

League of Women Voters -GTA
Board of Directors Meeting
March 13, 2019

Meeting called to order at 12:05 pm by First VP Anne Montgomery, filling in for Pres. Jan Warren.

Present: M.Beeker, B.Berry, L.Crandall, D.Hornberger, A.Montgomery, B.Newson, A.Swaney, J.Watts
B. Berry was voted in unanimously as Director until 5/19.

Welcome & Additions to Agenda Addition of Empty Chair Policy (Voter Services)

Approval of Minutes from February 13, 2019 – Approved unanimously

Treasurer's Report – Donna Hornberger. A Committee of Donna, Liz Messing., & Anne M. prepared budget for 2019-2020. Cost of the Directory has been moved from Operating Costs to Membership. The Budget discussion highlighted the lines for Benzie Co. The question was asked if those lines with no funds in them could be removed. The discussion was moved to the April BOD meeting. The Budget Report was approved.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion Policy – Reading – Vote – Anne Montgomery. After discussion, a motion to accept this policy for inclusion into our GTA policies was approved unanimously.

Convention – May 17-19, Livonia MI

Auction Items to donate. Note to ask Ingrid B. if she will coordinate this again.

Attendees – Anne M. & Barbara Berry. Others may be interested but remain uncommitted.

Annual Meeting Planning Report – Bev Newson

May 11th – Saturday – Traverse City Country Club.

Cost \$25/person. Free for Speaker & receivers of awards.

Invitations need to be mailed 1 month in advance of meeting. Mary Beeker brought up a future possibility of continuing to send written invitations while including an option of registering electronically through PayPal. Others asked to check about sending invitations electronically. Newson commented that “we’ll have to change the Bylaws if we send only electronic invitations to the annual meeting.” Jan commented that our Bylaws state only that the annual budget be sent to the members 30 days before the Annual Meeting. It is not specified how it should be sent.

Annual Meeting speaker to be Liz Kirkwood, Director – For Love of Water (F.L.O.W.)

Program Planning Positions LWVMI Project Report – Mary Grover/ Mary Beeker

Barb Berry reported she spoke with Marion Kromskoski and the past state position included both the Detroit Public Library and the Library of Michigan. So Public Library position has been submitted as an update, with our position potentially incorporated into it.

Programs – Anne Montgomery

New Program Committee – three new members – Cheryl Naparela, Brenda Rusch, & Sue Brovont, with possibility also of Eunice Crockett. Remaining will be Bev Newson.

Conversation with Nate Alger & Marty Colburn 2/28/19 – Mary Grover

Good topic, but very small attendance. Many other events in TC that evening.

Media Literacy – Speaker Nicco Pandolfi from NMC 4/17/19 – Mary Beeker. Scheduled for 6:30-8 pm, McGuire Room (TADL). Peg T. will help coordinate. Anne M. to send Linda PR information. which besides the usual outlets will include InvisibleTC and Women2WomenTC.

Voter Services – Anne Montgomery

Peg Townsend & Anne M. and Voter Services Committee will resume in the Fall to promote Voter Literacy programs in the High Schools.

Interested in taking Prop 3 around to Sr. living facilities to promote discussion with residents.

Empty Chair Forum Policy – from Mary Grover. Tabled until April meeting. Anne M. will mail both policies to the entire board.

Nominating Committee – Linda Crandall, Jane Watts, Barbara Berry

Peg Townsend requests a need to fill her remaining 1-year term – A. Swaney agreed to be nominated. (Will turn Chair of Library Committee back over to Barb B.).

President – have no one so far. Several attendees remembered in the past that various board members split up the presidential responsibilities.

Other nominations were: Mary Grover 1st V.P. Appointed Directors Ingrid B. & Barb Berry; along with Advisors Jane Watts & Bev. Newson.

Directors running will be Jan Warren & Mary Beeker. Anne Montgomery to replace Mary Grover for a 1-yr. term.

Awards Nominations – Due April 15th -- Linda Crandall, Jane Watts, Barb Berry

Distinguished Service (Christina Schlitt) / Making Democracy Work (Sonny Wheelock) / Belle Ringer (Committee will look at the award criteria on the State site – can nominate four people – choosing Marcia Koppa, Nancy Nordfjord, Liz Messing, & Anne Montgomery) Hornberger made a MOTION to accept all award nominees. Passed Unanimously.

The Voter -- Update – Donna Hornberger

D. Hornberger & Mary Beeker working on this, with Hornberger learning to use Mail Chimp.

Crawford County LWVCC Report – Marcia Koppa, who reported in absentia.

Logic and Fallacy Presentation to Grayling High School. This particular title may change.

Koppa will be working with Mary Beeker & Peg Townsend to plan a high school presentation.

Donna H. requested that someone else take on the mentoring position with Crawford Co. LWV

LWVGTA History – Barb Berry

B. Berry submitted a short history of the LWVGTA to be posted on our website. Thanks Barb!

New Business

Jane Watts will begin distributing *They Represent You*. She is looking for someone to distribute in Antrim & Benzie Counties.

Meeting Adjourned 1:53 pm

Next Meeting – April 10, Noon to 2 pm, Dennon Board Room

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Swaney, Interim Secretary