

League of Women Voters of Iowa
Board Meeting Minutes January 26, 2019
Health & Human Service Building
317 7th Ave. SE, Cedar Rapids, Iowa

Present: Mary Rae Brag, Tamara Prenosil, Mary Ann Nelson, Bonnie Pitz, Terese Grant, Gaylen Wobeter, Nancy Porter, Linda Meloy, Polly Horton
Absent: Bev VerSteegh, Doris Kelley, Nancy Halvorson. Sue Wilson

Meeting called to order: 10:14 am

Minutes of the November 17, 2018 meeting approved. MR Bragg moved.
Vote gave unanimous approval

Treasurer Report

Treasurer L. Meloy presented the Balance Sheet and the line items Budget have sheets. Total Checking is \$5,376.47 and LWVIA EF \$1548.94. A gift of \$955 in stock has been given to the 19th Amendment Committee.

All Leagues will have paid PMP, once Ottumwa's payment is received.

The IRS has not yet listed LWVIA as a 501c3. LWVIA can receive the \$750 gift to ED Fund from Judie Hoffmann estate's matching grant when IRS lists us.

The Office Supplies line item is over budget, due to the order of LWVIA notecards that are to be shared with local Leagues. Contact L. Meloy for a supply of notecards.

Meloy shared a handout outlining pricing for creation of magnets featuring quotes from 19th Amendment activists. Committee was formed to order magnets to sell at Convention. Committee is Linda Meloy, Terese Grant, and Nancy Halvorson.

President's Report

- LWVIA has been invited to host a round table of Women candidates for President at Drake University. Because it is strictly Presidential candidates for the Democratic caucus or Primary, MRB is concerned with the partisan aspect.
- Iowa Democratic Caucus holds a majority of women in the House
- Continue to support and encourage women to run for office. MRB gave example of woman candidate who ran for House seat and lost, but ran 2 years later and won a Senate seat. Electronic media can be positive component of campaign.
- **See Yourself Here** will be taken on by LWVIA to de-mystify the Capitol. Terese Grant, Nancy Halvorson and Linda Meloy will attend March 12-13, 2019 in Des Moines to observe registration and set up.

- **Blueprint for Winning** will hopefully be taken on by Carrie Chapman Catt Center
- Remind women representing us that they are representing us to “keep their feet to the fire” on our issues.

OLD BUSINESS

New Leagues Report

G. Wobeter reported that Sue Johannsen and Polly Horton met with Raven Hollenhorst and Chelsea Haley in Davenport. The Davenport women were discouraged that their local membership had not grown. They were advised to focus on the By-Laws and non-partisan Policy for their League, which they hopefully could find in the archives (box) at Davenport library.

Local media called upon R. Hollenhorst as a League member to speak to the Restoration of Voting Rights for felons. Myrna Loehrlein sent her documentation, and offered to do the interview. R. Hollenhorst is interested in presenting the issue in a local forum event. The Board noted that understanding the Amendment process would be important to include in such a forum. Experts on Restoration of voting rights Daniel Zeno, ACLU, and Mike Cervantes, were recommended as speakers.

MR Bragg shared that she has received inquiry from Jan Schnell about a Benton-Iowa County League formation.

Bloomfield, Iowa has 17 members in the Linn County LWV, as they start their own.

Study Proposals – document for Local Leagues

P. Horton will send the form discussed to all local League Presidents. The Board suggests that local Leagues meet to discuss Program Planning and possible Study. LWVUS Convention directive was to clarify what you’re doing, decide if it is reasonable to do, and define its impact.

Capitol Day

MR Bragg did not have details to share. It is imperative that we ask both parties how we can make a difference.

NEW BUSINESS

2019 Convention

The theme “Springboard to 100 More Years” was approved by unanimous vote.

L Meloy gave an update on the centennial book. The issues of interest to the 1920s Leagues (Citizenship, Housing, Children) continue as issues of focus today in 2019.

Nomination Committee

B Pitz shared the slate of Officers to be offered at Convention. They are

President: Terese Grant

Vice President: Nancy Halvorson

Treasurer: Linda Meloy

Secretary: Polly Horton

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Committee

B Pitz reported that the Committee met on January 24, 2019 on ZOOM. Chair M. Loehrlein requests budget of \$100. The motion that CJJC receive \$100 now and we also provide \$100 in line item of Budget 2019-2020 passed by unanimous vote. G. Wobeter moved, and MA Nelson seconded.

OTHER

B. Pitz and N. Halvorson will investigate ZOOM, electronic meeting site, as possible purchase by LWVIA to make it possible to hold Board meetings online.

T Prenosil shared the date February 4, 2019 for Environmental Committee of UMRR to visit Racine, WI and check out FoxCom.

LWV Linn County proposed having an event on the issue of Judicial Selection process. The Board was in agreement with unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned 1:12 pm

Next meeting is March 16, 2019 in Cedar Rapids

Polly Horton

Acting Secretary