

**Minutes of the 67th Annual Meeting of the LWV Roseville Area  
Tuesday, June 2, 2020, as amended by the June 17, 2020 Board Meeting  
Virtual meetings via Zoom**

**Call to Order:** The 67th Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters Roseville Area was called to order by President Sherry Hood at 7:05 p.m.

**Declaration of a Quorum:** According to the bylaws, the presence of ten percent of our members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. President Sherry Hood declared a quorum was present.

**Additions or Changes to Agenda:** President Sherry Hood asked if there were any additions or changes to the Annual Meeting Agenda. There were none.

**Appointments:** After no objection, the Chair appointed as parliamentarian, Karen Schaffer.

**President's Report:**

President Sherry Hood thanked Barb Anderson and Rachel Geiser for setting up the virtual Annual Meeting.

**Vice-President's Report:** Barb Barany spoke on the work that has been done and continues to be done on the census. Minnesota continues to lead the nation in self-response to the census.

**Secretary Report:** The secretary's report is printed on pages 11 to 13 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet. It is customary that the Minutes of the Annual Meeting be approved by the Board at the first scheduled Board meeting following this Annual Meeting. Last year's minutes were so approved at the June 25, 2019 Board meeting.

The chair accepted a motion by Rita Mills that the Minutes of the 67th Annual Meeting of the LWV Roseville Area, June 2, 2020, be approved by the Board at the first Board meeting following this meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

**Treasurer Report:** The Treasurer's Report for 2019-2020 is on page 14 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet. President Sherry Hood asked if there were any questions. Barb Anderson noted that dues were collected earlier this year than last year, which is why there is more unreserved money. The Treasurer's report will be filed for examination by the Budget Committee. (See Action item 3).

**Committee Reports:** The Committee Reports were sent to all members in the 67th Annual Report booklet. There were no verbal reports, except for membership. Beth Reinhart, Membership chair, reported there are currently 132 members with one new member added recently. The new databank system for renewing membership and collecting dues is working well.

**Introductions:** President Sherry Hood introduced and recognized the current Board and thanked the Board for their work and members for their financial support to our local League.

**50-year member.** Mindy Greiling honored Judy Stuthman for 50 years of League service.

**Action Items:**

**1. Amendments to the bylaws** (page 7 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet).

Barb Anderson explained that our League did not have any language in our bylaws regarding holding remote meetings and that we were encouraged by the State and National Leagues to add language to our bylaws. Jim DeBenedet motioned adopting the amendments to the Bylaws. The motion carried unanimously.

**2. Adoption of the LWV Roseville Area Positions** (page 6 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet).

President Sherry Hood asked members for re-approval of the LWV of Roseville Area Positions. Rita Mills motioned to approve the continuation of the LWV of Roseville Area Positions. The motion carried unanimously.

**3. Presentation and Approval of the 2020-2021 Budget.**

Barb Anderson, Finance, Budget and Examiner Team Leader, reported that the LWV of Roseville Area 2020-2021 Proposed Budget on page 21 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet, was prepared by the Budget and Fundraising Committee. Karen Lake motioned to approve the LWV of Roseville Area 2020-2021 Proposed Budget. The motion carried unanimously.

**4. Presentation and Approval of Nominating Committee Report.**

Florence Sprague, Committee Chair, presented the report. The slate of proposed nominees for the 2020-2021 League year is listed on page 22 of the 67th Annual Meeting booklet. President Sherry Hood asked the membership three times per parliamentary rules for other nominations from the floor. There were none and the nominations were closed. Julianne Johnston motioned approval of the election of all officers and directors nominated. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board assignments are:

- President: Barb Barany — 2 years
- Vice President: Barb Anderson — 2 years
- Secretary: Jim DeBenedet, with Mindy Greiling as backup
- Treasurer: Jessica Holz

Directors:

- Action/Advocacy: Wayne Groff and Priscilla Morton
- Communication: Barb Anderson, transitioning to Mary Peterson
- Membership: Rita Mills
- Program: Florence Sprague

- Voter Services: Karen Lake
- At-Large Board Members: Stephanie DeBenedet, Rachel Geiser, Karen Schaffer
- Finance, Budget, Examiner: Barb Anderson

## 5. Local Study.

Program Chair, Bonnie Koch reported on two studies for 2021. The first was recommended by the Board for our study, which was how our five cities are implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The second study is on the process for equitably filling representative positions on commissions in local government.

Jim and Stephanie DeBenedet offered to chair the ADA study. Barbara Luck and Patricia Hoffman offered to chair the process for equitably filling representative positions study.

Jim DeBenedet motioned to do the first study on how our five cities are implementing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). This motion passed.

Megan Dahlberg motioned for approval of the second study on the process for equitably filling representative positions on commissions in local government. This motion also passed.

After consulting with Karen Schaffer, parliamentarian, President Sherry Hood asked for a motion to reconsider the vote to have just one study instead of two. There was no motion. Therefore, there will be two studies.

**Rose Awards.** The Rose Awards are presented to members who exceeded expectations in their service to League this year. Here are the recipients and why they were recognized.

The recipients are:

- **Beth Reinhart** for providing her ideas and support to sustain and increase membership in our League and further our mission.
- **Cecilia Warner** who for many past years has arranged and provided many candidate forums for Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Roseville, Little Canada, and Maplewood for its citizens to become better informed about the issues that confront our local communities.
- **Barb Anderson** for creating a new pre-program video that visually highlights some events of our League and for engineering very successfully online meetings for our League since the beginning of Covid-19.
- **Ann Thonet** for supporting us with her commitment and expertise to manage our membership data. This has involved a new state membership registration program.

**Directions to the Board:** President Sherry Hood requested that an ad hoc committee be created to look at our police study from 2016 to possibly expand the study, in light of the current events.

### **Announcements:**

- President Sherry Hood requested that members pay their membership dues if they have forgotten.
- President Sherry Hood also invited people to donate money to our local League so we could pay for our programs to be broadcast to our communities via CTV in light of the Covid-19 crisis.
- Julie Strahan would like us to continue to have Candidate Forums etc. during this Covid-19 time.
- Megan Dahlberg would like us to examine the extent to which our police study is consistent with the 21st Century Policing Report of the Obama administration.
- Barb Barany had words of thanks to Sherry for all that she has done while President of our League.

**2019-2020 President Sherry Hood declared the 2020 Annual Meeting of the League of Women Voters of Roseville Area adjourned at 8:55 p.m.**

*Minutes submitted by Secretary, Mary Peterson*