

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY  
BOARD MEETING**  
**July 16, 2016**

**Members Present:** Co-Presidents Kathy Fullin and Brook Soltvedt, Gail Bliss, Mary Anglim, Diane Martin Liebert, Mike Casey, Sue Larson. **Absent:** Steve Ploeser, Ingrid Rothe, Barbara Mortensen, Helen Horn, Susan Fulks, Dorothy Wheeler.

Co-President Soltvedt called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m.

**Secretary's Report:** Liebert moved and Casey seconded a motion to approve the second Draft of the June 15, 2016 minutes. Unanimously approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Liebert reported we are approximately \$5,000 in the black on our income and expenses. The "loss" is due to losses in investments. The budget committee did an excellent job – most of the categories are very close.

Mike Casey asked if we are audited annually. We should have it done periodically? Will discuss in August.

**Program:** Wheeler not present. The September program is ready to go: "Election Administration in 2016: What have we learned?"

October program: Money in Politics: Todd Berry and Kevin Kennedy are possible speakers. The Co-Presidents will be meeting with Dorothy Wheeler Friday. Possible specific questions Kevin Kennedy: Are there any legal constraints left on political spending in WI? Todd Berry: Same or different question? How have the changes in law/supreme court decisions affected WI citizens? If one or the other refuses, who would be another speaker? Suggestions included: An investigative reporter? Wisconsin Watch? Mary Bottari of PR Watch, Center for Media and Democracy?

Soltvedt reported on the November program on climate change. Speaker will be Dick Smith, from Citizens Climate Lobby. She also asked Caryl Terrell for suggested readings. – no response yet.

Program considerations for later in the year – Jail Mental Health (Jim Moeser from WCCF), Katie Mulligan has suggested something broader, with the new leader of Journey Mental Health (Ronald Lampert). (Suggest to the program chair either January or April) Anglim reported on Stepping Up meeting . Lively Issues – used to have multiple speakers. NAMI representative?

**Bulletin:** Casey passed out a calendar for Sept, Oct & Nov. and a list of possible articles.

**Fundraising:** Larson reported that the Valentine fundraiser: brought in \$5,370, there was \$1,100 from 50 year members, and \$8,295 from the May Member Challenge. One individual is giving out of his paycheck on a regular basis. Already this new fiscal year, we have received \$665 in member renewal gifts. Larson informed us about a \$5000 grant program that is due by next Wednesday. The group decided we did not have time to make an application. Larson plans to discuss it with the Sun Prairie Youth and Family Commission.

**ILO:** The Upper Mississippi River Region Interleague Organization. According to the ILO Facebook page the UMRR-ILO is concerned about Waukesha using Lake Michigan water. Will WI DNR review the agreement regularly? WI DNR is ignoring the problem with water use issues in the Central Sands area of Wisconsin. Larson also notes that the Jo Daviess County Chapter of LWVIL won a national award. Some of the runner's up also had interesting projects. One example was the use of an ice cream truck to get students to come out to register to vote.

**Membership:** Anglim reported she had difficulty getting into Google Docs. Soltvedt will work with her. Elaine Sinagra reports 65 renewals including 8 couples.

**Voters' Service:** Bliss handed out statistics. The FY 2015-16 Voter Registered 1,443; Unable to Register 553; Info on Voter ID 1635. We discovered that the computer system is not properly reporting individual reports to the spreadsheet. Soltvedt will address the apparent broken link. Fullin raised the issue that the new MyVote does not properly handle new construction. WI Election Commission has been excessively sanguine about these issues. Haidinger had also contacted the Elections Commission on this issue.

When someone files a forwarding address with the USPS, they send a letter that includes reminding folks to register to vote at their new address. This letter is from a government agency and can be used as proof of address.

Soltvedt noted that the new MyVote doesn't work well on the Safari browser (I-phone). "What's on my ballot?" only works from address, not name.

Anglim –reported that MyVote does not work on her phone. (Android, Chrome browser)

Fullin reported that Marian Matthews & Paul Malischke met with the new person at ASM (Associated Students of Madison)– SOAR (Student Orientation and Registration) to provide info. ASM person wants students volunteering for each event. Since they don't have enough student SRD's, ASM has canceled all SOAR voter registration. We will continue to attempt to work with ASM.

Larson reported that five people from Sun Prairie became SRD's at the Multi-muni training and they will register voters at the Sun Prairie Farmer's market. Also doing Sunshine dinners (free meal 1x/week) food pantry, back to school backpack giveaway 8/18.

**Publicity:** Larson would like publicity for religious groups, on-line newsletters etc. Soltvedt recommends Larson look at SRD Central materials. Also a LWVWI initiative with templates. They are working on memes to put on Facebook, but right now they are full of typos. Lindsay Lemmer (Dane Co. Voter ID Coalition Publicity Chair) is focused on reaching young people.

**Business Systems:** Ploeser not here – no report.

**Webmaster:** Soltvedt has Candidates' Answers up but not publicized yet. Asked for reviews.

**President's Report:**

- a. Review Policy and Procedures Manual – required annually to be sure board members know the responsibilities & limitations of political activity.
- b. Board Members at large nominated and approve: Helen Horn and Steve Ploeser Moved by Casey, seconded by Anglim Unanimously approved
- c. Who will serve on nominating committee? – postponed due to low attendance.
- d. Exec Committee defined: Exec Committee: Co-Pres, VP, Horn Moved by Bliss seconded by Larson. Unanimously approved

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:** None

The meeting adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

**The next meeting is August 10, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at the office.**

Respectfully submitted,  
Gail Bliss, Acting Secretary