

**League of Women Voters - GTA
Board of Directors Meeting
October 12, 2016 (Meeting called to order at 12:10P.M.)**

Present: J. Warren, I. Brophy, D. Hornberger, M. Grover, B. Berry, J. Watts, J. Claybour, L. Messing, P. Townsend

Minutes: M. Grover moved and D. Hornberger seconded to approve the Sept. 14, 2016, Board minutes as written. The motion carried

Treasurer's Report: L. Messing reported that there is presently \$7941.25 in the checking account; however, there are recent bills that she will need to pay related to receipts she received.

Membership Status: D. Hornberger reported that our current LWVGTA membership status is 83 with 13 being household memberships. Thank you, Donna, for keeping the Board updated and dealing with all else related to it.

Board of Director's Resignation: Joan Sheard sent a letter of resignation to the Board in which she expressed enjoying and appreciating the time she has served. She will continue to be a member. She will be greatly missed. M. Grover motioned and I. Brophy seconded to accept Joan's resignation. The motion carried There will be a review of the by-laws as to the wording about proceeding when a Board member resigns. Jan will send Joan a note indicating that her resignation was accepted with regret.

Wreath Orders: Wreath orders are due by Friday, Nov. 11. They will be picked up at Ingrid Brophy's home, unless a member delivers them, on Saturday, Nov. 19, between 9A.M. and 2P.M. Orders have already been received.

Voter Services:

104th District Candidate Forum -Approximately 160 people attended the forum, and the forum evaluation summary contained positive feedback relating to the format, the type of questions, and the moderator. A well-deserved thank you is due to Mark Johnson who covered the forum for the Record Eagle. Several articles about the forum and candidate responses to the questions put to them were in the paper in the days after the forum. It was a great help in sharing candidate information with citizens.

NMC Registration Drive Oct. 27-28: 28 new voters registered. 2 people requested absentee ballot applications, and 14 people asked questions in order to obtain correct information about voting and voting procedure. We owe another debt of gratitude to Grand Traverse County Clerk, Bonnie Scheele, and the Leelanau County Clerk who helped GTA and Leelanau members with registering new voters and answering voter questions.

Vote411.org: The 2016 Vote411 is up and running. Mary Beeker did a fantastic job getting our local candidates' information (down to the township level) online, and troubleshooting for them when problems cropped up. Mary, thank you so much for all you have done, yet another year, to make Vote411 so successful. You are truly amazing.

Voter Guide: The Voter Guide is finished and has been distributed to schools, government offices, and libraries by Jane Watts. Members can take more to share with friends and at our forums. Once again, Jane, you've made it possible for LWVGTA to share candidate and issue information with so many people. Thank you!

Programs: A Climate Change presentation co-sponsored with NMEAC and LWVLC will be held at TADL on Oct. 26 at 6:30P.M. Donna will send out an email blast, and Mary B. will put it on the LWVGTA website.

Opiate Addiction Program: Jan researched having such a program. A local group has been formed to work on this issue. Jan will check back with them about helping us with a future program. Thanks, Jan, for seeking out information that could help us offer a valuable program on the topic to the community.

Library Committee Report: Barb B. shared the committee's report. She will send a forum article to the Record Eagle which will reflect what was discovered through their research. The committee plans to revise and update the local League position. The work accomplished by Barb and her committee is greatly appreciated.

Taxation and Budgeting (Government Finance) Study Consensus: Jan Geht will be the facilitator for the study. He provided the dates when he will be available to lead the study discussions. The dates scheduled for the Thirlby Room at TADL are Nov. 22 from 12 - 2P.M. and Jan. 17, 2017, also in the Thirlby Room from 12 - 2P.M. We will need to reach a consensus on Jan. 17 because the Consensus Report is due March 1, 2017. Information about the topic can be found on LWVMI's website.

Riverview Terrace Resident Council Officers' Election: Tony Lentych, Executive Director of the Traverse City Housing Commission, previously asked Mary G. if LWVGTA would consider running this year's election of officers for Riverview Terrace. Riverview Terrace has 131 residents. The election must be completed by Dec. 31, 2016. Mary G. will meet with the Riverview Terrace Council in the near future to receive more information about this activity for which LWVGTA would be paid. The money received would go into the Education Fund. Mary G. will chair the committee which will also include Jan W., Jane W., Barb B., and Ingrid B. They would be in charge of setting up the election which must follow HUD regulations. Mary will report back at the next Board of Directors Meeting.

Holiday Social: Sunday, Dec. 4, is the date chosen for the Holiday Social. The time is to be determined. Marilyn Jaquish volunteered again to host the event. Thanks to Marilyn for sharing her lovely home with us. Invitations will be addressed at Ingrid's home on Tuesday, Nov. 1; at 1 p.m. Liz will buy stamps. Jan will order the invitations. Linda C. will once again be in charge of the refreshments, but will have help.

Annual Meeting: Bev confirmed that the Annual Meeting will be on Sat., May 13, from 9:30A.M. - 12:30P.M. at the Traverse City Country Club.

Next Meeting: Wed., Nov. 9 at the TC Visitors Center.

Respectfully submitted by Peg Townsend