

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

SECRETARY MINUTES

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

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:32 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 (G. Trachsel) and **seconded** (E. Wiss) to approve the consent agenda. (Treasurer will correct voter services grant amount, as requested.) **Motion passed.** The reports from the February 4, 2021 board meeting will be filed.

Committee Reports:

- **Written reports from the Communication, Membership, Natural Resources, and Voter Services Committees were made available for review.**
- **Citizens in Action report** (Rosie Loeffler-Kemp)
 - Planning committee: Rosie Loeffler-Kemp, Candy Winkler, Stacy DeRoche, DyAnna Grondahl, Ellen Wiss
 - LWVMN provided significant assistance: Grace Riley and Paul Huffman
 - The event was a virtual event on January 29. There were 85 registrants; at least 15 were members of previous co-sponsoring organizations; 20 elected officials participated; and 1/3 were “new” people. The only cost was upping the Zoom account, which was less than \$100.
- **2021 LWV Budget**
 - The proposed budget will move to the annual meeting for final approval.
- **Annual Meeting** (S. Grandmaison)
 - Terresa Moses will be the featured speaker at the May 6 meeting. She requests that her honorarium go to the Blackbird Revolt organization. The planning committee will meet and bring a suggested monetary amount to the April Board meeting.
- **Voter Services** (E. Wiss)
 - We increased voting by 57% in the areas we targeted this election season. Read the written report for more details.
 - We need to be vigilant in monitoring possible attempts at voter suppression. Watch for more information. We need to be aware of voter suppression efforts in all that we do.
 - E. Wiss is stepping back as voter services co-chairperson, so she can focus on the redistricting issue.
- **Nominating** (C. Winkler)
 - The committee has met and will meet again on March 5. A slate will be ready for the April “Voter.”

Old Business:

G. Trachsel stated that the League needs to move forward with a “land acknowledgement.” G. Trachsel, C. Winkler, and M. Faulkner agreed to work on this effort.

Presentation of Revised Bylaws: (J. Seidelmann, G. Thorson)

A **motion** was made (E. Wiss) and **seconded** (S. Grandmaison) to authorize the revised bylaws, including today's updates, be presented to the membership at the annual meeting on May 6. **Motion passed.**

Announcements:

—“Extraordinary Women” Exhibit — Virtual event, 7:00 p.m., March 4

Adjournment:

A **motion** was made (S. Grandmaison) and **seconded** (C. Winkler) to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary

ADDENDA (Business occurring after the regular meeting on March 4, 2021; voting completed electronically):

March 13, 2021/Request from Natural Resources Committee: A **motion** was made (G. Trachsel) that LWV Duluth sponsor a presentation on Minnesota's Climate Report Card, by Ellen Anderson (Climate Program Director for MCEA) on April 15, 2021—and that members from other organizations and the public be invited. The event will be held via Zoom. **Motion passed.**

March 19, 2021/Request from Cross Cultural Committee: A **motion** was made (S. Grandmaison) and **seconded** (T. O'Gara) that LWV Duluth accepts the invitation from the Clayton Jackson McGhie Memorial 2021 Planning committee to co-sponsor an event with them in late April. The event will highlight the “House Select Committee on Racial Justice Report to the Legislature,” which highlights the intentional and unintentional systemic racial disparities in Minnesota. **Motion passed.**