LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
2018-19 BOARD MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2018

Present: Aileen Nettleton, Brook Soltvedt, Susan Fulks, Paul Lindquist, Helen Horn, Gail Bliss, Mary Anglim, Kim Langley, Sally Gleason, Mary Ellen Schmit, Iris Levitis, and Christine Clements.

The meeting was called to order at 2:38 pm by President Nettleton who asked each board member to introduce themselves with their position and a goal for the upcoming year.

Minutes and Treasures report handled in the previous meeting.

Program: Anglim reports that there will be a streamed program on redistricting Saturday June 28. The producers recommend holding watch parties. This is during the LWVUS national conference, there were no volunteers to host watch parties. Information will be sent out to members. A program survey was mailed to members June 11. As of Wednesday only 19 people had responded. We need to pick the topics for September, October and November at the July meeting. Topics discussed briefly at the meeting included:

- Land Use: Caryl Terrell has offered to cover this topic in October
- Gun violence: Gail Shea recommended
- Student Debt
- Diversity within the LWV
The Poverty/Economic inequality study done by the LWV of Ashland / Bayfield Counties.

Rothe made reservations earlier this year for the Great Hall at Capitol Lakes for the first Wednesday in September, October, November, March and April. Anglim is considering other locations for Diversity cafes.

**Bulletin:** Levitis aims to publish a summer issue about July 10. Reports on new members and donations come from the office, Nettleton will write a president’s column. Soltvedt will write about the State convention. We will need a quick turn around on the report on the National convention. The September issue needs to come out the 3rd week in August, highlighting the September 5 forum.

**Fundraising:** Clements has been reviewing the fundraising information on the website, and would like to propose changes to reduce detail. Nettleton will review, Soltvedt will post. Brief discussion of the September non-member appeal. We need to determine if we have raised the funds needed for Candidates’ Answers.

**Membership:** Gleason reports the member renewal letter and life member letters are ready to go. Due to the timing of the National convention, mailing is scheduled for June 26. There was discussion of how to encourage members to fill out the interest form online so that transcription is not required. The decision was to send paper forms that include name, address, etc., but do not include previously checked interests. The easiest way to get to the online form is from the link at the bottom of bulk emails from the office.

**Voter Service:** Lindquist wants the Voter ID Coalition list of volunteer activities to include LWVDC projects so that others don’t seek to duplicate our efforts. Discussion of ways to increase volunteer sign ups. Additional sites like the Job Center and The River food pantry aren’t even on the schedule yet because volunteers aren’t signing up for the shifts already listed.

**Vice President:** Soltvedt requested that returning and new board members review the Policies and Procedures. Comments are due June 26. The Executive Committee will review and put substantive changes on the July agenda. Training with Cindy is going well. Google training links will be sent out. Board members are asked to use the Google training site and take the assessment prior to meeting with Cindy. Soltvedt encouraged board members to add committee meetings and events to the electronic calendar.

**Publicity:** Fulks needs information one month before each forum: Title, speakers and their titles, a 2 sentence description of the program. This is the basis of the press release. LWVDC also uses NextDoor to circulate information. If you live in a neighborhood that is on NextDoor, you
can reach people in your geographic area. We need people to post in various parts of the county.

**Presidents Report:** Nettleton requested the following issues be addressed:
Reappointing Helen Horn as board member at large. Moved by Bliss, seconded by Fulks, approved.

**Next meeting all members need to sign a statement that they have read the bylaws.**

The Executive committee needs to be appointed. Clements moved and Gleason seconded appointing Nettleton, Soltvedt, Horn and Anglim as the executive committee. Approved. Two members of the board are required on the nominating committee Schmit and Soltvedt volunteered. Fulks moved and Clements seconded their appointment; approved.

Meeting dates were set for the next four months: Wednesday July 18, 2:30 p.m., Monday August 6, 2:30 p.m., Wednesday September 12, 2:00 p.m. (need volunteer secretary) and October 10, 2:00 p.m.

Fulks moved and Schmit seconded appointment of Ingrid Rothe as Co-chair of the Dane County Voter ID Coalition. Approved.

Meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.
Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bliss, Secretary

The next meeting is Wednesday July 18, 2018 at 2:30 pm at the office 4513 Vernon Blvd.