

League of Women Voters of Iowa  
Board Meeting Minutes May 18, 2019  
Coralville Public Library  
1401 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Coralville, IA 52243

**Present:** Mary Rae Bragg, Terese Grant, Nancy Halvorson, Polly Horton, Doris Kelley, Linda Meloy, Mary Ann Nelson, Bonnie Pitz, Nancy Porter, Bev VerSteegh, Gaylen Wobeter

**Absent:** Sue Wilson

Meeting called to order: 10:07 am

Minutes of the March 16, 2019 meeting approved. D Kelley moved, N Halvorson seconded, unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Linda Meloy presented the Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2019. Total checking account \$10, 585.87, Total Education Funds (History Book Project, Johnson County, LWVIA, Muscatine County, Dubuque League) \$15,953.81, and Heartland Investments \$14,199.96.

Meloy shared the proposed FY20 Budget and the explanatory notes that she will present to the Membership at Convention.

All local Leagues are up to date on their Per Member Payments (PMP). IRS does still not list LWVIA as a 501c3. Meloy will call the Tax Payer Advocate recommended by LWVUS.

T. Grant made motion to approve \$100 for gift of flowers and \$50 donation to Shriners in memory of Lobbyist Amy Campbell's father. D. Kelley seconded, and motion passed with unanimous vote.

G. Wobeter moved, and B. Pitz seconded that the Treasurer's Report be filed for audit. Unanimous vote.

President's Report

President Mary Rae Bragg expressed her sincere gratitude to the Board for support in her term of office. The future is exciting, as we in League tell people what LWVIA can do. She encouraged us to "get the message out" and keep the name League of Women Voters of Iowa 'out there'! The LWVIA needs to be "in league" with other **nonpartisan** organizations. Bragg reminded us that Voter Registration data for Iowa shows that Independents outnumber Republican or Democratic registrations.

N. Porter moved that Impact on Issues 2018-2020 be ordered for all 11 local League Presidents and the sitting Board of Directors. G. Wobeter seconded and motion passed on unanimous vote.

#### Convention

N. Halvorson presented sample programs for the 2019 State Convention June 7-8, 2019 in Ames. The agenda was discussed (at length!) Nancy lightened the tone by commenting "I'm not at a pay grade to cancel anyone."

#### MLD/ Grow Me

MA Nelson reminded the Board of Monday, May 20, 2019 conference call starting the new model. A local League will be the "host" League and share one of their activities and take notes and write up summary of the call for LWVIA VOTER. MA Nelson added the Criminal & Juvenile Justice Committee (CJJC)(B. Pitz) to Monday, August 19, 2019 call and our 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment "Hard Won, Not Done" Committee (D. Kelley) to Monday, October 21, 2019 schedule.

#### Centennial Commemoration Update

D. Kelley gave a brief update on the many activities coming to fruition for the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment Celebration:

- Kickoff in Ames, Iowa at the Carrie Chatman Catt Center
- DAR and NOW asked to attend workshop in August
- Display on historic African Americans involvement will be at Catt Center
- Two wagons are being built for display and parades
- RayGun will develop a 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment related T-shirt
- Several local newspapers have featured Op-Eds on the Celebration
- Historic roadside markers will be set up

#### Criminal & Juvenile Justice Committee

B. Pitz reported that CJJC has received permission from LWVUS to work in coalition with Brennan Center for restoration of voting rights and travel. This may involve writing letters and lawsuit. D. Kelley advised lobbying the Board of Parole.

#### Calendar

T. Grant presented a proposed agenda for the "Local Leagues Rock" Workshop. The Board of Directors will meet in Grinnell, Iowa Friday evening August 9 and the Workshop will be Saturday, August 10, 2019.

#### Other

N. Porter asked Board members to become informed on National Popular Vote.

**Meeting adjourned at 2:03 pm**

**Next meeting TBD at Convention in Ames June 7, 2019(?)**

Polly S Horton, Acting Secretary