

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

SECRETARY MINUTES

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

Absent: Sue DeNio, Ellen Wiss, Linda Vukson

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

Approval of the Minutes:

A **motion** was made (C. Winkler) and **seconded** (J. Hovland) to approve the minutes. **Motion passed.** The minutes from the April 2, 2020 board meeting will be filed. A **motion** was made (K. Haidos) and **seconded** (T. O’Gara) to approve the minutes from the April 20, 2020 “special” board meeting. **Motion passed.** The minutes will be filed.

March Financials:

- Nancy Palmer and Nancy Aldridge reported.
- Last year, we had 76% of our expected income (not 100%) because we did not hold the Equal-TEA. Expenses were 73% of expected. Therefore, our finances are satisfactory.
- COVID-19 has had a minimal impact because of the timing (i.e. occurring at the end of the league’s financial year).
- We have funds in the bank. Therefore, if expenses are in excess in the coming year, we should be able to cover those expenditures.
- This pandemic is an “emergency.” We need to be watchful.

A **motion** was made (N. Palmer) and **seconded** (S. Grandmason) to file the financial report.

Motion passed.

“Zoom” Discussion:

Discussion was held about possible options for online meetings. It was decided that the league will purchase a subscription for “Zoom” and money will come from the president’s fund. N. Palmer and C. Winkler will work to facilitate this. ****STATEMENT:** The “Zoom” subscription is for LWV business only—and only board members and committee chairs can open a meeting.

Fundraising Challenges Discussion:

- The Plant & Book Sale has been cancelled.
- Equal-TEA: no new information
- Annual Meeting will be handled *electronically* for voting, only.
- Need for more discussion and examination as the pandemic evolves. Consider any combination of plant/book/auction sales. Maybe decide by August 1.

Voting for LWV of Duluth:

- “Nominations from the floor” will be sent to: lwvduluth@lwvmn.org
- “Voting” for the 2020-21 budget and for the board and officer slate will be sent to lwvduluth@lww.org

Transfer of Public Lands VOTE:

A **motion** was made (J. Hovland) and **seconded** (N. Aldridge) for LWV of Duluth to be in concurrence by LWVUS with LWVNM's position on transfer of federal public lands. *(See email of 5/7/20 for details.)* **Following discussion, J. Hovland withdrew her motion.** Discussion indicated recognition of the apparent lack of consultation with tribes in this concurrence. The potential impact on tribes is a concern. It was suggested that our Natural Resources Committee consult with Rebecca St. George, tribal staff attorney for the Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa and consider contact with LWVNM for additional information.

Elections in November:

A **motion** was made (J. Hovland) and **seconded** (S. Grandmaison) to table this discussion until the June board meeting. **Motion passed.**

Census 2020:

S. Grandmaison reported that LWV Duluth members are invited to help with the census by participating in phoning residents of Duluth and St. Louis County. Phoning will be conducted through the LWVNM using a computer system. Phoning participants will be trained online by the staff of the MN 2020 Census staff. Contact L. Vukson if interested. NOTE: E-News was sent 5/7/20 to all league members with this information.

Bylaws and Policies/Policy and Procedure for Board Membership:

No work has been done, to date.

New Business:

None

Announcements: President Christina Woods announced that this was her final board meeting. Members thanked her for her dedication and work.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made (B. Johnson) and **seconded** (K. Haidos) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary