



**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**August 25, 2021**

**Present:** Barb Anderson, Barb Barany, Rachel Geiser, Wayne Groff, Sherry Hood, Bonnie Koch, Kathy Macomber, Rita Mills, Karen Schaffer, Florence Sprague, Teresa Wernecke

**Absent:** Jessica Holz, Sharon McCord, Mary Peterson

Meeting called to order by Barb Barany at 7:02 pm

1. Additions/changes to agenda- none
2. Motion to approve amended minutes for June 23, 2021 by Sherry Hood. Unanimous aye vote.
3. Treasurer's Report - See report, no questions.
4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments
  - a. President - Reported on academy. Link to the recording is in the President's report.
  - b. Vice President - As interest rates are so low, will delay action on moving funds to online account until interest rates rise.
  - c. Secretary - no report
5. Reports of Committees – Discussion/Questions/Comments
  - a. Action/Advocacy - The Environmental Subcommittee will meet in September. Continue to update the Cities/County meeting. State AA is looking at local AA and the Program Committee working together.
  - b. Communications - Appreciate information to include for eblast. Things need to be brief and will be edited for length.
  - c. Membership - Jenny Loeck is the new superintendent for the Roseville School district and brought up the upcoming referendum. Rita could use help with renewal reconciliation.
  - d. Voter Services - Aug 25 & 26 new citizen ceremony. Falcon Heights Forum will be in their City Hall. Nine North will televise. Roseville School District has a candidate forum on 10/7 for School Board members at the Nine North studios. Florence is moderating both. No audience for either.
  - e. Program - Will remain on Zoom for the foreseeable future. See report. In September, 4th panelist is Thomas Brooks. November will address Equitable Representation with representatives from UofM Extension. January has Conversation with Constituents and another speaker.
  - f. Program – Studies
    - i. ADA Compliance in our Five Cities Since the last Board meeting, the study committee has met twice via Zoom. We are scheduled to meet in person on September 7th. Other than a few pieces of information still to be determined, we have completed gathering material on city administration information such as compliance policies, and we have physically visited city halls, polling sites and parks to determine compliance with ADA regulations. We are now developing summaries for each of the five cities which will be included in the overall written summary to be presented to membership.
    - ii. Equitable Representation (Advocacy) Equitable Representation report was presented to Little Canada on 8/11 and generated 20-30 minutes of dialogue with the City Council. Lauderdale is a challenge as they have no commissions. Want to complete all presentations before Nov. 16.
  - g. Ad Hoc Student Awards Committee - Starting with just public High Schools: RAHS, Fairview Alternative HS, and Tartan HS. One \$500 scholarship award and a 1 year League membership per school
6. Unfinished business

Considerations for appointing a DEI committee and/or policy/procedure addition: Who within LWVRA is responsible for DEI? What are our DEI goals? - Have a resource person for keeping up, Committee Chair? Monday night DEI with New Hope. Book Study. Getting a group together. Sherry met with Kathy Ramundt, Paul Huffman and 1 other. RAHS has multicultural clubs. Find student leader liaisons. How do our systems work to exclude people? Look at Edina as a source of ideas; as are well laid out on their website. They have a three-pronged approach. An adhoc group under Advocacy? Rita will write article for voter to try and recruit participants.

#### 7. New Business

- a. Approve Falcon Heights appreciation letter (affordable housing) - Mindy composed letter for Falcon Heights. Vote to send the letter was unanimously approved. Thank you to Mindy.
- b. High school student awards funding - unanimous vote to approve.
- c. Approve process for undertaking and completing LWVRA studies - unanimous vote to approve.

8. Announcements - September/October Environmental programs: Expand landfill capacities, protecting metro water supply

9. Adjournment 8:26 pm

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, September 22, 2021