

League of Women Voters of Duluth: Board of Directors Meeting
Building for Women, Phyllis France Room
September 11, 2023
5:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

SECRETARY MINUTES

Members Present: Jane Hovland, Anita Gille, Gwen Thorson, Ellen Wiss, Katherine Rasley, Jeri Quest, Pam Kramer, Theresa O’Gara, Candy Winkler, Lori Dando

Members Absent: Sandy Grandmaison, Kay Allen, Nancy Aldridge, Sue DeNio

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m. by President Jane Hovland.

1. Welcome: Candy Winkler was welcomed as a newly appointed Board member. She will serve a one-year term. Kay Allen has also been appointed to a one-year term as Board member, but was unable to attend this meeting.

2. Consent Agenda (including Treasurer’s Report, Secretary’s Minutes, Reports of standing committees—DEI, Communications, Environmental Action, Nominating, Membership, Voter Services, Observer Corps, Program Book Club, Joyce Benson Scholarship, Special Events): There was no report from Environmental Action, Book Club, Membership or Observer Corps at this time. Request to pull Nominating Committee Report for discussion. A **motion** was made (P. Kramer) and **seconded** (J. Quest) to approve the consent agenda. **Motion passed.**

3. Action Items:

Nominating Committee Report: There was extensive discussion about the process of transition from vice president to president. The nominating committee proposes coordinating work (via a Leadership Transition Ad Hoc Team) to develop a checklist of job activities for these positions, especially during the transition process—to make recruitment of a 1st vice president easier and transition smoother. A **motion** was made (G. Thorson) and **seconded** (K. Rasley) to table this issue. **Motion passed.** This issue will be readdressed at a future time to allow for more discussion.

Emily Peabody presentation: A **motion** was made (A. Gille) and **seconded** (K. Rasley) for LWV Duluth to co-sponsor the J. Emily Peabody presentation, “Jeanette Rankin: Champion of Justice,” on November 3 at 7 p.m., hosted by UUCD. **Motion passed.**

Joyce Benson Scholarship: K. Rasley reported on the work of the scholarship committee. A **motion** was made (J. Quest) and **seconded** (P. Kramer) that the Board approve raising \$25,000 in order to establish a perpetual scholarship in Joyce Benson’s name, at the University of Minnesota Duluth. **Motion passed.** *Rationale: We can raise the money in a way that will engage our members. The university foundation can oper-*

ate the fund. It allows more input into the criteria. It increases LWV Duluth visibility in the community and at the university. It would create a legacy of the League within the community.

4. Fall Kick-Off: There was general discussion about the details of the Fall Kick-Off, a Board sponsored event. The event will be held on September 21, 6:30-8:00 pm, at the UUCD. Board members are responsible for calling to invite all members, setup and take down, as well as providing wine and chocolate desserts. Volunteers will be needed for greeting/socializing, assisting with membership dues payment, assisting committee members with distribution of information, etc. A brief program will include the president's welcome, information from committees, information about the Joyce Benson Scholarship, and recognition of Sally Munger, as a recipient of the Platinum Award from LWVMN.

Announcements and other business:

— **Announcement:** ERA-Minnesota, presentation by Betty Folliard at UUCD, September 17, 2023, 9:30-10:15 am.

— **Announcement:** Holiday Social, Tuesday, December 5, 2023, at Northland Country Club

— **Announcement:** Citizens in Action Workshop will be January 27, 2024

— **Announcement:** Women of Influence: LeAnn Littlewolf, at AICHO, February 15, 2024

Adjournment:

A motion was made (K. Rasley) and seconded (P. Kramer) to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Next Meeting:

Monday, October 2, 2023, 5:00-6:30 p.m., Building for Women, Phyllis France Room

Respectfully submitted: Gwen Thorson, Secretary

NOTICE: *The October Board meeting was cancelled on October 1, 2023.*

ADDENDUM (Business occurring after the regular meeting on September 11, 2023— Voting completed electronically):

October 9, 2023— The Board approved, unanimously, the following motion:

MOTION: In order to provide for smooth transitions between leadership, and to provide clearer job responsibilities for transfer of leadership, the nominating committee, moves that a Leadership Transition Ad Hoc Team of 3-5 people be formed to specify responsibilities during the transfer between the president and incoming president (1st vice-president).

[As you know, we already have a group willing to serve in this capacity: Sue DeNio, Chair; Katherine Rasley and Jane Gilley, members]

