

**League of Women Voters-GTA
Board of Directors Meeting
January 25, 2016**

Present: J. Warren, L. Messing, M. Grover, L. Crandall, B. Newson, A. Geht, B. Berry, I. Brophy, I. Kurt, P. Townsend

Consensus Process: Mary moved and Ingrid seconded that the LWVUS Money in Politics study questions consensus be approved.

Minutes: Jan moved and Mary seconded that the November 11 minutes be approved.

Treasurer's Report: Liz reported that the LWVGTA account has been transferred to TBA Credit Union. She explained that our \$10 deposit means that the only charges will be the cost for checks.

The \$1335 proceeds from the annual Holiday Open House have been deposited into the education fund. \$262 in checks made out to LWVGTA have been deposited into the general fund.

The Ed. fund has approximately \$6300.

The annual wreath sale earned approximately \$1600.

Voter Services: The voter registration deadline for the March 8 primary is Feb. 8. Inara contacted Tak Ready about whether a registration drive would be held at West High before that deadline. He reported that one would be held at West on Jan. 27. Rhonda Robinson, the Long Lake Township Clerk, organized it and has secured help for that day. Central High also had a registration drive prior to the the deadline.

Inara requested that she and Peg be co-chairs of the Voter Services committee. The Board approved that request.

Inara contacted Mary Beeker to see if she will continue to work on Vote 411.

Ann G. agreed to include information and links to the Secretary of State's website (SOS) pertinent to voting/election news in "The Voter". Thanks, Ann, for your work on "The Voter".

Jane Watts said she will pick up the "They Represent You" pamphlet as soon as it is completed. Thank you, Jane, for all the time you put into this League project.

Barb shared information about the “fix” proposed for the “gag” rule law. Jan contacted Sen. Wayne Schmidt about the law and shared the LWV’s opposition to it. He said that the Senate is working on a “fix”.

Mary and Jan shared an “Electing the President” booklet. Jan asked about printing copies of the booklet to distribute to high school teachers/students. Jan will contact Tak Ready about whether he or other teachers would like to use it. If she receives a positive response, the Board supports paying for the printing.

The next Voter Services meeting will be on April 12 from 12 - 2pm in the Thirlby Room at the library.

Programs: Possible future program ideas were shared. One suggestion is a springtime field trip to the American Waste recycling center.

LWVUS suggests no new programs for next year’s planning. Instead, they would prefer that the locals focus on action. The Democracy in Action focus would be on Campaign Finance Reform, Voting Rights, and Voter Education.

LWVUS asks local boards to answer the following question: What actions have been taken at the state/local level to advocate for national programs? Our local answers will mirror the state’s answers.

Old Business:

Pay Pal: Mary Beeker is investigating how best to set it up for our use and will pass that information on to us. Thank you, Mary, for the time you give to figure out what will work for us.

Annual Meeting: Bev checked on the Country Club for brunch/lunch. It would be the best value for us. She suggested May 14 for the date. Bev, thank you for all the time you have put into investigating venues and prices for the Annual Meeting.

Ingrid suggested checking on the K of C Hall which is owned by the GT Yacht Club now as another option. Discussion followed. The Board decided on the Country Club and to try a lunch or brunch this year. Trying this new format will give us an opportunity to see if it might increase attendance at the Annual Meeting.

The Board decided not to do a membership survey about the time/place for the Annual Meeting at this time.

New Business: Jan received a letter from Amanda Mangiardi, who represents a group looking for volunteers. The volunteers requested would be cancer survivors who would distribute

information about breast and cervical cancer care. Amanda's group would work to prepare them to be part of the Navigators program. Jan will ask Donna to put the information in an email to members.

Aaron from TADL talked to Jan about the use of the McGuire Room for non-public meetings. He asked that we use the Thirlby Room for future meetings where less than 20 people attend.

The next Board meeting will be on Wed., March 9 at the Visitors Center.

Respectfully submitted by,
Peg Townsend, Secretary