

**League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting**  
**“Zoom” meeting**  
**April 6, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

### **SECRETARY MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Mary Faulkner, Jane Hovland, Anita Gille, Gwen Thorson, Sandy Grandmaison, Sue DeNio, Ellen Wiss, Katherine Rasley, Sarah Mikesell, Lori Dando  
**Members Absent:** Nancy Aldridge, Candy Winkler, Jeri Quest

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Mary Faulkner.

**Diversity Statement:** The LWV Duluth Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Statement was read by Katherine Rasley.

**Consent Agenda—Approval of the Minutes and Financials:**

A **motion** was made (J. Hovland) and **seconded** (K. Rasley) to approve the minutes and financials, as provided. **Motion passed unanimously.** The minutes from the March 2, 2023 Board meeting will be filed.

**Unfinished Business:**

**A. May Annual Meeting Planning:** Setup will be at 5:00-5:30 at Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Duluth, May 4. Mary Faulkner reviewed the format for the business meeting. After the business meeting, she will introduce the program speaker, Janet Kennedy. Gail Schoenfelder and Salaam Witherspoon, will provide brief comments about Janet. The dessert social will follow Janet’s presentation. Other: Janet will receive an honorarium. There will be an additional cost for use of UUCD visual equipment. There was some discussion about whether or not to provide a disclaimer about Janet, who will be campaigning for City Council. It was noted, though, that she is in a nonpartisan position and will not have filed at the time of the Annual Meeting.

**B. June Plant & Book Sale:** The date is June 10, 2023. We are seeking 2 people to chair the event. Mary Faulkner will make contact with last year’s committee.

**C. Fall Kick-Off Planning:** President Mary Faulkner and Vice President Jane Hovland will make preliminary plans.

**D. LWVMN Convention:** The convention will be held on June 2-3 in New Ulm. Sharon McMahan will be the keynote speaker. LWV Duluth has 13 delegate positions. Board members are encouraged to attend.

**E. “Gifts in Honor of/in Memory of” Recognition Update:** G. Thorson reported that she and Julie Seidelmann are continuing to work on a new and separate webpage for “Donations.” The idea of a “Joyce Benson Memorial Scholarship” was mentioned and a committee will be formed to explore this possibility. “Thank you” notes are being printed for use in thanking all donors.

**F. Land Acknowledgement Statement:** Mary Faulkner will approach committee chairs regarding next action steps.

**New Business:**

None.

**For the Good of the Order (Announcements, Questions, Concerns):**

**A. Question:** There were questions about the recent LWVUS member survey. Discussion followed.

**B. Question/Comment:** There have been questions from members about safety when holding meetings at the Building for Women, especially as it relates to parking. LWV Duluth uses the building for storage and access to printing—in addition to having access to meeting rooms. The Board recommends continued use of the BFW for committee meetings when needed.

**C. Announcement:** Voter Services will receive less money from LWVMN. LWV Duluth has increased the committee’s budget for next year (2023-24).

**Adjournment:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

**Next Meeting:**

Annual Meeting, Thursday, May 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary

**ADDENDUM** (Business occurring after the regular meeting on April 6, 2023—Voting completed electronically):

**April 14, 2023**—The Board approved, by majority, submission of a “letter to the editor” about the “National Popular Vote,” to the Duluth News Tribune.