

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING**
June 10, 2015

Members Present: Presidents Kathy Fullin and Ingrid Rothe, Brook Soltvedt, Barbara Mortensen, Edith Sullivan, Helen Horn, Gail Bliss, Sue Larson, Karen Gunderson, Mary Anglim, Visitor Karen McKim

President Rothe called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Karen McKim spoke about the Election Integrity project of the *Wisconsin Grassroots Network*. The purpose of the project is to increase the accuracy of the vote count in elections. She points out that mistakes can be made in the tallying of votes, and hacking of voting machines is possible so spot-checking of ballots is necessary. Only twenty states routinely spot check and Dane County does not. The group is sponsoring a public demonstration of the Visual Verification system on July 20th at 6:00 p.m. at the downtown Madison Public Library and is hoping that LWV-DC members will attend. It hopes to demonstrate to the Dane County Clerk, Scott McDonell, and the County Board of Canvass the necessity of verifying election results with spot checks.

Secretary's Report: Rothe moved and Horn seconded that the 5-20-15 minutes be approved as amended. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Horn reported that the May Challenge Grant (#4052) is over \$5,500 and \$1,000 has not yet been received from one of the challenge donors. She believes that May is a good time to ask for donations. TMI has not paid the May and June rent. Some people have paid dues in May for the next fiscal year. She will consider this as prepaid dues.

Bulletin: Gunderson asked Rothe to write an article for the September *BULLETIN* requesting people to contact Rothe if they have contacts in another organization that we can work with on the Voter I.D. issue. The Madison City Clerk is organizing Voting Ambassadors who can check out voting booths and bring them to events to answer questions about Voter I.D. Bliss is looking for a place to store a booth downtown to use at the Farmer's Market. Gunderson will write an article about Voting Ambassadors. July 9th is the mailing date for the July *BULLETIN* so people will be needed that day to compile the *BULLETINS*. Anyone planning on writing an article for the September *BULLETIN* needs to send it to Gunderson by the end of July. Sullivan will write her biography for the September *BULLETIN*. Soltvedt will write an article about *Facebook* and podcasts. Larson will write an article about donations in estate plans.

Membership: Anglim and Ploeser gave a presentation at the LWVWI annual meeting about what LWV-DC has been doing to increase membership and using *Access* software. We received \$50 and a LWVUS *Membership and Leadership Development* handbook for second place for a Membership and Leadership Development Award.

Publicity: No report.

Voters' Service: Bliss was interviewed by the *Penzeys Spice Catalog* regarding Voter I.D. for the summer catalog. On Friday she will meet with Marian Mathews to discuss Voter I.D. issues. Rothe picked up posters from the Madison City Clerk that we could distribute around the city. Andrea Kaminski of LWWI is looking for someone who is having trouble getting a Voter I.D. to be interviewed by *The Voices of America* on June 16th. If we hear of anyone we should let Bliss or Andrea know.

Program: Sullivan mentioned a pending US Supreme Court case regarding redistricting that she is following is relevant to our March 2016 redistricting forum. She said the *Brennan Center for Justice* at NYU Law School is a good resource for that and other issues. Anglim mentioned that some of our issue forum topics are similar to the LWWI program adopted at the annual meeting and, if possible, we should coordinate with LWWI and or with LWV Milwaukee County, which is interested in *Infrastructure* as a topic. Rothe will contact LWWI saying that we've planned our programs for next year asking whether they want to schedule something with us. Fullin will ask Dane County Clerk Scott McDonell and Will Jones from the NAACP to speak at the October meeting on voting. Our study materials should include suggestions for action members might take following programs and unit meetings. We should provide, for example, information about county or city committees or programs related to a topic, so that members may be encouraged to be observers and keep us informed about relevant government action. Fullin will ask Andrea to give a date when we can expect to receive material for consensus on *Urban Policy*.

Business Systems: No report.

Fundraising: Larson reported that so far we have received 34 donations for the May Challenge Grant totaling \$6,645 of which \$2,500 was from the matching donors. Soltvedt stated that using third-party sites like *Go Fund Me* should be unnecessary, given that we have a good eCommerce option on our own site and could drive potential donors to view our content there, rather than sending them elsewhere. On the other hand, such sites might reach a different (younger) demographic audience. Larson will look at other ways to fund *Candidates' Answers*.

Webmaster: Soltvedt checked on the 501(c)(3) nonpartisan status of a number of organizations that the *Facebook* page administrator requested preapproval to cross-post items from. Our policies and procedures will be updated with a list of such organizations to expedite timely posting. Another possibility for posting is the *Capital Region Area Network for Environmental Sustainability*.

President's Report:

- a. The date and time for the September meeting is September 9th at 1:00 p.m. at the office. Soltvedt suggested that any board member with a report for an upcoming meeting should email the report to the board in advance of the meeting to enable us to use meeting time more efficiently. Members agreed that this would be helpful.
- b. At our next meeting we will vote on a policy for posting member contact information (such as phone, address, or email) on *Facebook*. Such information will only be included with the consent of the member.

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- c. Soltvedt made a motion that the unit coordinator shall remind unit leaders of the Political Activities section of the Policies and Procedures at the beginning of each program year. Horn seconded. Unanimously approved.
- d. Bliss moved and Gunderson seconded a motion to reappoint Horn and Ploeser for a one-year term. Unanimously approved.
- e. Mortensen moved and Bliss seconded the appointment of the new Executive Committee consisting of Fullin, Soltvedt, Rothe and Horn. Unanimously approved.
- f. Mortensen moved and Soltvedt seconded a motion to appoint Gunderson to the Nominating Committee. Unanimously approved. Another board member could also be appointed to the committee at a later date.
- g. Soltvedt moved to send 35 copies of the July bulletin to the Madison Central Library. Bliss seconded. Unanimously approved.
- h. Soltvedt made a motion to have Kelly Warren record our forums at a cost of \$320. Sullivan seconded. Unanimously approved.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- a. Mortensen will highlight changes to the minutes in the drafts.
- b. Soltvedt will draft an update to our policy on the use of various communication vehicles to include a *Facebook* policy. It will address the use of personal member information, other nonpartisan groups whose information administrators can share without seeking approval from the executive committee, and content guidelines based on those for email communications.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

The next meeting is July 15, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mortensen, Secretary