

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

Present: L. Crandall, A. Geht, M. Grover, B. Berry, B. Newson, L. Messing, A. Montgomery, J. Claybour

Minutes: M. Grover moved and L. Messing seconded to approve the Jan. 7, 2017, minutes as amended. (Under membership, replace first LWVGTA with just LWV.) Motion approved.

LWVGTA Library Proposal: LWVGTA position paper suggests that we need to advocate for libraries in the schools. Ways to accomplish this suggestion include the following:

1. Attend TCAPS Board Meetings regularly in order to advocate.
2. Volunteer reading programs in the schools.
3. LWVGTA present programs in the school, such as “Women’s History Month”.

Ann Geht will investigate the best method to approach the Board. B. Newson strongly supports becoming advocates for improving our local school libraries. It was suggested that D. Hornberger put out an email blast to the membership to find interested parties.

Replacement for Joan Sheard on the LWVGTA Board: B. Newson suggested that the board wait until the nominating committee proposes names for the new board. Then, the replacement could be announced at the Annual Meeting in May.

Annual Meeting Update: B. Newson reminded the board that the Annual Meeting will be on May 13th from 9:30am - noon at the Traverse City Country Club.

Parade of Homes 2017: B. Newson has applied to the Parade of Homes for LWVGTA to host one of the homes again. Our volunteers earned \$600 for LWVGTA due to their efforts in 2016. Thank you, Bev, for taking on the application responsibility. It is greatly appreciated.

Treasurer’s Report: The numbers were accurately reflected in the Jan. 7th minutes

Review of LWVGTA County Government Position: B. Berry suggested that the position should be shortened and renamed “Local” Government Position”. She also suggested that a committee chairman and a committee be formed. It was suggested that D. Hornberger put out a blast email to the membership asking for volunteers interested in creating a “study” of the position. Amy Semrau (Shamroe?) was suggested as a possible resource for the volunteers doing the study.

Update on Benzie unit’s efforts to restore the “They Represent You” project for Benzie County: J. Claybour told the board that Pat Laarman and the Crystal Lake Township Supervisor, Amy Ferris, are actively working on it. The supervisor is willing to pay for the production, but will need someone to compile the pamphlet. M. Grover will check in with Pat for further information. Mary talked to Pat after the board meeting. Pat explained that Amy, has compiled the TRY’s in the past and said she would again. Amy requested some help with the compilation. Pat will ask for one of the Benzie group members to help. Amy’s goal is to have the pamphlet complete by April 1. Names were suggested to replace J. Watts in her position to produce “They Represent You” in G.T. County. Respectfully submitted by, Anne Montgomery and Peg Townsend (Next meeting-March 8)