

Board Meeting Agenda
September 28, 2022 - via Zoom
7:00 – 8:30 PM – board business

In Attendance: Mary Peterson, Florence Sprague, Rita Mills, Kathy Macomber, Teresa Wernecke, Sherry Hood, Bonnie Koch, Marcia Cheny, Barb Anderson, Rachel Geiser, Jen Peterson

Absent: Lisa Scribner, Nancy Simpson, Wayne Goff

Call to order: 7:04

1. Additions/changes to agenda: None
2. Approval of minutes, August 24, 2022: Minor changes to update attendance. Moved, seconded and approved, unanimous vote
3. Treasurer's Report: See report. Corrected July and balanced August. Report accepted.
4. Reports of Officers – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. President: See report. There was not a President's phone call because of August Academy. The State Board did receive the most recent draft of the firearms study. It was discussed and not yet finalized. There may be additional adjustments with potential approval at the October Board Meeting. The State Board was impressed with the layout and content of the draft document.
 - b. Vice President: None
 - c. Secretary: None
5. Reports of Committees/CMAL Rep – Discussion/Questions/Comments
 - a. Action/Advocacy: See report.
 - Mindy and Sherry have drafted a letter to Michelle Witte re: ranked choice voting. This will be sent after the November election. Sherry will send it to the LMV Roseville Board for approval.
 - After January 1, 2023, will ask five cities to support legislation to allow ranked choice voting.
 - 1985 Organized Trash Hauling will be advocated in 2023 with a focus on Roseville.
 - Alan Wernke presented at EV Fair, sponsored by LMV Roseville, and shared that it was the best event he had attended of this nature. He commended Roseville and other local leagues who have sponsored EV Fairs for the content and organization of the event.

b. Communications: See report.

- Ranked Choice Voting and Candidate Forums were the primary communication focus in September.
- Mary will work with the Ramsey County Library re: functioning of ranked choice link.

c. Membership: See report. Rita will confer with Barb and Beth to finalize current numbers. Condolence cards were sent to two members who recently experienced a loss.

D. Program: See report.

- Had a good program with ranked choice voting.
- October: it wasn't possible to bring together a speaker's panel together re: social studies standards and civics.
- There may be a December event that would combine a service volunteer activity with an a la carte lunch. Florence invited Board Members to volunteer if interested in an activity like this before the end of the calendar year.
- United Nations Day program on Tuesday, October 18th at the library. League members often attend this event. Will be meeting in person with social time and then a program presented via the United Nations Speakers Bureau.
- Firearms Study: Will be working on consensus questions and will be a League Zoom Meeting and not a library meeting.
- January: Conversations with Constituents. Waiting for updates on participation.
- February: Restorative Justice speakers have been confirmed. Feb 21, 2023 on Zoom. Partnering with LWV St. Paul.

e. Voter Services: See report.

- 10 Candidate Forums (partnered on 3). Ramsey County Commissioner Candidate Forum was to be this week and was postponed. Will aim to reschedule for mid October. Upcoming events are Little Canada, Lauderdale, ISD 622 (North St Paul, Maplewood, Oakdale)
- Festival for Change: joint venture with Roseville Lutheran and Do Good Roseville. Impressive and well supported event which included art, music, speakers.
- Youth Engagement: Attended the August Academy. Marcia has prepared an application that is ready to submit. We will move forward regardless of grant status. Roseville teachers have identified possible students who have shown interest to apply for the program.

f. CMAL: See report. Barb reported that Lisa has shared questions for the rescheduled Ramsey County Commissioner event.

6. Unfinished business

a. Finalized job descriptions. Adopted without changes.

b. Policies and Procedures – final approval

National organization is going to be setting the dues in the future. The earliest this will take effect is 2024. The Policies may need to be updated in the future based on changes.

Motion by Barb, seconded by Rita, unanimous vote in favor.

This will go before the annual meeting for general approval. In the meantime, we have the ability to act on the proposal as updated.

7. New Business

a. Format of The Voter:

- There is a PDF that appears in the body of the email, rather than an email summary with a link / attachment. Barb proposed attaching the first page of the PDF to the email. This may increase the size of the email, which may make it either hard to read, or difficult to open because of the large file size. The font needed to be smaller to allow room for increased amount of content.
- Bonnie: What format would go into archives?
- Mindy had input on the Voter. She liked the flash effect of Do Good Roseville. Is The Voter too long for people to read? Perhaps we investigate making the e-blast more concise with more in depth coverage into the monthly. Could investigate how links are used. We have anecdotal information about members not consistently reading The Voter, or needing to be referred
- The Board discussed creating a subcommittee to investigate how to succinctly promote major pieces of information. How does the archival piece interface with this approach? Millennials are not interested in longer pieces. Marcia is working with younger stakeholders about preferred communication channels, such as Tic Toc.
- Rachel, Marcia, Mary and Barb will participate in the initial subcommittee discussion. Are there other chapters that have ideas on this? Barb can raise at the President's meeting. Barb will send an email to set up an initial time to meet.

b. Letter to LWVMN re: ranked choice voting. This is off the table for now.

8. Announcements

- Citizenship Ceremonies will now be a morning and afternoon session with 750 attendees each. We will shift how we support this event given the increased size.
- The Board discussed recruiting opportunities to support Judy. At the state level, there is discussion about more than one person to support this role.
- Are there any League Members that are passionate about these ceremonies? Judy is open to mentoring people who would like to take on this role.

9. Adjournment at 8:28