

League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
Building for Women, Founders' Room
October 8, 2024
5:00 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Members Present: Jane Hovland, Theresa O’Gara, Nancy Aldridge, Gwen Thorson, Barb Possin, Sue Henke, Pam Kramer, Faye Witt, Sandy Grandmaison

Members Absent: Sue DeNio, Ellen Wiss, Lori Dando

1. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m. by President Jane Hovland.

2. Consent Agenda (including Secretary’s Minutes, Treasurer’s Financial Statements, Committee reports – Voter Services, Membership): A **motion** was made (T. O’Gara) and **seconded** (B. Possin) to approve the consent agenda. The consent agenda was **approved** unanimously.

3. Review of Committees’ Statuses:

- a) Communication: E-News and “The Voter” have been sent as needed/scheduled.
- b) Membership: Gay Trachsel and Sally Munger are sharing chair responsibilities until November; next “Meet & Greet” will be October 24 at Ecumen. (See separate written report.)
- c) Observer Corps: LWV has been invited to participate in post-election reviews during the week following the general election. Training is required. Volunteers do not need to be a League member. An E-News with information will be sent to members. Also, there has been a request to observe the Public Utilities Commission.
- d) Voter Services: See separate written report.
- e) International Relations: Humphrey Fellows will not be visiting Duluth this fall.
- f) Environmental Action: The committee is not very active now.
- g) Diversity, Equity & Inclusion: no report
- h) Events: The “Holiday Social” will be held on December 5 at Northland Country Club. Charge will remain at \$35; discussion about payment options (Cash or check were preferred.) There was no update regarding “Women of Influence” event.
- i) Citizens in Action: The workshop will be held February 1, 2025 at First United Methodist Church (“Copper Top”)

4. Business/Action Matters:

- a) Ongoing search for new space: The search continues, but talks with the Building for Women will also continue.
- b) Housing Study: Pam Kramer and Zandy Zwiebel have determined that the focus of the study will be narrowed to “how housing is financed in Minnesota and our area.” The full committee will begin to meet after the general election. The study committee will investigate collaboration with CHUM. LWV members and friends are invited to

attend the upcoming Duluth Area House Candidate Forum on Tuesday, October 29, at 11:30 AM, at One Roof Community Housing.

c) Fundraiser ideas: Continue the Equal-Tea, a spring event at Grey Rabbit Gardens

d) Membership ideas: Do personal/individualized invitations to League events and “Meet & Greet” events.

Announcements:

None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary