

**League of Women Voters of Dane County
Joint Board Meeting
July 2, 2009**

Minutes

Members Present: Carol Dutton, Kathy Johnson (President Elect), Janet Kane, Pat Levin, Gloria Meyer, Earnestine Moss, Pam Rewey, Brook Soltvedt, Fred Wade, Tom Vandervest

The May minutes were approved with the addition, “in lieu of a meeting”.

Treasurer’s report. Levin presented a preliminary report as of June 30, 2009. The Education Fund has a balance of \$7,355. The local league makes a per member payment to national of about \$29. As of December, the memorial fund had a balance of \$95,262. An updated balance will be available after the Finance Committee reviews the report. We currently have close to \$50,000 in balance, though we are running a yearly deficit of about \$15,000. We have adequate funds for about 3 years. The deficit financing is due to decreased earnings from investments. Levin reported that the Federal 990 Report is reviewed by Helen Horn.

President’s report. Johnson reminded members to adhere to the League’s nonpartisan policy. The League takes positions on issues, but neither supports nor endorses a candidate or a political party.

Johnson reported on an ad hoc committee meeting of community representatives she had attended regarding the 2010 census. She will be representing the LWVDC on the committee. In the last census, Madison’s Hispanic population was undercounted. This year, there is a short form with just 5 questions that will be easier to complete.

Johnson distributed a memo related to Sara’s hours for summer and fall, and reported that Sara will be taking off some comp time this summer.

Johnson announced four committees: 1. Executive, 2. Finance and Development (Helen Horn, Pat Levin, Carol Touissant, Tom Vandervest, and Fred Wade) 3. Nominating Committee (Chair, Barb Mortensen, Kathy Johnson, Lois Kiggins, Earnestine Moss, and Jeannine Ramsey), and 4. Civic Learning and Advocacy (Carol Dutton, Carol Carstensen, Kathy Fullin, Helen LeRoy, Libby Lewis, Clare McCardle, and Priscilla Thain). Moss moved for approval of the committees and Soltvedt seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

Rewey congratulated Johnson for serving as President.

Voter Services. No report.

Bulletin and Website. Soltvedt reported that there was an extra edition of the Bulletin this spring to announce the challenge grant. The next Bulletin will come out in mid-August.

Information from the old website was converted to the new format, but there are still a few missing pieces. She will send board members a list of questions that need to be answered to complete the website. Members will have user names and passwords to access members-only information. Some individuals can have rights to add and update information. The Pay Pal feature will be set up once the account information is supplied.

Fundraising. Wade reported that 2008-2009 contributions and fundraising totaled \$17,800, with \$15,700 from members. This year's BratFest brought in \$338 from 42 volunteer hours. The challenge grant brought in a total of \$3,675 including the \$1,500 match. Wade emphasized the importance of building up the membership and suggested recruiting members or soliciting donations among women in leadership positions.

Membership. Membership renewals were sent to current local members, 50-year members, and nationally recruited members. There is a 33% return rate at this point. – We're off to a good start!

Public Relations. Meyer reported that the League is partnering with other groups at the Dane County Farmers' Market to get out information about health care. She announced that the Dane County Grass Roots Network was sponsoring a rally on Saturday, July 25th. Moss moved and Levin seconded that LWVDC sponsor/promote the rally through e-mail.

Program. Dutton reported that the General Meeting programs will again be held at the Capitol Lakes Grand Hall, 333 W. Main Street. The program planning committee decided on the following meetings:

- September 9 – Kathleen Falk addressing Family Care, RTA, and the size of the Dane County Board. A brief presentation about study and action topics will follow, with a reception to socialize and explore committees.
- October – Regional Transportation Authority– program to be planned by the Land Use Transportation Committee.
- November – Criminal Justice with speaker Sheriff Mahoney, who will discuss alternatives to incarceration.
- January – Lively Issues will focus on the state issue of whether Supreme Court justices should be elected or appointed
- February – Health Care
- March – Early Voting
- April – to be determined
- May – Annual meeting

Moss moved approval of the program, Wade seconded the motion, and the motion was approved unanimously.

New business. The board agreed that boardits meetings during the coming year will will usually be held on the second Tuesday of the month. The next meeting is August 18 at 6 pm, at the League office

Earnestine Moss would like to attend the 100th convention of the NAACP July 11-16th in New York. Levin moved and Vandervest seconded to contribute \$240 toward Moss's attendance. The motion was approved unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Kane, Secretary (with modification by Helen LeRoy)