

**League of Women Voters Duluth**  
**February 2, 2022**  
**5:30 – 7:00 PM**  
**MEETING AGENDA**

**In attendance:** Meg Litts, Mary Faulkner, Gay Trachsel, Julie Seidelmann, Jane Hovland, Ellen Wiss, Gail Nouska, Sue DeNio, Rosie Loeffler-Kemp, Nancy Aldridge, Sandy Grandmaison

**Call to Order – 5:30 p.m.**

**I. Diversity Statement – Read by Meg Litts**

**II. Consent Agenda:**

**a. January Minutes**

**b. Financials**

**i. LWV Balance Sheet**

**ii. LWV Income and Expenses**

Jane Hovland moved to approve.

Gay Trachsel seconded.

**Motion approved.**

**III. Committee Chair Report Additions or Questions**

**See written reports in Board Packet**

Additional Information from the Communications Committee:

There was a Zoom Training on Tuesday with Kristin from LWVMN.

When scheduling a zoom meeting, please check calendar to avoid any scheduling conflicts.

Let Julie or Gwen know if you like recorded meeting transferred from the LWVMN zoom. They are deleted from zoom after 30 days. Recorded meetings can be posted on our YouTube.

**IV. Citizens in Action (Rosie Loeffler-Kemp)**

123 community members registered. 19 elected officials and the superintendent attended. About 1/3 are new attendees, 1/3 have attended CIA before, and 1/3 have been to many CIA events.

The event was recorded:

<https://www.lwvduluth.org/january-28-2022--citizens-in-action-virtual-workshop.html>

It began with a statement from Sen. Klobuchar. There will be a follow-up email and a follow-up report in the next Voter newsletter.

Dr. Jennifer Moore will be open to more events with the League. It was important to have Kristin from LWVMN as part of the event planning to see the effort and see our relationships with local officials and the community.

The Board recognized Rosie's efforts to network and facilitate the event. The committee creates the framework, and Rosie follows through to put all the pieces together. This event is about relationships, relationships, and relationships.

#### **V. Ad-Hoc Advocacy and Program Task Force Report (Sue)**

See written report.

Sue provided the background work done so that we understand the workload, the important tasks, and then ideas about sustainability.

The Program and Advocacy Task Force recommends that:

1. A Program committee be formed, with two sub-committees (a Program for Action and an Advocacy Team) to fulfill the job descriptions listed below. The Voter and monthly emails through Membership will be used to initially recruit committee/team members.
2. The 1st Vice President act as Program Committee Chairperson, with other volunteers acting as sub-committee chairs (or having co-chairs for each).
3. These groups evaluate these responsibilities in one year (February meeting) and propose modifications if needed.

Sue DeNio moves that accept the recommendations of the Task Force along with Job Descriptions.

Ellen Wiss seconded.

**Motion passed.**

Next steps:

Information on recommendations and job descriptions will be published in the next Voter newsletter.

LWVMN will provide additional training prior to Program Planning next year.

#### **VI. Medical Aid in Dying (Gail presented on behalf of Anita)**

Elected Officers (Rep Jen Schultz and Sen Jen McEwen) were present at the educational session. Delegates from the LWV Duluth need to be informed.

A second educational session has been recommended. Attendance would be framed as part of delegate's responsibility.

This can be an education piece about gaining consensus or concurrence. This issue will be revisited at the upcoming Council.

Gay Trachsel presented a motion to support a presentation by Rebecca on this issue.  
Sue DeNio seconded the motion.

**Motion is passed.**

Next steps:

Mary will inform Anita that the motion passed.

#### **VII. DRAFT Program Planning Survey Responses (see attached) (Mary, Ellen, and Gay)**

Mary Faulkner, Ellen Wiss, and Gay Trachsel completed a draft of the survey. The final draft needs to be submitted online by March 1, 2022.

Next steps:

Mary Faulkner will send the draft survey as a PDF for Board Members review.

Comments and additions are welcome.

#### **VIII. Steps to Make Sure Members can Attend Board Meetings (Mary and Meg present on behalf of Anita)**

Members have expressed interest in attending Board Meetings. Some members who have interest in becoming Board Members and would like to observe. Minutes are published, but meetings are not currently recorded and posted.

Ellen Wiss moved to table.

Julie seconded the motion.

Motion fails.

Mary Faulkner moved to include a point of contact to calendar and to the Voter to facilitate members to attend Board Meetings.

Sue DeNio seconded.

**Motion passes.**

Next Steps:

Mary will review Bylaws to better understand current rules.

Meg will coordinate with Anita to serve as the point of contact for members who wish to observe.

#### **IX. Old Business**

#### **X. New Business**

- a. Need a new date for April board meeting

Board members agreed to meet on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00.

b. Proposal: Separating Fundraising from Events Committee responsibilities

Some members are very good at particular events and would continue to plan them year to year. Fundraising may require different skills and different members may want to take on a particular fundraiser.

Jane and Meg volunteered to join Nancy on a Budget Committee.

c. Proposal: Promoting other organizations' events on our social media, in our Voter, and through email without being a sponsor

According to the bylaws, the LWV Duluth can only share information about a local event if we sponsor/co-sponsor OR have Board approval. This process can cause delays in planning events and supporting our community allies. Other leagues probably experience similar frustrations.

Any change would require change to the bylaws. We could tighten up voting by email, end voting once a simple majority, and communicating voting results more quickly to allow planning to begin.

Next steps:

Meg will seek guidance from the LWVMN.

## **XI. Announcements**

## **XII. Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn at 7:18PM**

### **Future Meetings**

**March: Thurs, March 17th from 5:30 - 7**

**April: Thursday, April 14th from 5:30 – 7**

**Annual Meeting: May 12nd**