

League of Women Voters December 11, 2023, Board Meeting Convening at 3:00 PM

Attendees: Vernadene Anderson, Alice LaViolette, Meryl McKean, Kathleen West

Barbara Sellers Young

Tomika Dew

Amy Vandergrift

Board Meeting minutes of Last Month on November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023 are moved to be accepted by Meryl McKean and seconded by Kathleen West and passed unanimously.

Agenda:

- Money for National Voter Registration; Deanie Moves we give \$25 to NVR. Meryl seconds and the motion passes unanimously.
- Consent Calendar: discussion of Consent Agenda for Polk County vs action items for observation of Polk County Commissioner Meetings; What is available for an observer? Will table and research. A league observer corps meeting in the planning works.
- Webinar recordings of Wednesday meetings: Discussion of value of library of informational presentation/meetings.
- Nominating Committee. Discussion of who will/should be on the committee. A documentation of the actual duties of the President's position would be valuable.
- Civility in Discourse Pledge discussion. State League approval of topics for LWVMP provisions of information such as podcasts or videos might be valuable. How do we label and make clear what is available on the website.
- Youth Engagement and Event on January 19<sup>th</sup>
- Program Planning Questionnaire for National Conference in Washington, DC June 27-30
- Program Planning January 20-
  - Focus on Voter Service with the goal of planning the entire year from the primary season through the election. Important to have a timeline for the upcoming year.
  - 1. Voters Guides and Vote411- effectiveness of voters' guides and are we getting them to the places that most need them; should we advertise their usefulness (only nonpartisan one, available in large print, Braille, Spanish)  
Discussion Is it worth the effort and should we continue to produce the guide?  
Should we wait and see if the changes (e.g. completeness and timeliness) that have been suggested are completed by a specified date? Removed from January Program Planning
  - 2. Candidate interviews. Discussion Is it worthwhile to host live forums? Should we advertise that we'd do the setup for other groups? Studio or virtual interviews? Wendy's position is decreasing so what does the new relationship with CCM look like and what kind of support can we expect.
  - 3. Ballot measures. Enlarge the Speakers Bureau so we can do more presentations to more groups. send a postcard/email notice to groups advertising this service; be a ballot measure researcher for a measure; help edit them; do a CCM program with small audience doing questions.
  - 4. Youth engagement. How to interface with LWVOR plans; January Youth Council in Salem; what about our supposed mentorship to Salem/Kaiser schools for Mock Election.
  - 5. Community outreach with membership. Change from emphasis on registration alone to voter's rights and registration updates and "Think Before You Ink" message; designate places to go and what display will look like; volunteer training; advertise that we can attend your event and offer this info. Relationship to NVR and VoteRiders. Capital Community Media and Mini Programs. Programs such as the recent one on how votes are counted.

**Action today**—Voters' Guide and Vote 41 and Community Outreach will not be included in planning at the January 20, 2024 Program Planning Meeting.

Motion to declare that the Focus of January 20<sup>th</sup> will be Candidate Interviews, Ballot Measures and Youth Engagement made by Amy, seconded by Meryl and passed unanimously.

The meeting is adjourned at 5:05