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Missoula League of Women Voters

Annual Meeting Minutes

April 6, 2019

Introductions/Announcements

The following Board members were present: co-Presidents Nancy Maxson and Nancy Leifer, Secretary Deb Knight, Treasurer Maggie Lough, Linda Andrus, Brenda Desmond, Norma Evanson, Janet McMillan, Julie Pavlock and Lisa Pavlock. Off-Board members John Fletcher, Jan Pavlock, Natalya DeRobertis-Theye, and Jennifer Copley were present.

Everyone introduced themselves around the tables.

- Discussion was held regarding the topic of reconciliation with Native Americans by land acknowledgment at the beginning of meetings.
- Linda A announced her daughter attended an Al Gore Climate Reality summit in Seattle WA and would be interested in presenting high-points to the LWV later in the year.
- John F announced he's running for school board, the election takes place on May 7, 2019.
- Linda A wished everyone a happy 4/06 day.
- Nancy L shared that the Missoula LWV membership allows for three voting delegates to attend the upcoming State Convention in Bozeman. April 16 is the registration deadline and we have previously chosen Lisa Pavlock and Julie Pavlock as our voting delegates.
- Nancy L also shared that the deadline for the Harvard Case Study nomination of teachers is May 1 (the program deadline is May 10). Discussion was held and it was decided to reach out to teachers in St. Ignatius and Two Eagle schools.

Call to Order

Co-President Nancy Maxson called to order the Annual Meeting of the Missoula League of Women Voters at 10:49am.

Approval of Minutes

The Minutes from the April 14, 2018 Annual Meeting were accepted as corrected upon motion by Maggie L, second by Linda A.

Budget/Audit Committee Report

Lisa P – Chair, John F, Maggie L, Lisa P and Nancy M

John F gave the Budget/Audit Committee report and discussion was held regarding the recommendation of the budget committee to discontinue taking one-half of the Missoula LWV's PMP payments from the Ed Fund and instead hold fundraising activities to pay those amounts. Linda A expressed her concern about the limited ways that local leagues have to access Ed Fund and that using them for PMPs is allowed and easy. She also shared that she expects we will see an increase in "birthday" donations next year - being the LWV 100th anniversary. Maggie L shared that during her time as a member, the PMP has always been taken out of the Ed Fund.

Conversation was held regarding our 501c3 and 501c4 statuses and the endowment fund and how donations are affected by those. Nancy L advised that we are authorized to take only 20% from the Ed Fund when sponsoring members to attend National Convention. It was decided that a direction to the board be made to address this budgetary item. Finally, it was agreed that we want to make our PMP payments as late as possible.

Brenda D moved to accept the Treasurer's report as corrected, Jennifer C seconded – motion carried.

Linda A moved to accept the Budget report, with the caveat that the board take up the PMP expense issue, Janet M seconded – motion carried.

Nominating Committee Report

John F, Janet M, Brenda D

John F gave the nominating report consisting of the following nominations:

1-year Board term expiring 2020 - Janet M, Maggie L, Jordan K, Julie P

2-year Board term expiring 2021 - Norma E, Lynn M, Jennifer C, Brenda D

Nancy M – 2-year Co-President term (expiring 2021)

Lisa P – 2-year Treasurer term (expiring 2021) (with John F’s continued assistance)

Deb K – 2-year Secretary term (expiring 2021)

Election of Officers and Directors

John F, Brenda D and Janet M

Natalya DeRobertis-Theye was appointed as a board member as she is the incoming State Treasurer. The Missoula LWV welcomes her to our local. Jordan Kilby has agreed to serve another term on the Board. John F moved to accept the nominating committee report and slate of officers, Janet M seconded – motion carried.

Program for 2019-2020

Recommended program/study

Affordable Housing using the February and March events as a starting point. Maggie L moved, Nancy L seconded – carried.

Retention of Current positions

Deb K motioned that we accept our proposed program and reaffirm our current positions, Janet M seconded – motion carried.

Directions to the Board

Recommendations for administrative procedures

1. Bookkeeping (line 8 of proposed budget) – Remove “from reserves” as no documentation is submitted to support this
2. Fundraising Committee – coordinate with the events committee
3. Missoula LWV will be hosting the state retreat in 2020, tentatively scheduled for the last weekend in April.
 - a. Committee formed for this event Linda A, Nancy L and Deb K, Natalya D-T, and Jennifer C. Nancy L shared that we have an anonymous donor who will be helping with the location costs.
 - b. Fundraising committee consists of John F chair, Lisa P, Deb K.
 - c. Local Study - Mary LaPorte, Maggie, Nancy M, Nancy L and Brenda D.
 - d. Brenda D and Nancy M will write any grants.

- e. Look at what others leagues are doing, look at other alliances, make local plan. It was suggested that having a UM student research lesser-known women and be willing to give a presentation in that regard.
- 4. The budget committee set a \$1250 fundraising goal for 2019/2020, John F shares that as of today we are one-third of the way there.
- 5. Topics for events
 - a. Environment
 - b. Study
 - c. 100th anniversary
 - i. State historical society – Linda A
 - d. Panel for housing
 - e. Project idea – Missoula LWV archives are at the Mansfield Library.
- 6. Annual reports to historical society. – Maggie worked for Senator Metcalf in D.C.
- 7. Diane Sands – MT History project
- 8. Natalya shared in the San Francisco local, they had a monthly member spotlight. Mae Nan Ellingson interview
- 9. John F – stipend (\$500) to a UM graduate student in History program
- 10. Recruiting
- 11. Native American – DEI – pick up on that – LWV Missoula/State have a presence on the task force – Hannah’s and _____
- 12. Study barriers to Native American voting
- 13. Disabled person voting

Other

Book Groups

- The three book groups gave reports on *The Woman’s Hour* by Elaine Weiss.
- Suggested books for next round of book groups –

- *Fascism: A Warning* by Madeleine Albright
- *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City* by Matthew Desmond
- *The Heartbeat of Wounded Knee: Native America from 1890 to the Present* by David Treuer
- *Dope Sick: Dealers, Doctors, and the Drug Company that Addicted America* by Beth Macy

The next Board/planning meeting will be held on Saturday June 8, 2019, at Glengarra. Nancy M would like all committees to have met prior to this date.

- Study – Nancy M
- Fundraising – John F
- 100th Anniversary/Retreat - Nancy L

Adjourn Nancy M adjourned the meeting at 12:42pm.

Deb Knight, Recording Secretary