



**Board Meeting Minutes
April 28, 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, Wayne Groff , Karen Schaffer, Rachel Geiser, Priscilla Morton, Kathy Macomber, Patti Hoffman, Theresa Wernecke. Later attendance by Barb Luck, Megan Dahlberg.

Members not present - Jessica Holz,

7:00 – 8:30 PM – board business

1. Additions/changes to agenda
2. Approval of minutes, March 24, 2021- Florence asked about approval of amount for later in-person social. Was noted \$250 was approved.
3. Treasurer’s Report - No comments from the Board.
4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. President – Reported on post incarceration voting. Also thanked outgoing board members.
 - b. Vice President – No report.
 - c. Secretary - No report.
5. Reports of Committees – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. Action/Advocacy – Priscilla mentioned the Fair Maps program and postcards. Tomorrow is the day of action at the capital.
 - b. Communications – Barb mentioned her report. Rachel said she needed articles for May/June Voter by May7th.
 - c. Membership -
 - d. LWVMN Second Century Task Force –Rita Mills reported on her participation in the “2nd Century Planning Task Force” headed by Michelle Witte, executive directory of LWVMN. This task force consists of 12 League members from throughout the state who have been meeting from January - May. It is advisory in nature and is to provide guidance to the State Board on key principles of the League’s planning going forward into the next century. Some specifics that have been discussed include the amount of working capital that the state League should maintain, how the state can better support local Leagues, identifying “what’s missing” in League in terms of age, economic, racial/ethnic diversity, and establishing partnerships with other organizations. A final document will be provided at a later date.
 - e. Voter Services – Karen Lake working on voter registration at Tartan HS.

- f. Program - Florence said April program was canceled due to Chauvin verdict, but will hopefully be rescheduled in May. Wants to move June program at African American museum to August to encourage participation. May try to have hybrid meeting
- g. Program – Studies
 - i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities – Study Chair Jim D. reported on re-start of study with distribution of LWV study guidance from Bonnie Koch. There will be a Zoom meeting next Thursday.
 - ii. Equitable Representation Study Committee – Barb Luck says they are moving ahead and hoping to take advantage of an accelerated process. Mindy Greiling said she is impressed with status of report. Wayne Groff said this study already has had an impact in Roseville including the hiring of an equity director. Committee asked about scheduling a meeting for membership review and consensus.

6. Unfinished business

Action: Designation of additional Convention delegates – We need one more delegate to State convention. Barb Barany asked for a volunteer. There were none. Barb Anderson moved that authority be given to Barb Barany to appoint. Motion was seconded and approved.

7. New Business

- a. Action: Approval of accelerated advocacy process - Equitable Representation in our Five Cities Study- Barb asked for approval of an accelerated study process. Board approved this request with no negative votes.
- b. Action: Amendment to position regarding government participation: replace *citizen* with *resident*- Moved Karen Lake to approve, Motion 2nded and approved.
- c. Action: Authorization of *Ad Hoc Committee for Study and Advocacy* – Recommendations for Policies & Procedures – Karen Lake moved to establish a committee, motion was 2nded and approved. Mindy G. and Bonnie Koch are appointed. Barb asked any others to contact them to volunteer.
- d. Review of Agenda and Planning for Annual Membership Meeting – There was discussion about how to start future studies, including what to call such an activity to encourage participation and leadership.

8. Announcements

9. Adjournment – 8:45

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, June 23