**

Co-president C. Woods reported on a recent “presidents’ call” with LWVMN. LWVMN will provide guidance to local leagues regarding how to hold meetings and elect board members, in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Suggested language for by-laws will be provided to allow for annual meetings held in a modified manner. LWVMN has suggested that committee meetings should continue, using any platform (including electronic). The “Vote 411” program will be changing. That is, local leagues will no longer be responsible for coordinating information for their area, but will be able to provide input to the state league, as necessary. The Census 2020 deadline is changing. (Minnesota is currently at a 49% response rate.) The state’s legislature is currently focused on responding to the pandemic. Members are encouraged to visit the LWVMN website for the latest information.

Fundraising Challenges:

- We are unable to hold any fundraisers this spring (i.e. Equali-TEA, spring auction, plant & book sale).
- Following discussion, with input from the treasurers, it was indicated that our work can continue with existing funds. Also, some expenses will be less (because events have been cancelled).
- The grant is still available for the Voter Services Committee to pursue. E. Wiss and C. Winkler will work on this.

2020-2021 Budget:

A **motion** was made (J. Hovland) and **seconded** (E. Wiss) to present the proposed 2020-2021 budget, as circulated, to the general membership. **Motion passed.**

Annual Meeting 2020:

General discussion was held about the possibility of having a meal (dinner? appetizers?) and auction as part of the fall Kickoff event, and about the use of electronic voting.

A **motion** was made (S. Grandmaison) and **seconded** (C. Winkler) to hold an *electronic* Annual Meeting, no later than June 1, 2020. **Motion passed.**

A **motion** was made (S. Grandmaison) and **seconded** (S. DeNio) to *cancel* the Annual Meeting, scheduled for May 7, 2020. **Motion passed.**

Bylaws and Policies/Policy and Procedure for Board Membership:

General discussion was held about the need to reexamine these written documents on a regular basis.

A **motion** was made (J. Hovland) and **seconded** (C. Winkler) to establish an *ad hoc committee* to review our league's bylaws, policies and procedures. **Motion passed.** (Note: Julie Seidelmann, Gwen Thorson, and Rosemary Guttormsson are willing to work on this committee.)

Elections in November:

Discussion was held about using state outreach. Members were encouraged to visit the state website for continuing updates. E. Wiss, co-chairperson of the Voter Services Committee, stated that she will be sending table reservation payments for the Chester Bowl Fall Fest and the Lester Park Rendezvous. (Note: We will provide voter registration at these events.)

Census 2020:

General discussion was held. A webpage will be created with links to appropriate resources (e.g. LWVMN, US Census 2020). E-News emails will be sent to our membership at appropriate times.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made (S. Grandmaison) and **seconded** (N. Aldridge) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary