

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
May 15, 2013

Members Present: President Donna Norton, Kathy Johnson, Lois Kiggens, Sybil Better, Karen Gunderson, Steve Ploesser, Gail Bliss, Kathy Fullin, Pat Kippert, Barbara Mortensen

President Norton called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Johnson moved to accept the minutes as amended. Bliss seconded. Unanimously approved.

President's Report:

- A. President Norton introduced Karen Gunderson, incoming LWVDC Bulletin Editor, and Sybil Better, incoming LWVDC Vice President.
- B. Personnel Committee Report: Bliss reported the committee will interview four people next week.
- C. Pending Sale of 2712 Marshall Court: We discussed the timeline for the pending sale. Since contingencies for the sale probably won't be removed until early next year we have 12-15 months to find a new location. Our sub-lessees are concerned about finding another place at a reasonable cost. The Madison Institute would probably go with us anywhere we move to if we find a large enough space. The Physicians for Social Responsibility would probably stay near University Hospital. Edith Sullivan has volunteered to review our lease to determine how much notice we have to give if we leave before it expires. Mortensen agreed to help her. Mortensen said we should probably budget at least \$5,000 for moving costs. The 2013-14 board needs to form a committee to find a new location.
- D. President Norton suggested LWVDC pay the \$75 registration fee for delegates to the LWV-WI annual meeting on June 8th as well as gas for Bliss who will drive. The delegates are President Norton, Bliss, Fullin, Claire McArdle, Margi Kindig, and possibly Ingrid Rothe. Johnson moved we pay the \$75 but not gas. Kiggens seconded. Unanimously approved. Delegates can donate the registration fee back to LWVDC if they want to.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Horn was not present so there was no report.

Bulletin: A discussion of *Bulletin* policy was started by Fullin and Better regarding the report submitted by Editor Mulligan. We discussed how often to produce the *Bulletin*. Currently it is eight times a year with Dec. and Jan. combined. We will continue with eight issues. Incoming Editor Gunderson asked which people on the board submit articles regularly. Johnson said the Program chair submits articles about upcoming programs. The Fundraising chair submits articles whenever there is a fundraising campaign or other news about donations. Membership and Voters' Service submits whenever there is news. It was suggested we do biographies for incoming board members.

Fundraising: Kippert reported that \$930 has been submitted for the May Challenge. Pay Pal access should be mentioned in every request for donations. Kippert will institute a

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gauge in the Bulletin showing progress in the Challenge. Nancy Scott has left us \$2,000. Kippert will send a thank you note to the family.

Membership: Ploeser plans to submit membership solicitations to various groups that might be interested in League activities like unions and environmental groups. Bliss said he should be careful to say we're non-partisan rather than bi-partisan. Fullin said 38 people have not renewed so he should let the board know who they are so board members could contact people they know personally. He reviewed the *Membership Activity Form* and some suggestions were made to change some items.

Program: Johnson gave us a list of proposed topics. She will do one on an environmental topic. Kiggins volunteered to do the September program on Health Care/Obamacare. Fullin suggested there is a lot of interest in this topic so our press releases ought to get a good response. Dorothy Wheeler has volunteered to do a program on 4-year-old kindergarten now that it has been in place a number of years. It was suggested that Carol Kiemel might be interested in working on this topic as well. Other possible topics include The Odyssey Project, vocational education, homelessness, voting/GAB, and redistricting. We had about 50 people at the annual meeting at Capitol Lakes. The next board's agenda should include deciding whether to continue having the annual meeting at Capitol Lakes.

Publicity: Kiggins stated that *Capital Newspapers* has been more co-operative about printing press releases. She asked for help in distributing flyers to neighborhood centers. Ploeser volunteered to help her.

Voters' Service: Bliss reported that she received no response from Dane County regarding countywide training for registrars. She has no report yet from the Loyola researcher. The return rate for the post cards that were sent out was 12%. Fullin says there's an active and in-active list of voters in Dane County. Whichever list was used would affect the return rate.

Old Business: None

New Business: Ploesser wanted to know if he could attend board meetings by speakerphone when he's out of town. We'll try it at the next meeting at President Norton's house.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

The next meeting is at President Norton's home, 1301 Whenona Dr.
This is a joint board meeting with the 2012-13 board and 2013-14 board.
Wednesday, June 12, 2013
12 noon: potluck lunch (bring a salad)
Meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Mortensen, Secretary