

League of Women Voters Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
Building for Women
February 6, 2020
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Present: Candy Winkler, Gwen Thorson, Nancy Aldridge, Nancy Palmer, Sandy Grandmaison, Julie Seidelmann, Linda Vukson, Sue DeNio, Ellen Wiss, Theresa O’Gara, , Barbara Johnson, Karin Haidos

Absent: Christina Woods, Mary Faulkner, Gail Nouska, Jane Hovland, Laura Birnbaum, Jodi Broadwell

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:29 p.m. by Candy Winkler.

Consent Agenda—Minutes and Financial:

A **motion** was made (E. Wiss) and **seconded** (S. DeNio) to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passed.** The minutes from the January 9, 2020 board meeting and the financial report will be filed.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Budget**—Nancy Palmer and Nancy Aldridge
N. Palmer reviewed the “Income & Expense Budget vs. Actual” for April through December 2019 and “Balance Sheet” as of December 31, 2019. She noted that we have only spent 25% of our budget, and we are 75% of the way through the budget year.
The Budget Committee will meet in February. If any board member is interested in helping with this process, contact Candy Winkler.
- **Communications**—Julie Seidelmann and Gwen Thorson
“Voter” deadline was announced: February 15
There are 3-4 versions of the “diversity statement” that appear in various league publications and a need, therefore, to have consistency. A **motion** was made (S. DeNio) and **seconded** (S. Grandmaison) to approve the most recent statement, as distributed.
Motion passed.
LWV Duluth will promote AAUW’s gun safety legislation discussion (February 27) via our calendar and E-News.
Discussion re: length of “Observer Corps” reports. Publication is valuable. Observers will be reminded and encouraged to be succinct in reporting and to consider the use of links to agency websites for more complete information.
A **motion** was made (E. Wiss) and **seconded** (N. Aldridge) to publish the board minutes on the LWV Duluth website. **Motion passed.**
- **Cross Cultural**—Janet Kennedy and Gail Schoenfelder
N. Aldridge reported that the next committee meeting will be February 8, 2020 at 10:00. Sharon Witherspoon will talk about the Family Freedom School.
The NAACP Freedom Fund dinner will be held on February 21, 2020. LWV Duluth has purchased a 1/4-page ad for their program booklet.
See committee minutes, as distributed to board members, for complete information.
- **Events**—Sandy Grandmaison
 - 1) **Women of Influence:** February 13, 2020, 6:00-7:30 p.m., in The George Morrison Room, at the Depot. Diana Oestreich will speak. AAUW will co-sponsor. Board members are encouraged to attend—and to bring a guest(s).

- 2) Annual Meeting: May 2020. C. Woods is continuing to pursue Peggy Flanagan, Lieutenant Governor, as a possible speaker. C. Winkler will followup with C. Woods to determine if a commitment for a specific date has been determined.
- 3) Equali-TEA: Gail Nouska and Jean Farmakes are chairpersons. The date is March 28, 2020. There are 2 seatings. Tickets are \$30. Readers Theater will provide the program, related to the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment—and should be appropriate for children. The tea is an important fundraiser for LWV Duluth.

Membership—Theresa O’Gara and Barb Johnson

T. O’Gara reported that there are 194 members.

“Meet & Greet” will be held March 11, 2020.

There was general discussion about recruiting and maintaining membership.

• **Natural Resources**—Sally Munger and Gay Trachsel

T. O’Gara reported a request from S. Munger and G. Trachsel. A **motion** was made (T. O’Gara) and **seconded** (L. Vukson) to accept a proposed letter to the State Attorney General, from the Natural Resources Committee, pending consultation and approval of LWV Minnesota. **Motion passed.** (*Note: See letter, as distributed, for details.)

• **Nominating**—Maria Isley

No report.

• **Observer Corps**—Mary Jane Peterson

No report.

• **Voter Services**—Ellen Wiss, Mary Faulkner

E. Wiss reported that a preliminary planning meeting will be held the week of February 10, to include Mary Faulkner, Pat Castellano, and herself. Information will be sent to the entire membership in March 2020.

Ellen noted that the current committee list needs to be updated.

General discussion about how LWV Duluth can assist with the “2020 Census.”

New Business:

- Health Care Committee: No report available, to date.

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made (E. Wiss) and **seconded** (B. Johnson) to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary