



Minutes from LWV Roseville Area board meeting 6-23-21

Board members present: Barb Anderson, Barb Barany, Rachel Geiser, Sherry Hood, Bonnie Koch, Kathy Macomber, Rita Mills, Mary Peterson, Karen Schaffer, Florence Sprague, Teresa Wernecke

Absent: Wayne Groff, Jessica Holz, Sharon McCord,

7:00 – 8:30 PM – board business

1. Introductions of board members

Called to order by president Barb Barany at 7:19 pm.

2. Additions/changes to agenda: Sherry Hood: addition of redistricting/mapping.

3. Minutes of 4/28/21, 5/4/21, and 6/9/21 and Treasurer's Reports for periods ending 4/30/21 and 5/31/21 all approved

5. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments

- a. President-see report
- b. Vice President- none
- c. Secretary-none

6. Reports of Committees – Discussion/Questions/Comments

- a. Action/Advocacy: see report. We continue to have observers at Ramsey County, the three school districts and the 5 communities.
- b. Communications: see report
- c. Membership: see report. Current membership is 129. New membership materials should be coming in August. Grace Lee switched to New Brighton League and will be a good contact for that league
- d. Voter Services: see report. Marsha Cheney is Vice-Chair. The website regarding the Youth Engagement Grant has not yet been updated with a 2021 date.
- e. Program: see report.

June program was Having Sustainable Cities with mayors. Next week's program is "Who Gets to Vote" jointly with St. Paul. Florence was unable to get an answer from the St. Paul League as to whether the program was being recorded and whether the local cable access would provide a recording link.

July is Books and Brews will take place Wednesday 7/21 at High Pines Brewery and Tippy Steer. Indoor event. Use of the meeting room requires gift card purchases

equaling \$500. Can be purchased in \$50 increments. Let Rita or Rachel know if interested

August program will be a tour of the African American Heritage Museum in Mpls, date to be in eblast.

f. Program – Studies

i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities: see report. Bonnie representing Jim who has asked for a February date.

ii. Equitable Representation Study Committee: Rita reported that Julie Strahan asked for a copy of the report in advance. Megan Dahlberg drafting introductory letters for cities.

7. Unfinished business: Sherry Hood noted the Organized Trash study from 1986. Based on Roseville City Councilman Etten's environmental perspectives, thought he would support putting on their agenda for discussion. 50% of metro cities have organized trash and it is an equity issue, example of St. Paul citizens gaining more equitable rates for residents. This item will come up again.

8. New Business

a. Action: Approval of annual membership fee (expected \$25) for Upper Mississippi River Region, LWV environmental group.

b. Authorize the finance committee to pursue higher yielding savings options. Barb Anderson moved to designate Barb Barany, Barb Anderson, and Jessica Holz as authorized signers on any investments we make with excess funds, and to explore and invest. Vote unanimous in favor. Discussion followed that investment amount could be \$10k, and likely CDs or online high yield savings accounts.

c. Suggestion of LWV student award with an environmental leadership or equity focus. Could be an equity award without calling it that, and be inclusive of the area schools including alternative schools. Faculty could nominate students and could be more than one category and award. Bonnie moved to approve creation of an ad hoc committee to study a student award/scholarship. Vote unanimous in favor. Rita to write article for the Voter to recruit committee members.

e. Discussion: Should LWVRA have a dedicated group within Action Advocacy for DEI? Sherry Hood will be meeting with Paul Huffman, state lead on redistricting and mapping. Mapping pulls in diverse residents in the community to know their priorities and get that info to those working on redistricting. We don't have districts, so this would only apply to the Ramsey County Commissioners. Sherry will talk to Huffman about whether mapping is applicable to us.

Karen thought a DEI committee could look at all our activities through a DEI lens. Committee could develop outcomes that lead to board policy development. There is a national diversity policy and we could build on that. This topic will return for discussion in August.

9. Adjournment at 8:40 pm. Next Board Meeting 8/25/2021. Respectfully submitted by Kathy Macomber, Secretary

Approved 8/25/2021

