

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY

### 2018-19 BOARD MINUTES

December 12, 2018

**Present:** Aileen Nettleton, Paul Lindquist, Gail Bliss, Mary Anglim, Mary Ellen Schmit, Sally Gleason, Christine Clements, Brook Soltvedt, Sue Fulks, and Maria Spinozzi.

**Absent:** Helen Horn, Kim Langley

The meeting was called to order at 1:58 pm by President Nettleton.

Minutes: Moved by Clements, seconded by Anglim to approve the minutes as revised.

Treasurer: Langley has taken a new job and is not available at this time. Horn is also not available. The board will consider whether we need a different meeting time. The reports are on Google Docs – send questions to Langley.

All payments are done for Voter ID Coalition and reimbursements received. With our 5% management fee on 25,000 of payments we received \$1,250. Administering the payments and billing the county has required significant time and energy.

Program: See Anglim's report on what has been done. There was a discussion about how the unit reports are received and used. Nettleton reports that each of the new units had three people attending. March is the next unit meeting.

There was extended discussion about what to do in February 2019. The past few years of encouraging members to go to a local government meeting haven't been terrifically successful; should we consider a change of focus?

Know your alder, supervisor or school board members – Feb is a difficult month for this activity because there will be new people in many roles after the April election, and a focus on incumbents during an election campaign would not be appropriate. The consensus was that if we launch such a program it should happen after the election.

Reconstitute a program senate to recommend the 2019-20 programs? There wasn't much interest in the past, which is why it was dropped. In recent years we have been very voter service focused keeping up with changes, litigation, fair maps etc.

Adopt a committee – a longer term commitment than just attend a meeting. Less formal than an Observer Corps – where individuals represent the LWV and can't speak. Perhaps this can be combined with the interest matrix to create groups to adopt a committee and address an area of particular interest.

Fulks recommends considering a program on League basics based on the LWVUS 2009 document.

Whatever we do it needs to engage the new folks. Can we create action related programs? Our current forums aren't feeding into action.

Consider using the interest matrix and recruiting at the Lively Issues luncheon for individuals with subject matter interests to join the February 9<sup>th</sup> planning meeting, or a program summit meeting.

Anglim expressed interest in doing more with Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) and likes Consuelo Lopez Springfield's idea about immigrant communities in Dane Co. After discussion about ways of fostering DEI. Soltvedt moves: **Set aside in the budget \$2000 for the purpose of allowing Board members or others to attend community events with admission for networking with diverse groups (to support DEI).** Gleason Seconds. **Motion carried.**

Soltvedt moves that **we proceed with the plan to organize a Feb meeting for the general membership to develop the program to be developed for May Annual Meeting** Seconded by Clements. Nettleton asked for volunteers to work with Anglim and planning committee: Spinozzi, Soltvedt and Nettleton volunteered **Approved.**

Bulletin: Discussion of possible articles. Bliss agreed to be interviewed for a board member bio.

Fundraising: Clements reports a total of \$2360 has arrived so far this month. Details are in her report to the board.

Membership: Schmit asked for input on a February new member social. It was decided not to combine it with the planning meeting. Suggestions included an evening at a bar – possibly The Argus downtown or Vintage Bar on the West side. Play LWV Jeopardy? The committee didn't use much of the \$300 for the last coffee, those funds are still available.

Voter Services: Questions for spring Candidates' Answers are done. Marian Matthews will provide a write-up for the voter service award. Lindquist turned in the national survey. Nettleton requested the survey be put on the team drive.

Vice President: Soltvedt and Horn visited the State Historical Society. Lots of material for the Centennial. Our planning needs to coordinate with LWVWI.

Candidate Forums: Gloria Meyer has taken over for Priscilla Thain. LWVDC provides moderators and helps publicize forums that meet our non-partisan standards, but doesn't organize.

Know Your Candidates is organized by Madison City Channel. LWV provides questions and interviewers. Louise Robbins has taken over from Cheryl Daniels.

Publicity: After some discussion Fulks agreed not to publicize the Lively Issues Luncheon until members had a chance to sign up.

High School Voter Ed will have a training January 8, 2019. They feel like there are enough folks trained, so those expressing interest can come, but not actively seeking more volunteers.

Soltvedt live tweeted the UW Madison Election Research Center Symposium 12/9/18. The video from Wisconsin Eye will be linked in next week's Monday e-mail.

Pres Report: The written report to the board was referenced. Action items include:

- Budget requests to Horn by January 5.

- Recommendations on changes to position descriptions to be submitted for the February board meeting

We may need volunteers to help with the Civics Game which was showcased at the State Issues briefing in November. Bliss noted that she is discussing the Voter Girl program, created by LWV of Northern Ohio with LWVWI. This may be another educational opportunity next year.

New Business: Jim Rodgers at UW / Wisconsin Union has been tasked with finding opportunities for students to do social justice internships. LWVDC as an organization is not interested in supervising an intern. However, if anybody has ideas for him at other organizations, feel free to share this information.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bliss

Secretary