LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY
2018-19 BOARD MINUTES
August 6, 2018

Present: Aileen Nettleton, Brook Soltvedt, Susan Fulks, Paul Lindquist, Gail Bliss, Mary Anglim, Kim Langley, Sally Gleason, and Maria Spinozzi.

Absent: Helen Horn, Mary Ellen Schmit, and Christine Clements

The meeting was called to order at 2:25 pm by President Nettleton. Soltvedt moved acceptance of the minutes as amended. Anglim seconded. Approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Langley provided budget compared to actual expenditures. When provided next time Langley will collapse many of the rows. One of the challenges with QuickBooks is that once a line is created it cannot be removed. She asked if we want to see this quarterly or every 6 months. No decision was made.

Monthly expenses are small and consistent. Two large payments LWVUS (already paid) & LWVWI $7,995. Per member payment. For the first time the organization’s total current assets exceeded 400,000.00. ($405,833.77.)

Showed budget next to actual – look at it on your own. Do you want quarterly or every 6 months? Special projects – are mostly county reimbursement.

Langley is in the office Monday afternoons. Please get your invoice into the office in a timely manner and write on invoice exactly what it is for.

Membership Report: Gleason noted that next week they will send out an email reminder to those who have not renewed their membership. Sept 10 another printed letter. They have scheduled an All Welcome Info-Social for Saturday morning, October 27, at the Goodwill Northside Community Room, located in Northside Town Center at 2901 N. Sherman Ave. There are no plans for an evening gathering at this time. Schmit met with Ellen Penwell about sharing with other local membership chairs, and looking for ways of increasing diversity.

A follow-up by email is being sent to non-members who attended spring forums.

Program Report: Anglim reports that she, Soltvedt and Karen McKim are working on September program on Election security. Wisconsin Watch’s cofounder Dee Hall will speak, standing in for Gregor Antinazian, author of Election Security article. Richard Rydecki of WEC will also join us. Barry Burden has been invited. After a brief discussion of food for the September meeting the board delegated Anglim to decide.

The committee has started contacting MMSD Board members about how to cover guns and schools. Gail Shea is trying to contact Corrine Stoddard, a 50 year member whose granddaughter was killed in a school shooting. Madison Police will be training teachers on Active Shooter protocols. Langley’s daughter knows at least one of the organizers of last Saturday’s student protest seeking to get NRA money out of politics.

Gleason leaves

Bulletin Report: Spinozzi asked for articles to be in by 8 AM Friday morning. Soltvedt and Lindquist will provide interest sheets to Spinozzi showing members who expressed interest in writing for the bulletin. They will see if the comments can be made available for board members to review seeking specific volunteers.
**Fundraising:** Soltvedt reports that Clements has updated the web pages based on changes in tax law. She is attending programs at the Center for Change and asking how we collect our donor data? As a small organization, it may be more practical not to overanalyze programs for sorting information. We discussed a retreat to look at LWVDC’s “Big vision.” We have the money to do more – what should we do? Clements wants fundraising ideas for expanding non-member outreach for the fall. Do Board members know people/organizations we should include?

**Voter Service:** Lindquist provided numbers for voter service since July 1:

- 21 venues
- 40 dates
- 75 volunteer shifts
- 109 voters registered
- 379 voters received information + 80 at the downtown farmer’s market August 4.

He also listed many upcoming events.

**Vice President:** Soltvedt has taken on the beginnings of the centennial history project for the Tenney Lapham Centennial park event on Sept. 9.

**Publicity:** Fulks needs information for the flyer for the September forum. She asked the board members to brainstorm other organizations that may be interested in the program.

**High School Voter Registration:** Fulks and the committee met July 26 for planning. They will be doing specialized training for students and adult volunteers. It is set up for partnering with InspireUS, however that organization is no longer working in Wisconsin. Fulks sent a letter to High School principals seeking invitations to schools. Their next meeting is August 16. They have developed color-coded cards explaining how to register based on the sources of supporting data.

The board was asked to determine how to proceed given the withdrawal of InspireUS from Wisconsin. If we use their forms they would provide us with the number of students registered at each school. The Wisconsin Voter App would provide more information and more specific outreach to the young voters registered through the app. High schools web-based modes instead of apps. Wi Voter App has a web-based option for individuals who can use MyVote (have a WI DL or ID). If tablets containing the app are available, the students who are not eligible to use MyVote (still 17, or no WI DL or ID) can use them. Otherwise a paper form can be submitted.

Bliss moved that the board support using the Wi Voter App for HSVE if possible. Seconded by Soltvedt. Approved.

**President’s Report:** LWVDC declined to moderate a candidate forum for the Republican gubernatorial challenger and 2 minor party candidates. They are not even running in the same race for the August 14 election, and all the candidates for governor were not invited.

Forward Theater has asked LWV to be its “Pay it Forward” partner in June of 2019 in conjunction with 100 years of Women’s Suffrage in Wisconsin. Moved by Soltvedt, seconded by Fulks that we partner with Forward Theater. Approved

LWVWI is looking for a volunteer activity on Friday afternoon August 17 for six foreign visitors hosted by the International Institute of Wisconsin. The only thing happening is the 4 PM vote canvass. Soltvedt and Fullin will be there. If these individuals want to observe they could come at 3:30 for orientation prior to the canvass.
LWVWI is seeking recommended volunteers to be MLD coaches for other leagues? We have no volunteers to offer.

The calendar through December was reviewed. Spinozzi and Fulks were asked to add due dates for Bulletin and Publicity.

The Board went into executive session to address personnel matters related to hiring bookkeeping help. Langley left the meeting at this time.

Bliss moved acceptance of the written proposal to address reconciliation of the 2017-18 books: Kim Langley will continue to volunteer 20 hours/month as Treasurer. We would hire her on a short-term basis to cover the additional time required to reconcile the books and close out the 2017-2018 year.

• For the time beyond 20 hours/month, we would pay Langley at the same rate as Cindy Lindquist Probationary Pay rate.
• Langley would work in August to get the books caught up and to organize a system of paper files. Her guess is that it could take about 100 hours (a maximum of $1800 plus whatever taxes, insurance etc. this would incur). If she can’t finish closing the books by then, we’ll reassess.
• Expectations of her reporting and supervision will be clear.

After that, Langley expects to be able to handle the regular upkeep of the books with her 20 hours/month volunteer time.
Seconded by Soltvedt. Motion carried.

No old or new business

Meeting adjourned 4:32

Gail Bliss, Secretary