

**League of Women Voters-GTA  
Board of Directors Meeting  
November 8, 2017**

**Present:** J. Warren, I. Brophy, L. Crandall, J. Claybour, I. Kurt, B. Berry, M. Beeker, P. Townsend, M. Grover, D. Hornberger, L. Messing, A. Geht, B. Newson, A. Swaney, J. Watt, M. Koppa

**Welcome:** Jan introduced Martha Koppa who joins the Board of Directors to represent the Grayling Unit. We appreciate her taking on this role and look forward to working with the Grayling Unit.

**Minutes:** Inara moved and Mary G. seconded that the October 13, 2017, minutes be approved. Motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report:** Liz reported that \$12,175.03 is in the General Fund and \$4,751.55 is in the Ed. Fund.

**Nominating Committee Resignation:** Nancy Crandall has resigned from the Nominating Committee. Barb volunteered to be her replacement. Donna moved and Mary G. seconded appointing Barb to the Nominating Committee. Motion carried.

**Membership Report:** Donna reported that the 2017-2018 Membership Handbook/Directory is ready for printing. She asked how many extra copies should be printed. The Board directed her to check on the price for printing extra copies and to use her discretion when deciding the number to be printed.

Donna gave a report on the meeting that she, Jan, and Christina Schlitt, LWVMI membership chair, attended in Gaylord with a group trying to decide whether to be a League or a Political Action Committee. 50-60 people attended. Donna told them that the League of Women Voters is a non-partisan group as well as offering other information about the League. She explained that their group would need to discuss in what direction they would like to go. The Gaylord group will get back to GTA if they wish to go forward with becoming a Geographical Unit. Christina Schlitt told Jan and Donna that the ball is now in Gaylord's court. Thanks to Donna and Jan for joining Christina to share information with the people attending the Gaylord informational meeting.

**League Calendar:** Ann G. took charge of building the LWVGTA 2017-2018 calendar that will be included in the 2017-2018 Membership Handbook/ Directory. Thank you, Ann, for taking on this task.

**Grayling Geographical Unit:** Marcia updated the Board on what is happening with the Grayling Geographical Unit. The members are presently looking at what programs/activities they would like to organize for their area. Marcia asked for LWV letterhead stationery to use. She learned that when LWV Grayling Geographical Unit sends observers to public meetings a letter introducing the observer and her/his purpose for being at the meeting needs to be sent to the appropriate person ahead of time. They also want to put out an article about LWV. Jan volunteered to help with the article. Thanks, Jan.

Programs that the Grayling Unit proposes are related to the following: the fish hatchery; concern about the quality of water affected by the Grayling military base; sharing information with citizens about how their local government works; and addressing community concerns about a new company from Chile

setting up a particle manufacturing facility in Grayling which will use/plant jack pine trees that easily catch on fire.

Mary B. will set up a separate page for Grayling on the LWVGTA website. She will work with Marcia about what Grayling would like to include on their page.

**Wreath Sale:** Liz reported less than \$1500 in orders so far. Board members reported having more orders to turn into Liz/Ingrid. Ingrid will buy Wilt Proof to help preserve the wreaths.

**Riverview Terrace Resident Council Election:** Mary G. is organizing the election and will be assisted by Jan, Linda, Jane, and Donna. The election will be held the week of Dec. 11. A specific date will be determined soon.

**Holiday Social:** The Open House will be held at Brenda Quick's home on Dec. 10 from 1 - 4 P.M. Ingrid, Bev, and Jan will help Linda in making refreshments. Barb, Bev, and Mary G. will be greeters Jan will bring a basket for donations, and Mary G. will order a centerpiece for the refreshment table. Peg will bring the nametags for members and guests and also the League signs to put by Brenda's house.

Jane is still working on seeing if Boskydel has wine left to sell for serving at the Open House. Ann S. will help find a wine source if Boskydel has none.

All Board members who will attend the Open House will help in whatever way needed.

**Report from Benzie Unit:** A program is coming up about economic and housing development.

Discussion has taken place within the group about receiving training about putting on forums. Skills need to be updated. The group had been asked to do a candidate forum, but they didn't feel ready to do one. GTA Voter Services committee is willing to help with the training.

Mary B. asked if the Benzie Unit still wants to do VOTE411. She requested that discussion about VOTE411 and whether the Benzie Unit continues to use it become an agenda item. Setting up and maintaining 411 is a tremendous amount of work for Mary, and she would need help if Benzie decided to continue its use.

**Other:** Ann G. asked for any additional happenings that should be in The Voter. Several suggestions were given.

Jill asked for an update on what is happening concerning the local government position. Barb updated the Board on what has happened so far. She said it will be important to have the Benzie Unit participate in the study. She said that the local government position is selected because so many issues coming up relate to local government.

The opioid addiction program is still being planned.

The next Board of Directors Meeting will be on Wed., Jan. 10, from 12 - 2 P.M. in the Dennis Museum Board Room.

Respectfully Submitted by, Peg Townsend