

**July 14, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes**  
Conducted remotely using Zoom

**Present:** Chris Clements, Joan Provencher, Maria Spinozzi, Jean Jacobson, Georgiana Hernandez, Bonnie Chang, Joan Schwarz, Barb Feeney, Pat Patterson, Lisa Janairo, Amber Rotier

**Absent:** Laura Grueneberg

**Meeting called to order by President Chris Clements at 5:32pm**

**1. Approval of June minutes**

Minutes were approved. **Motion:** Hernandez, second Jacobson, approved

**2. Discussion Agenda (no consent agenda this meeting due to focused discussion of DEI Committee report)**

● **Appointment of Board Members - Chris Clements**

- Advocacy Director - Joan Schwarz
- DEI Director - Lisa Janairo
- Program Director - Pat Patterson
- Request for nominating committee members--Joan Provencher and Amber Rotier volunteered

**Motion by Clements to approve the above appointments,** seconded by Hernandez, approved

● **Approval of Finance Advisory Committee access to Schwab Account - Jean Jacobson**

**Motion by Jacobson** to approve the following persons to have the indicated access to the Memorial Trust Fund Investment account currently held at Charles Schwab Investments: Jean Jacobson, Helen Horn and Sally Carpenter to have full access including initiating trades and withdrawals from the account and Susan Dietzel to have view only access to the account. **Seconded** by Spinozzi, approved

● **Approval of programs - Georgiana Hernandez**

**Motion** by Hernandez, seconded by Janairo to accept possible panelists for the Sept 1, 2021 forum on redistricting: Doug Poland, Attorney with Law Forward (most up-to-date legal information/strategy on gerrymandering in Wisconsin);

Sarah Lloyd, President of the Columbia County Farmers Union (farmer/rural perspective on impact of gerrymandering); Justice Peche, Native Vote Fellow with Wisconsin Conservation Voices (impact of gerrymandering on native communities and response); Peggy West-Schroeder or Carl Fields, EXPO or Ex-Incarcerated People Organizing (effects of prison gerrymandering and EXPO response); Matt Rothschild, Executive Director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign, a nonprofit, nonpartisan watchdog group (financial impacts of gerrymandering); Nakia Wiley, Dane County Redistricting Commission and Special Ed Teacher with Madison Metropolitan School District; Melanie Conklin, Wisconsin Examiner journalist (has been writing about effects of gerrymandering on marginalized communities).

Motion approved

- **Ratification of Executive Committee Actions--Chris Clements**

The EC considered a budget request for \$5200 by Janine Edwards for a Fair Maps proposal FM Budget Request, FM Budget Request\*\* . An initial budget request (last spring) for 11, 600 was not approved. After discussion, the EC approved an altered proposal (\$2k billboard, \$2k social media, \$1200 La Movida) that will be funded by a reallocation from other areas of the budget.

Signed joint letter to the Assembly, Senate, Governor and Lt. Governor concerning targeted 50% cuts in Transit for Dane & Milwaukee Counties in the pending Biennial Budget Transit.

The EC approved the review of office administrator Cindy Lindquist in May and approved the recommendation to increase her salary to \$25/hour. The rationale for the increase was the increasing complexity from significant membership increases; she produces more under the same time constraints as ever (20 hours/week); she does unpaid work at home; the transition to and training of a new ED (and to another new ED in the next year). This pay rate is in the 2021-2022 budget, and reflects the value that the League puts on Cindy's work.

**Motion by Clements to approve all three of these EC actions.** Seconded by Hernandez, approved

- **Volunteer to take August minutes**

Joan Provencher will not be able to attend the August meeting, so a volunteer is needed to take minutes. Barb Feeney volunteered

- **DEI Discussion and Recommendations** - Lisa Janairo

Lisa presented and the board discussed the following documents

[Results of DEI assessment](#)

[DEI recommendations](#)

**Motion by Janairo that the Board accept the recommendations as proposed by the DEI committee, seconded by Chang, approved**

**Meeting adjourned at 6:58pm**

Respectfully submitted  
Joan Provencher, Secretary