

**League of Women Voters - GTA
Board of Directors Meeting
November 11, 2015**

Present: J. Warren, M. Grover, M. Orr, D. Hornberger, L. Crandall, A. Montgomery, J. Watts, L. Messing, B. Newson, B. Berry, P. Townsend

Agenda: Donna moved and Linda seconded that the meeting agenda be approved. The motion passed.

Minutes: Mary moved and Bev seconded that the Oct. 14 minutes be approved as corrected.

Treasurer's Report: Liz continues to work on the Treasurer's Report because of the bank change and her late start taking on the job.

Voucher and reimbursement policy is now on the LWV-GTA website. (Thank you, Mary Beeker.) The year to date work is still in progress. Once PayPal is cleared up with TBA, we can start using PayPal through our website.

LWVMI has granted LWV-GTA \$400 to put toward expenses incurred related to programs presented in northern Michigan on the need for changes in Michigan's legislative redistricting. The money will go into our education fund. The first draw will pay for printing and the Record Eagle ad used to announce the TC presentation. Thank you, Donna, for the time and effort you have given and continue to give to this project.

On Oct. 28, the Benzie branch of LWV-GTA presented a program on campaign finance reform. 40 people attended, and it received favorable reviews. Benzie's expenses for the program can be reimbursed through the education fund.

Membership: LWVUS has a new online national membership program to be used by all units. Donna received online training on how to use it. She has started inputting our membership information. It must be submitted by Jan. 1.

The 2015 -2016 Directory is at the printer. Donna will see the proof soon. It should be available at the Holiday Open House.

Programs: Amending the Constitution consensus session was held on Nov. 4. There was a good turn-out. Attendees felt very positive about what was learned. The second part of Amending the Constitution consensus will be on Nov. 18 from 12 - 2pm in the McGuire room at the library.

Thank you to Jan Geht for the leadership, knowledge, and intellectual stimulation he provided during the first consensus meeting.

The first Money in Politics consensus meeting will be held on Jan. 6 from 12 -2 pm in the McGuire room. The second consensus meeting has been changed to Jan. 25 from 12 - 2 pm in the McGuire room. Jan Geht will lead that program also. Mary Grover agreed to be the facilitator for both sessions.

Voter Services: Please see the Treasurer's Report.

Wreath Sale: Orders for wreaths have dropped considerably. Jane has started contacting people who ordered last year. She asked for help doing the calls. Board members volunteered to call people on Jane's list whom they know.

Tom's Food Market sent an announcement about a gift card program which they will use instead of the past "save the receipts" program. It would entail selling the cards and LWV-GTA would receive a percentage of the sales. After discussing the logistics of the program, Bev moved and Mary seconded that we not participate in the Tom's gift card program. The motion passed unanimously.

Holiday Social: Marilyn Jaquish's home will be the setting for the open house. A huge thank you to Marilyn. The invitations are ready, and Donna will pick them up. Board members volunteered to help prepare them for mailing.

OLD BUSINESS

Annual Meeting: The committee will look at the Elks Club as a location for the dinner and report at the January Board meeting.

Tom Menzel and Sally Eisele were suggested as possible guest speakers.

Discussion was held about the time/day for the annual meeting. Some members suggested changing to a lunch or brunch time and possibly moving the day to a Saturday. Ann Geht will be asked about doing a Survey Monkey questionnaire in *The Voter*. The choices would be weeknight dinner, Saturday brunch, Saturday luncheon, and other.

NEW BUSINESS: Old Town Playhouse is having a seat sponsorship campaign. Discussion was held about sponsoring a seat. Questions were raised about how much recognition LWV-GTA

would receive as a result of a seat sponsorship. Another concern raised was the \$1000 cost for a sponsorship. It would be a lot of money for our non-profit to give to another non-profit. The Board decided against this donation.

A question was raised about the deadline for submissions to *The Voter*. It was thought to be November 16. Check with Ann if you have something to submit.

Mary Lee shared the campaign spending hand-out that Rich Robinson passed out at the Benzie program. Thanks to Mary Lee.

Donna will present the redistricting program in Alpena. A local radio station plans to interview her about what will be presented. She will also present to the Alpena League as well as local civic groups. She will also present to Tak Ready's government class in December. A Leelanau Rotary Club member also contacted Donna about how to set up a presentation. Again, Donna, we appreciate and thank you for all that you are doing on this initiative.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Townsend