

League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
“Zoom” meeting
February 4, 2021
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Co-President Candy Winkler.

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 (S. Grandmaison) and **seconded** (G. Trachsel) to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passed.** The reports from the January 7, 2021 board meeting will be filed.

A **motion** was made (G. Trachsel) and **seconded** (J. Hovland) that the donations received in memory of Joyce Benson be a line item in the budget and be used by a member/nonmember for either training involving advancement in leadership or promoting international relationships as was part of Joyce’s legacy. Discretionary distribution will be made by LWV Duluth Board until funds are exhausted. **Motion passed.**

Committee Reports:

- ***Written reports from the Communication, Membership, Natural Resources, and Voter Services Committees were made available for review.***

Presentation of Revised Bylaws and Policies:

Committee members Julie Seidelmann, Gwen Thorson, Jane Gilley and Rosemary Guttormsson presented the proposed updated LWV Duluth bylaws and policies.

Voter Services Task Force:

E. Wiss asked the Board to consider making “redistricting” the focus for VS next year, since there are no state or federal offices on the ballot. Of course, we would still hold registration and forums events. Discussion of this issue will take place at the March meeting.

Announcements:

- The Budget Committee will be meeting soon.
- The Nominating Committee will also be meeting soon. It is in need of 2 non-board members. Send suggestions for committee members, as well as new board members, to C. Winkler.
- S. Grandmaison encouraged board members to attend the “Women of Influence” event on February 25, to advertise the event, and to invite their friends and mentees.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary