According to Article V Section 8 of the Bylaws – Quorum. A majority of the members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum (need 7 for a quorum)

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| **2019-20 LWVMDM Board of Director** | July  30 | Aug  19 | Sept  16 | Oct  21 | Nov  18 | Holiday Brunch  Dec 7 | Jan  20 | Feb  17 | Mar  16 | April  20 | Annual  Meeting  5-2 | May  18 | Retreat  June  27 |
| 1. *President* – Teresa Bomhoff | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Co-Vice President* –   Phyllis Franklin-Devine | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Co-Vice President –* Karla Bromwell | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Corresponding Secretary* – Judy Dirks | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Recording Secretary Karen Person* |  |  | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Treasurer* – Dorothy McGinnis | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Elected Director –* Hannah Olson | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Elected Director –* Barbara Adams | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Appointed Director –* Kathy Kahoun | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Appointed Director –* Christie Gerken | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Appointed Director*–Stephanie Reynolds | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Appointed Director –* Noreen O’Shea | **X** | **A** | **X** | **X** | **X** |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Appointed Director –* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Appointed Director -* |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 1. *Past President –* Jessie Hill |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Meeting called to order at \_5:58\_\_ P.M. Location \_\_Maxie’s Restaurant, 1311 Grand Avenue, West Des Moines, IA \_\_\_\_\_

Type of meeting \_\_**X**\_\_\_ Regular Board meeting \_\_\_\_ Special Board meeting

Date of Meeting \_\_\_11-18-19\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_10\_\_# in Attendance\_\_\_2\_\_\_\_ # absent - Quorum reached? \_\_**X**\_Yes \_\_\_No Guests \_\_\_0\_\_\_\_\_\_

**Strategic Plan Tactical Objectives – Education, Advocacy, Inclusiveness and Relevance**

**Motions Made – Vote tally**

No Motion but Concurrence: All in attendance agreed that photos and names of Board members can be used on the MDMLWV website unless an individual objects to that.

Kathy Kahoun moved and Barb Adams seconded - Motion to approve 11/18/19 agenda

Vote Tally **\_10**\_yes\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ No Approved? \_\_**X**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_\_No

Phyllis Franklin-Devine moved and Barb Adams seconded - Motion to approve October 2019 minutes

Vote Tally **10**\_\_yes \_\_0\_\_ No Approved? \_\_**X**\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_No

Kathy Kahoun moved & Karla Bromwell seconded – Motion to add Deidre DeJear as an appointed member to our Board of Directors

Vote Tally \_**10** Yes \_0\_\_No Approved? \_\_X\_\_ Yes \_\_

Phyllis Franklin-Devine moved and Kathy Kahoun seconded motion to adjourn.

Vote Tally **10** yes 0 no Approved? \_\_**X**\_\_Yes \_\_\_\_ No

**Agenda Items Discussed**

1. Meeting Call to Order – Teresa at 5:58
2. Approval of Agenda – Motion passed
3. Approval of October Minutes - no revisions
4. Treasurer’s report – Dorothy reported $3238.56 in Regular Account and $4910 in Educational Fund (Tax Exempt Account). Some confusion on membership status.
5. Discussed Addition to the Board. Motion passed to add Deidre DeJear.
6. **Diversity**- Efforts to outreach to minority populations for Board membership and Committee membership –   
   Kathy - *Dwana Bradley, Bridget Cravens-Neely, June Owens, Janice Lange, Shekinah Young,* *wtrust1035*

Have been partnering with NAACP, NAMI GDM, Iowa Asian Alliance, and LULAC on multiple events.   
LWV Metro received an award at the NAACP Freedom Fund banquet.

1. **Voting Committee** Report: Christie not present; Teresa reported that 192 registered to vote in October. (290 in August and 554 in September. We have not yet received a RayGun donation for T-shirt sales.
2. **Program & Legislative Advocacy Committee report:** 
   1. Karen Person working to set up meeting with Brad Zaun on the Constitutional Amendment to restore voting rights to individuals with felony convictions
   2. 11/9Discussed that LWVMDM received the NAACP of Iowa award at their 2019 banquet for “2019 Community Organization”
   3. **10/29 Avoid Caucus Chaos** meeting; Worked very well! The event was attended by around 50 people; Presenters and moderators all did fine job and took time right up to 8:00 cutoff.
   4. **November 20 Advocacy Tips** – November 20. Place is Franklin Ave Library. Deb Thompson to moderator/facilitator. Marti Anderson (D) and Rob Taylor (R) are legislators. Noreen will bring copies of priorities. Karen will bring copy of Bottle Bill Information and “Save the Date” Cards.
   5. **Census Project meeting in January** – Barb Adams to head up with help from Teresa, Hannah, Christie and Stephanie . There is a state grant; each local League needs an educational meeting between Nov 2019 and April 2020. Iowa does have a Certified Count Committee. Teresa has an article for our website about the census. LWVIA wants all to join a postcard project – “***We Want Our Slice of the Pie***.” Don’t mess with Iowa’s method of redistricting. Terese Grant, LWVIA president, needs to get us further information. Will look at working with minority groups such as NAACP and LULAC to have a cooperative effort.
   6. **ReEntry Simulation** was discussed as a possible Metro Des Moines LWV meeting and/or a Community Conversation with NAMI Greater Des Moines. Karen will coordinate with Teresa and Phyllis. Karen will contact United Way of Central Iowa on their re-entry grant and simulation.
   7. Mon., Nov. 18 – **Iowa Bottle Bill summit** at DM Central Library -5:30 networking, 6-8 PM - program
   8. May add an election watch party to our events
   9. **August 27 19th Amendment Commemoration Gala** – Teresa is working with Deidre on a keynote speaker.
   10. February 21 is **Virtual Lobby from Home Day**; March 11 is actual **Capitol Day**.
3. **Executive Committee report** Exec meeting met prior to this meeting and topics covered are already discussed in the meeting.
4. **Membership and Community Engagement Committee** **report Hannah**

Have no event planning guide or packet. Why do people join? Not for a pin. People join because others ask them in a one on one outreach. We’ve got to do a better job with follow up on membership. How do the systems work together? The person with the membership list.

1. **Centennial Committee report – Hard One – Not Done Calendars** have been available since Nov. 1 at Veridian Credit Union; Karla will pick up calendars for all of the Board. Teresa is working on a special Gala speaker. March 25 is the Chrysalis Luncheon event with Professor Rachel Caulfield (Drake) and Kesho Scott (Grinnell College) tackling the “rest of the story” – and how can we move women forward. Metro Des Moines LWV may join as a co-sponsor for the Chrysalis follow up May luncheon meeting.

**Proclamations** – Kathy Kahoun will take the lead in organizing the leg work for those, but will look for members in communities to be there for the actual presentation of the proclamations in city council and county supervisor meetings.

**Next centennial meeting** is 4:00 on Thursday at Boesen’s. Event planner will no longer be responsible for Gala website so an application to DsM Hack will be done – we need to package it as a redo of our current website. Karla and Hannah will work on an application to DsM Hack and also work on the website for the Gala event and on our Metro Des Moines LWV website.

1. **Old Business –** AMOS postcard campaign at least through end of December. Will send postcards to legislators’ homes.
2. **New Business** – Census Project & Re-Entry Simulation program discussed earlier.
3. **Motion to adjourn passed**

**Time of adjournment** \_7:03 pm  
Karen Person, Recording Secretary, Metro Des Moines League of Women Voters

**4 committees**

**Chairperson**

**Christi Gerken, Chairpersons Barb Adams, Chairperson Teresa Bomhoff, Chairperson Hannah Olson –Chairperson**

**Voting Rights & Programs & Executive Membership &**

**Registration Legislative Advocacy Committee Community Engagement**

**Voting Education Legislative Board Development Membership and**

**Activities Activities Advocacy Governance, Finance Community**

**Activities Operations Activities**

**Barb Adams Christie Gerken Co-V.P. Phyllis Franklin-Devine Phyllis Franklin-Devine   
 Kathy Kahoun Kathy Kahoun Co-V.P. Karla Bromwell Karla Bromwell  
 Phyllis Franklin-Devine Phyllis Franklin-Devine Rec. Sec. Judy Dirks Dorothy McGinnis**

**Membership Kick-off Event**

**Membership Reminders**

**Xmas luncheon**

**Consistently increase membership**

**Consistently engage membership**

**Increase inclusiveness of membership**

**Maximize communication strategies**

**Form strategic community partnerships**

**Increase community visibility**

**Stephanie Reynolds Treas. Dorothy McGinnis**

**Teresa Bomhoff**

**Naturalization ceremonies  
Voter registration events  
Voter registration training  
Voter education**

**Voting activities to attract**

**more categories of voters**

**Outreach and planning to  
 get more voters   
 registered**

**Vote Smart**

**Vote 411 Committee**Chairperson?

Kathy Kahoun  
Christie Gerken

Hannah Olson

Barb Adams

John Olson

**Annual meeting**

**Increase Organizational capacity**

**Maintain & increase relevance, leverage existing brand**

**Reach a higher level of financial sustainability**

**Lobby Day**

**Legislative priorities**

**Increase lobbying strategies**

**Programs on legislative priority topics**

**Programs-how to advocate**

**Advocacy projects like Observer Corp**

**Alliances with other advocacy**

**organizations like Indivisible Iowa  
 and Progress Iowa**

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**100th Anniversary Centennial Celebration**

Teresa Bomhoff, Chairperson

Karen Person, Christie Gerken  
 John Olson, Barb Adams

Kathy Kahoun

Phyllis Franklin-Devine