LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF DANE COUNTY

2018-19 BOARD MINUTES

March 13, 2019

Present: Aileen Nettleton, Paul Lindquist, Gail Bliss, Mary Ellen Schmit, Brook Soltvedt, Mary Anglim, Sally Gleason, Helen Horn, Maria Spinozzi, Christine Clements, Sue Fulks

Meeting called to order at 2:00 PM.

Secretary: Moved by Soltvedt, seconded by Horn to approve the minutes as revised. Approved.

Treasurer: Soltvedt entered outstanding information into Quickbooks and annotated the Profit and Loss statement. Part of the Dane County reimbursement had been listed under contributions.

Horn and Soltvedt will work on documenting everything, and we may be able to get a volunteer bookkeeper and have a professional review periodically.

Budget: Horn explained that the 2019-2020 budget is based on a transfer of $23,800 from reserves. We have already received more non-member contributions than we budgeted for in 2018-19. The board reviewed various lines and made recommendations for the final budget.

Given our good financial position, Soltvedt moved and Fulks seconded a motion to provide an additional $100 to the Lake Michigan ILO and the Upper Mississippi ILO in 2018-19 and add that to the budget for 2019-20. Approved unanimously.

After revision and discussion, Fulks moved and Gleason seconded a motion to recommend the revised budget to the membership. Approved unanimously.

Program: Our wonderful program on Child Care was not well attended. Technical difficulties mean no video; we do have audio and the slide show. We needed better targeting to get a larger audience. Facebook and Twitter got some action. Going to PTA’s etc. would have been good, but we didn’t. Suggestions for program-specific and general publicity would be welcomed.

The February 23 program meeting did not occur due to bad weather. The committee did a Google Form survey with 56 responses. The minutes of the committee that reviewed the responses are linked to the board packet.

Gretchen Sabel, chair of the Upper Mississippi River Region ILO will speak April 3. She will be coming from out of town so housing will be provided.

Paula Rogge of Physicians for Social Responsibility would like to provide a program on disinvestment from nuclear weapons. We may co-sponsor a brown bag or other informal program. They are also seeking support for a municipal disinvestment resolution. More to come.

Clements moved and Horn seconded the recommendation of the 2019-20 program committee to address:

Making Democracy Work at the Dane County Level, with a focus on redistricting, election education, increasing voter participation, access for marginalized communities, resisting voter suppression, etc.
Addressing Climate Change in Dane County, with a focus on education, policy changes and realistic actions that can be carried out by LWVDC membership.

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion will be used as a lens to all LWVDC program activities. The Committee recommends creating a work group to implement this recommendation. Approved.

Georgiana Hernandez is continuing to facilitate programming meetings. There is a group of volunteers for the program committee.

**Newsletter:** – Spinozzi reminded the board that articles are due Monday morning March 18. There is a plan for a May bulletin.

**Fundraising:** Clements announced a $5,000 anonymous gift, which will be used to encourage matching gifts. She will be sending a letter to non-members who did not contribute to our previous appeal to support *Candidates’ Answers*.

Soltvedt announced that United Way got $26 to forward to us.

**Membership:** Gleason reports six new members joined in February. We now have 434 members. Schmit reported that the first Info social went well.

There will be a book group April 30 to discuss the Death and Life of the Great Lakes. Details about location and format will be worked out. The second book will be The Warmth of Other Suns.

Gleason moved to adopt the national statement on Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and add it to our Policy and Procedure document. Seconded by Bliss. We will be open to considering the longer state version at a later date. Motion carried.

**Voter Service:** A decision was made on the Carrie Chapman Catt award. Moved by Fulks, seconded by Clements. Approved.

Distribution of the extra 3000 copies of Candidates answers discussed

Lindquist reported on the Big 10 Voting Challenge committee. He recommended we create a UW Outreach team, similar to the High School team. Consider funding an intern earlier in the election cycle than UW usually gets started as a way of deepening connections.

He also reported on the Election / Voter ID banner going up on the Park Street Southbound pedestrian overpass, and voter registration work in DeForest and Sun Prairie.

**Publicity:** Fulks reports the publicity for the April 3 meeting went out. Office Administrator Cindy Lindquist will format the flyers for publicity next year.

**HSVE:** The idea of IPAV at city high schools was turned over to the MMSD chief of staff. There will be another HSVE meeting in October, preparing for 2020. Only West High did voter registration this spring. The Sun Prairie School Board passed a resolution calling for student registration.

**Vice President:** Soltvedt noted that *Candidates’ Answers* is four pages longer than normal due to a large number of contests. Other items provided for information are available in the board report.
President: – Nettleton will be meeting with Cindy Lindquist tomorrow for her performance review. Send any comments to her this evening.

The office closure policy has been accepted.

The United Nations Association has asked LWVDC to co-sponsor a petition asking for the approval of the UN Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW). New member Monica Schwartz will spearhead this.

The executive committee approved getting a new computer for the treasurer.

At the annual meeting we will be asking who wants to go to the State League Annual Meeting in Green Lake. Nettleton, Bliss, Schmit, Soltvedt, Horn, Anglim, Clements, and Kathy Fullin expressed interest in being delegates to the state meeting.

Annual reports are due by March 25, 2019. Several people are fine with opting out of the oral report. This will allow more time for an update from LWVWI Executive Director Erin Grunze on state lawsuits.

New Business: Jan Anderson & Susan Sweet have volunteered to take on the Centennial celebration. There is some tension around what is an LWVWI activity and what is an LWVDC activity.

Earnestine Moss is encouraging LWVWI to do a Gala 2/14/2020, but if they pass on that plan does LWVDC want to pick up the idea? We will need to discuss further, but consensus that we would need a group, not expect Moss to do it all.

Erin Grunze wants LWV to partner with city of Madison to make sure everybody is counted for the 2020 census. Can we recommend a member to represent LWVDC on a city committee? The first meeting will be in April 2019.

Moved by Soltvedt, seconded by Clements to adjourned at 4:04 PM. Approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail Bliss
Secretary