

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
BOARD MEETING
February 12, 2014

Members Present: Presidents Ingrid Rothe and Kathy Fullin (by phone), Sybil Better, Kathy Johnson, Helen Horn, Steve Ploeser, Mary Conroy, Gail Bliss, Barbara Mortensen, Karen Gunderson, Lois Kiggins

President Rothe called the meeting to order at 1:02.

Secretary's Report: Bliss moved and Johnson seconded approval of the January minutes prepared by Sybil Better. Unanimously approved.

Treasurer's Report: Conroy presented the treasurer's report. She asked whom we'll pay next month's rent to since Ronald McDonald House now owns the property. Better said she sent an email to Kevin Huddleston, Director of RMH, but hasn't heard back. She will ask him about the rent when she hears from him.

President's Report:

- a. The date and time for the May board meeting is May 21, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
- b. Progress update on the 411 website of LWV-US – All court races for the spring election will be entered by LWV-WI. LWVDC will only put the Verona races on the 411 website to test how it works.
- c. Study materials – The board recommends that the program chair encourage presenters and program committees to use a maximum of six sheets and make more use of links in order to keep mailings manageable. More than six sheets requires a larger envelope and more collating. Material could be distributed at the forums. The LWVDC website could also be used more to present materials.
- d. It is difficult to transmit the knowledge and processes including contact information from outgoing board members and committee chairs to incoming members. How can we facilitate this? One suggestion is that we provide a link to LWV-WI job descriptions to new members. We will ask Elaine to email us the current position descriptions on her computer and the link to the state website. We'll discuss this further next month.
- e. There is always a problem with late responses from candidates for *Candidates' Answers*. The current policy is to not allow any late responses after we put other candidates' responses online or in print because it gives the late candidates an opportunity to view opponents' responses. The consensus is that this is fair. Can we do anything differently? We'll ask Priscilla Thain and Mary Bean if they have any further ideas as they have much experience with *CA*.
- f. We have an opportunity to order podium signs from LWV-WI for \$10 each. The consensus is that we would order two since we do have some other signs in storage.
- g. President Rothe asked us to check our calendars to see if we could attend the LWV-WI meeting May 30th and 31st in Appleton, WI.

- h. The Budget committee consists of Horn, Pat Levin, Better, Conroy, and Rothe. Bliss moved to approve the committee and Johnson seconded. Unanimously approved.

Vice-president's Report: See the Treasurer's Report.

Bulletin: Gunderson said that February 28th is the deadline to submit articles for the April bulletin. There is no May bulletin since we're sending out annual meeting materials that month and there is no forum.

Fundraising Report: No report. There was discussion that the birthday fundraising solicitations have been sent.

Publicity Report: Kiggins reviewed the redistricting forum flyer with us and asked for suggestions to edit it. President Fullin will ask Jay Heck of *Common Cause* to send notice of the forum to his members.

Membership Report: No report. Johnson stated that the membership committee should make sure to have a member at forums to greet visitors.

Voters' Service: Bliss said that *CA* would be available in the March 20th *Isthmus*. There will be no research by Prof. Matland for the spring election so the fall election will be used for research instead. Food pantry volunteers are continuing voter registration. Bliss has been going to the central library on Tuesdays to help people get ID's.

Program: Johnson said there will be a forum presented by the UW Medical School on March 20th at the Health Sciences Learning Center. The topic is *Health Issues Facing Your Children and Grandchildren*. The *Great Decisions* group is meeting at the central library. She has contacted three speakers for the April forum and two are confirmed. They are Jamie Kuester of *MMSD Homeless Program* and Tyler Schaeffer of *Briarpatch*. The third potential speaker is from *The Road Home*. The topic is *Homeless Children in Dane County*. She hasn't yet confirmed the annual meeting program. She hopes Rose Stephenson, a LWVDC member, will present the program. The meeting will start at 7:00 p.m. with a social get-together at 6:30 p.m. We chose the *Carrie Chapman Catt Award* recipient.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

The meeting adjourned at 2:50 p.m.

The next meeting is March 19, 2014 at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Mortensen, Secretary