

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY  
BOARD MEETING  
August 13, 2014**

**Members Present:** Presidents Kathy Fullin and Ingrid Rothe, Sybil Better, Helen Horn, Barbara Mortensen, Steve Ploeser, Mary Anglim, Gail Bliss, Mary Conroy, Kathy Johnson by phone

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

**Secretary's Report:** Fullin moved and Rothe seconded approval of the July minutes. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Conroy and Horn said that the lawsuit requesting that the *Ogg Fund* be changed to a unitary trust has been settled. There will be a faster rate of payout. A payment of \$2,426.56 has been received from the *Ogg Fund* (line 4090) as a result of the settlement. Line 5720, LWVWI-PMA, of \$1,443.75 is approximately ¼ of the total due for the year. Line 5710, LWVUS-PMP, of \$5,967.50 is for the whole year. Line 4400, Rental Income-Sublet is higher than the same period of last year because it includes a catch-up payment from the *Madison Institute* for back rent. \$2,000 from the *Evjue Fund* donation will be spent this fiscal year but was received in the last fiscal year. Horn is meeting with a CPA to see how to account for it and will then prepare the report for the last fiscal year.

**President's Report:**

- a. The date and time for the November meeting is November 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
- b. Sue Ann Larson has agreed to be the Fundraising Chair. Bliss moved and Horn seconded her election for that position. Unanimously approved.
- c. Fullin asked for cell phone numbers for those members who wish to provide them.
- d. The contract for *Cloud* service has not been renewed with *Madison Computer Works*. *Carbonite* has now been selected as our provider for two years. The price is much less than *MCW* quoted.
- e. October 4, 2014 is the date for the *LWVWI Issues Briefing*.
- f. There is confusion among non-members about different levels of LWV. Let's consider what we might do to fix this.

**Vice-President's Report:** Better reported that on August 5<sup>th</sup> the Financial Advisory committee decided to invest \$15,000 of money currently in a money market fund in the *Vanguard Total Stock Market Index Fund* in hopes of earning a better return than is currently earned in the money market fund. \$20,000 remains in the money market fund. Proposed changes to our Bylaws were discussed. The Board suggested changes and Better will bring the updated Bylaws to the next meeting.

**Bulletin:** Fullin said the deadline for the October bulletin is September 2<sup>nd</sup>. Send any articles to Katie Mulligan.

SECOND DRAFT

**Membership:** Anglim requested suggestions for finding volunteers to staff the welcome table at forums. A reminder letter will go out in October to members who haven't renewed. Could we ask LWVUS to send us a list of supporters by zip code so we could ask them to join LWVDC?

**Publicity:** Fullin said that we got several mentions in community newspapers with links to our website. The nominating committee is seeking a replacement for Lois Kiggins who has resigned.

**Voters' Service:** Bliss said she and Myrna McNatt staffed the phones for yesterday's primary election. Bliss is still getting calls from people needing help getting a voter ID. LWVDC volunteers registered voters at a NAACP picnic. Someone at the picnic had written software to print the GAB registration form with the registrant's information on it. Bliss printed flyers giving information about *Candidates' Answers* and *Vote411* with links to our website. Bliss and other volunteers handed out 230 flyers at the Farmers' Market on the Square. LWVDC volunteers will register voters at the *Triangle Ethnic Fest*.

**Program:** Fullin said the LWVUS has a strong position on same-sex marriage. Could we solicit consensus in January on whatever new civil rights position LWVWI proposes? Someone is needed to organize a social hour at the September forum. Bliss volunteered. The *International Relations* group may plan a forum for March or April. The November forum is four-year-old kindergarten. A new jail for Dane County is a possible topic for April.

**Business Systems:** Ploeser is working on making dues and contribution acknowledgement letters easier to process. Another project he is working on is the label-making process for the bulletin. He will prepare a spreadsheet for donations and new members for Katie Mulligan for the October bulletin.

**Old Business:** Not many names were furnished by the board members for fund-raising letters. Please reconsider sending more names to Liz Dannenbaum.

**New Business:** Bliss will email a list of suggestions from Boris Frank regarding non-profit boards.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

**The next meeting is September 17th at 1:00 p.m.**

Respectfully Submitted,  
Barbara Mortensen, Secretary