

League of Women Voters of Iowa
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

November 9, 2019

Montgomery Lounge at Mayflower Homes, Grinnell, Iowa

Present: Terese Grant, Nancy Halvorson, Polly Horton, Linda Meloy, Raven Hollenhorst, Doris Kelley, Bonnie Plitz, Nancy Porter, Bev Ver Steegh, Gaylen Wobeter

Absent: Mary Rae Bragg, Mary Ann Nelson, and Sue Wilson

Call to order: 10:10 am

Approval of minutes

September 14, 2019 meeting: L. Meloy moved and N. Halvorson seconded. Approved on unanimous vote.

October 19, 2019 meeting: L. Meloy moved, D. Kelley seconded, and motion passed on unanimous vote.

Treasurer's Report

LWVIA has not received the Gates Foundation \$750 from Judie Hoffman estate gift.

Heartland Investments account is up to \$727.14

Only Black Hawk Bremer League needs to remit PMP payment

T. Grant asked if payment has been made to Grinnell College for "Local Leagues Rock" charges.

President's Report

T. Grant met Sen. Peterson in Des Moines to discuss census. Now, Iowa has a Complete Count Committee.

T. Grant didn't meet with Republican Sen. Schneider. He is on record in support of current Legislative Services Agency redistricting.

T. Grant shared a letter from John Asparay, Member of Food & Water Watch asking for LWVIA to sign on. She will forward the email request and Board members are to respond by email on or before Wednesday 11-13-19.

The Issues Briefing (10/19/19) live streamed on Face Book is now edited for You Tube. The Dargans proposed the idea of creating a video defining "What is LWV".

After her trip (all expenses paid) to D.C. for the People Powered Fair Maps campaign training, T. Grant feels LWVUS has highly qualified people.

T. Grant acknowledged the March 2020 retirement of Administrative Assistant, Karen Person. Discussion ensued on the direction of hiring her

replacement. T. Grant praised K. Person for being willing to train (mentor?) applicant.

OLD BUSINESS

19th ACC Update

D. Kelley reported financial numbers so far: Total received is \$157,816.40. Received plus direct to Vendor payments = \$205,544.43.

Amperage created a Media Plan designed for HYVEE to have exclusive rights to media.

There is a Resource Button on website for Speakers list.

Local leagues are expected to pay mileage for Speakers they invite.

Special recognition at Ulowa and ISU Women's basketball games will be Saturday, 2-22-20 at Ulowa and Saturday, 2-29-20 at ISU.

The League of Cities and Iowa State Association of Counties will be sending an electronic copy of the Proclamation to their respective members. An article about our 19th ACC was published in each of their respective organization's magazines. Doris shared this at the Board meeting.

19th Amendment Proclamation

The 19th Amendment Proclamation was written by the 19th Amendment Centennial Commemoration Committee and it is on the 19th Amendment website 19th-amendment-centennial.org. Bonnie Pitz will be contacting Local Leagues to make arrangements for the use of the Proclamation in 2020.

Members at Large

L. Meloy reported that the Member At Large (MAL) form will be posted on LWVIA website and the PayPal "button" is active.

Juvenile and Justice Committee Update

The Governor FOCUS Committee on Criminal and Justice Reform chaired by Lt. Gov. Adam Gregg will develop a proposal by January 2020. The article in the Des Moines Register on Friday 11-8-19 listed the focuses to be second chances and mental health.

MLD Update

The next MLD call is scheduled Monday, November 18, at 7:00 pm CST. Terese Grant will present on the People Powered Fair Maps campaign.

Review of Issues Briefing

The panel presentation "Perspectives on the 2020 Session" by Senator Carrie Koelker (R-Dyersville) and Representative Heather Matson (D-Ankeny) was excellent.

The technology issues (failure) were frustrating, since it prevented the webinar viewing. The positive note was that President T. Grant led an engaging discussion on the topic and many opinions were shared.

LWVIA Banner

N. Halvorson reported cost of \$175.00 with case for a pull up banner. R. Hollenhorst volunteered to be on the Banner Committee to assist with getting design finalized.

UMRR-ILO update

S. Wilson sent the following written report:

The next meeting of the Upper Mississippi River Region-Inter-League Organization (UMRR_ILO) will be Monday, December 2, 2019 at the North Suburban Library, 6340 N 2ND Street, Loves Park, IL. All are welcome. The Rockford League will be making arrangements for a program. Sue Wilson and Tam Prenosil plan to attend. Any others? Contact Sue if interested: wilsonsue@mchsi.co. Could Karen Person pass on an announcement to League Presidents?

N. Porter shared that she and Lee Wood (LWVJC) are attending the regional UMRR meeting in St. Louis November 15, 2019.

NEW BUSINESS

DEI Update – Personal or League

T. Grant proposed that after LWVIA completes the PPFM Campaign we form a statewide Task Force on DEI in League. The membership needs to seek diversity, equality, and inclusion in order to survive.

People Powered Fair Maps Campaign (PPFM)

T. Grant gave a summary of the action plan for our involvement. LWVUS sent \$3700.00 for postcards, brochures, etc. Each Local League is responsible for recording activities, attendance, and interaction with sponsors and public.

Liaison to local Leagues – each Board member will report

T. Grant, Grinnell: L. Meloy presented the book she's writing for 19th Amendment Commemoration.

B. Pitz, Jasper: 10 members attend monthly coffees.

N. Halvorson, Story: Each member is challenged to write letter to 4 people to recruit (make it personal).

G. Wobeter, Metro Des Moines: check their website

B. Ver Steegh, Ottumwa: Celebration of Voting with the YMCA event and the idea of a Tri-County League (Ottumwa, Fairfield, Bloomfield)

L. Meloy, Muscatine: School promotion
P. Horton, Sioux City: Census Program on November 14, 2019
N. Porter, Johnson: Voter Registration activities
R. Hollenhorst: plan a website

Capitol Day(s) 2020

Virtual Day is Wednesday, February 19, 2020
In person Day is Wednesday, March 11, 2020

2020 Council – Black Hawk/ Bremer hosting

Friday, June 5, 2020 attend play The Suffragists
Saturday, June 6, 2020, Council meeting at NE Iowa Community
Foundation

Next meeting: January 11, 2020 in Cedar Rapids

Meeting adjourned 2:03 pm
Polly Horton, Secretary