

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

May 8, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes – 1:00 – 4:41 PM

Zoom, hosted by LWVOR

Present: Barbara Sellers-Young, Tomika Dew, Kathleen West, Alice LaViolette, Amy Vandergrift, Cindy Burgess, Deanie Anderson (later), Jean Sherbeck

1. Minutes of April 20, 2023 board minutes were approved as read.
2. Tomika is working on the financial statements for the annual meeting.
3. There were two suggestions regarding the revised by-laws to present to the members at annual meeting. Tomika suggested omitting the reference to “development chair” and duties, since we have never had that position in LWVMPC. (Article 6, Section 5). Also, regarding the annual review of the financial statement Also, regarding the annual review of the financial statements, the budget committee fills that role now. Q: is this a requirement for a non-profit organization?

A motion made by Tomika and seconded by Amy to vote to approve the by-laws as amended to be presented to the members at the annual meeting for their approval. This motion passed unanimously by the board members.

Amy proposed and Cindy seconded a motion to present to the membership at annual meeting to recommend to for their approval to raise dues for the 2023 – 2024 fiscal year by \$5.00 to the amount of \$70.00 for individual memberships. The board approved the motion unanimously. (Q. Will the proposed budget be OK as written now? Yes, if there is a shortfall it can be covered by reserves.) The intent of the board is to follow up for the 2024 – 2025 fiscal year with another \$5.00 increase in dues, to bring LVWMPC to a better fiscal position in increments.

4. Board retreat in July. Barbara would like to send an e-mail to all returning and new board members to set a date for a July retreat. Ask for dates when people will not be available.

5. Suggestion for the proposed Agenda for annual meeting drawn up by Barbara. Suggestions were made for the lunch hour and social time. Everyone agreed that setting up tables with a themed League activity that members could learn about and sign up for during this time would be ideal. Ex: Art Fair Table; Voter Education; Observer Corps; Youth Involvement; Book Group; Membership Outreach, etc.

6. Other preparation. People will be directed how to order sack lunches from Little Lois, or bring their own lunch. Deanie will show how to use church coffee pots – bring our coffee; Deanie will get together with membership folks at church to plan set-up. Suggestion to make donations to church for use of facility.

7. Barbara will bring copies of agenda. Tomika will bring info on how to pay dues, which are due July 1st.

Meeting adjourned at 4:41 PM

Submitted by Jean Sherbeck, Secretary