



**Board Meeting Minutes
February 24, 2021 - via Zoom**

Meeting called to order by Pres. Barb Barany at 7:00 pm

Members present – Barb Barany, Barb Anderson, Jim DeBenedet, Stephanie DeBenedet , Karen Lake, Rita Mills, Florence Sprague, Mary Peterson, Karen Schaffer, Rachel Geiser, Priscilla Morton, Jessica Holz
Members not present, Wayne Groff

7:00 – 8:30 PM – board business

1. Additions/changes to agenda -
2. Approval of minutes, January 27, 2021 – Moved by Barb Anderson, 2nd by Karen Lake. Approved by consensus.
3. Treasurer’s Report – No comments
4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. President – Barb mentioned that we should have enough in our budget to pay for anyone who wants to attend. Barb asked about what counts as a 2nd meeting as required in the Policies. Comment was that any general meeting counted.
 - b. Vice President – No report
 - c. Secretary – No report.
5. Reports of Committees – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. Action/Advocacy – Priscilla Morton reported we have some new observers and still in the search for more. Planning for mayor’s forum is going well.
 - b. Communications – Barb said all going as usual. Mary is updating the website. E-Blasts are going well.
 - c. Membership – Rita Mills acknowledged passing of Lynette Kimble will be in upcoming Voter. Ann Thonet reported 135 members, Rita said the present count is 133 members.
 - d. Program – Florence reported Paul Huffman from state LWV spoke at a Zoom meeting. Many non-league members attended. March 23rd program will be a reschedule of meeting from a prior date.
 - e. Program – Studies
 - i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities – On hold until we can go outside.
 - ii. Equitable Representation Study Committee – Still working on the results of the survey. Over 60 persons responded. There were many interesting comments and some asked for follow-up phone calls.
 - f. Voter Services – Has little to add to her written report. State LWV is not managing the site in 2021 but will again in 2022. In addition, guidance will be provided for local Leagues who wish to

manage 411 for their own local purposes in 2021. Barb commented there was no information about candidates in time for early voting.

- g. Nominations Committee – Florence Sprague reported and mentioned her written report. Slate for the Board was emailed to the board. Chris Olson was listed as tentative and has declined. Karen Schaffer agreed to fill in. Rita Mills opined that Zoom is a great tool for board meetings.

6. Unfinished business

- a. Discussion/Action – People Powered Fair Maps – Paul Huffman asked if we could have a member who would be a point of contact for him. There was general discussion about fair maps. The board was unsure what we could do to affect redistricting. Florence suggested we send a copy of the League’s policy on this to our legislators. Priscilla Morton volunteered to be the point person until the annual meeting.

7. New Business

- a. Appointment of Budget Committee – Barb Anderson, Bonnie Koch, and Mary Ann Palmer were nominated by Barb. Motion by Karen Lake. Approved by show of hands.
- b. Proposed Policy Revision – Nominations Committee – Proposed changes are to clarify that the chair of the nominating must be approved at the annual meeting. Other committee members are appointed only. The chair of the committee may be a member of the board, but is not a board member by virtue of being chair of the nomination committee. Rita moved approval of the changes. Approved by voice vote.

8. Announcements – Rita Mills reported that the state LWV is starting a group to vision the next 100 years of League.

9. Adjournment – 8:13 pm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 24, 2021