

**League of Women Voters of Delaware
Board of Directors Meeting**

**Wednesday, November 18, 4:00 p.m.
Via Zoom**

Minutes (draft KB 19Nov)

1. Call to Order by Sandy Spence, 1st Vice President, at 4:00 p.m.

Board Members Present: **Sandy Spence**, 1st Vice President; **Linda Barnett**, 2nd Vice-President; **Kathleen Baker**, Secretary; **Jill Itzkowitz**, Treasurer; Directors **Mary Ann Coe**, **Sue Claire Harper**, **Beverly Jackson**, **Coralie Pryde**, **Christine Stillson**, **Lester Stillson**, **Ellen Wasfi**, **Jack Young**; **Marjorie Johnson**, President, LWV of New Castle County; **Mary Kay Eggers**, President, LWV of Kent County; **Gwendolyn Miller**, President, LWV of Sussex County; **Letty Diswood**, Office Manager, LWV of New Castle County, LWV DE, *ex officio*.

Board Members Excused: **Carol Jones**, President.

Members Present: **Liz Carlisle**, Treasurer, LWV of New Castle County (LWVNCC); **Marjorie Green**, LWVNCC; **Kyra Hoffner**, League of Women Voters of Kent County (LWVKC); **Chandra Owens**, 2nd Vice-President, LWVKC; **Peggy Schultz**, LWVNCC.

2. Changes/additions to agenda. None.

3. Approval of Minutes of September 16, 2020 meeting. Accepted as corrected.

4. Treasurer's Report. Ms. Itzkowitz reports the statement of financial position shows "we're doing what we expected to do." The Vanguard account is fine. Assets total some \$35,000. Local League dues are received; Fair Maps grant received in October; reimbursements received from Dover Downs for League Day, and from the former insurance company at change of vendor. The Treasurer's Report will be filed for audit.

5. Office Manager's Report. See Pre-Board Report. Ms. Diswood reports that the annual fundraising letter will go out in November. Discussion focused on fundraising practices and strategies, and the value of having all Board members become donors.

6. President's Report. Ms. Spence reported that Ms. Jones is undergoing medical tests. Board members expressed concern for her health and hopes of her speedy recovery. Ms. Spence described community action in response to lawn defacing at the home of former LWVDE President, Charlotte King.

7. Local League Reports

Ms. Eggers of the Kent County League. See Pre-Board Report.

Ms. Johnson of the New Castle County League. See Pre-Board Report. Ms. Johnson highlighted an upcoming webinar on green jobs, and the LWVNCC wine glass fundraiser with a Dec. 10 virtual party.

Ms. Miller of the Sussex County League. See Pre-Board Report.

8. Committee Reports.

Advocacy. See Pre-Board Reports. Ms. Barnett, Advocacy Corps Chair, presented four action items.

1.It was moved and seconded to **approve the expenditure of \$100 to develop a graphic in support of advocacy for offshore wind. The motion carried.**

2.It was moved and seconded to **approve registered LWV lobbyists for the 151st Legislative**

Session, namely, Linda Barnett, Letty Diswood, Charlie Garlow, Joann Haase, Jill Itzkowitz, Charlotte King, Julie Price, Coralie Pryde, Peggy Schultz, Sandra Spence, Jack Young. The motion carried.

3.It was moved and seconded to **approve LWVDE as a signatory to a Resolution advocating that the Delaware River Basin Commission disapprove the Dock 2 project. Docket D-2017-009-2, and that Delaware work to prevent the transportation of Liquefied Natural Gas through the state. The motion carried.**

4.It was moved and seconded to **approve LWVDE participation in the POWER (People for Offshore Wind Energy Resources) Coalition. The motion carried.**

Candidate Night Report: Evaluation. See Pre-Board Report. Ms. Wasfi acknowledged the project's successful teamwork, citing contributions from Chandra Owens and Mary Ann Coe.

Finance. See Pre-Board Reports. Mr. Stillson asks that items for the 2021-2023 biennial budget be forwarded to him before January for inclusion in budget projections. Ms. Diswood urged discussion of technology needs at present and going forward. It was moved and seconded **to allocate \$800 for the purchase of computer technology for the Office Manager's use. Motion carried.** Board members articulated the need for a Technology Committee. **The Chair appointed Mary Ann Coe, Lettie Diswood, Kyra Hoffner, Jill Itzkowitz and Martha Rothenberg to the Technology Committee.**

Vote 411. See Pre-Board Report. Ms. Itzkowitz reported that Ms. Wells is arranging a meeting with Delaware OnLine regarding a possible collaboration on election information.

Elections. Ms. Itzkowitz that the Elections Committee met with Commissioner Albence. All concurred that the 2020 election process went successfully and that future issues will include vote by mail, absentee voting, and moving the primary date forward.

Redistricting. See Pre-Board Report. Ms. Spence reports that the Redistricting Committee would like to buy Maptitude, a program which costs \$5000. LWVUS is supporting \$2500 of the cost. It was moved and seconded to **support the remaining \$2500 cost for this project by 1) directing Amazon Smile proceeds to the project; 2) directing donations via the Facebook account to the project; 3) accepting \$2500 from LWVDE Director Jack Young in timely fashion for eventual repayment. The motion carried.**

DEI. See Pre-Board Report.

9. Old Business. None.

10. New Business

LWVUS Semi-Annual Survey. LWVUS has requested responses to its new survey from State and Local leagues by December 4, 2020. All four Delaware leagues will make a complete response. LWVUS has asked for endorsement of a "Health Care Reform" write-in of recommended advocacy issues on the survey. It was moved and seconded to **approve LWVDE write-in of "Health Care Reform" on the LWVUS survey. Motion carried.**

Next Meeting: December January 13, 2021.

11. Adjournment. At 5:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Kathleen Baker, Secretary

Upcoming LWVDE Board Meeting:
Wednesday, January 13, 4:00 p.m. via Zoom.