



**Board Meeting Minutes
October 28, 2020 - 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,

Members not present - Jessica Holz,

1. Additions/changes to agenda – None.
2. Approval of minutes, September 23, 2020 – approved with changes.
3. Treasurer’s Report – Have received donations for Georgiana Sobola memorial.
4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. President – LWVMN maintains an archive of local league studies. Studies of ours that are not currently included can be added if we are able to locate them. LWVMN is doing an update on firearms and needs the help of local LWV members.
 - b. Vice President – None.
 - c. Secretary – None.
5. Reports of Committees – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. Action/Advocacy – Have a monthly action/advocacy meeting for all state groups. Fair maps is one important issue.
 - b. Communications – Barb A. reported Mary is now sending out E-Blasts. Have been recommending no more mail in voting due to challenges to extended vote counting. Made a pitch to keep submittals in summary form.
 - c. Membership – Mentioned the passing of Georgiana Sobola. 2020 is going well with new rolling membership program. We have 134 members now.
 - d. Program – December program will be about discrimination. Florence mentioned possibility of a social event in January. Consensus was not to do it in January. Maybe a picnic in the summer. Also, we have been asked to co-sponsor a program about the relationship between trees and climate change with the Resilient Roseville.
 - e. Program – Studies
 - i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities No report due to election and COVID pandemic
 - ii. Equitable Representation Study Committee - Rita reported the committee has received information from all 5 cities and has demographic information for these cities.
 - f. Voter Services – Karen Lake reported that they are following the lawsuits regarding voting and elections. They contacted a large number of organizations about helping people vote.

g. Ad hoc Census – Census is closed as of October 15th. Minnesota’s self-reporting was very high.

6. Unfinished business - None

7. New Business

Discussion – Assignment & Use of Memorial Contributions – Rita Mills said we donated a paver in the name of Ann Berry. Jim D. said we also paid for pavers in memory of other past members. There was general discussion to work on a policy regarding what to do when a long time or other notable member passes. Rita suggested we write up a policy for the next meeting.

8. Announcements – Barb Anderson said fund raising letters would be sent out tomorrow.

9. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 18, 2020

No Board meeting planned for December, 2020