

### 3/4/19 LWVMC Board Meeting

**Board Members In Attendance:** Gloria Davis, Nitya Velu, Bryan Peluso, Ben Sullivan, Mary Burkey, Beth Strohl, Steve Tingley-Hawk, & Barb Hykes

**Staff in Attendance:** Elizabeth Grieser

**Not in Attendance:** Tracy Moebius, Cheryl Roller, Pam Conrad, Lindsey Kauffman, Lindsey Austin

**Approval of March minutes**– passed with minor grammatical changes.

#### **Treasurer's Report:**

The MC Account for year to date is at a \$1500 net income and the Ed Fund is at an \$8200 loss. The Ed Fund is likely to continue with a net loss this year because of lack of corporate sponsorship for Democracy In Action – our single largest source of funding. Board members should be aware of loss of income and work with the Development idea to oversee financial development of the organization.

Treasurer's Report Is filed for audit.

#### **2019-20 Budget:**

The Budget Committee presented the 2019-20 LWVMC Budget. Items of note:

- Increase in Membership dues to \$18,000
- Grant Income divided into restricted and unrestricted
- Transfer of approx. \$8000 from savings to checking to balance budget
- Increase in Elizabeth's salary by 50 cents per hour
- Professional Development divided into staff development and board development (diversity and inclusion speaker)
- PMP expenses will be approx.. \$15000 next year.

Motion to approve budget. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

#### **2019-20 Board Slate:**

**President** – Barb Hykes (2020)

**VP Advocacy** – Bryan Peluso (2020)

**VP Voter Service** – **Kathrine Miller (2020)**

**VP Membership** – **Lucy Buzzee (2021)**

**Secretary** – Lindsey Kauffman (2020)

**Treasurer** – Ben Sullivan (2020)

**Trustees** – **Mary Burkey (2021)**, **Cheryl Roller (2021)**, Lindsey Austin (2020), Nitya Velu (2020), Pam Conrad (2020), **Beth Strohl (2021)**, Steve Tingley-Hawk (2020), **Bridget McDaniel (2021)**

Individuals in red will be voted on by the membership at the Annual Meeting.

Motion made to accept 2019-20 board slate. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

### **Bylaw Amendments:**

Various bylaw amendments were presented. The following bylaw amendments were approved by the board and will be voted on by the membership at the annual meeting -

1. Article III 2 c. Associate Members

All others who join the League shall be associate members with no voting rights. **Associate members are any individuals who do not fit within Article III 2 a or b.**

2.

Article V Section 1 Qualifications and Selection

The Board of Trustees shall consist of not more than ~~twenty-four (24)~~ **twenty (20)** Trustees, including six (6) elected officers, nine (9) elected Trustees and not more than ~~nine (9)~~ **five (5)** Trustees appointed by the President and approved by the Board. No person shall be elected, appointed or continue to serve as a Trustee of the LWVMC unless that person is a voting member of the LWVMC.

3. Article V Section 3 Appointed Trustees and Terms of Office

a. There shall be not more than ~~nine (9)~~ **five (5)** Trustees appointed by the President and approved by the Board.

4. Article V Section 11 Vacancy

Upon the death, resignation or removal of any Trustee, the remaining Trustees, though less than a majority of the whole authorized number of Trustees, may, by vote of a majority of their number fill any vacancy in the board. Any such appointed Trustee shall serve until the next annual meeting at which time the positions shall be filled by an election pursuant to Article V, Sections 2, to complete the remainder of the unexpired term. **Upon third consecutive absence, the President shall contact the delinquent Trustee regarding their attendance.** Three consecutive absences from any Board meeting without a valid reason may be deemed a resignation by majority vote of the Board of Trustees.

5. Article VII Section 2 Dues

Annual dues shall be payable on the first day of September of each calendar year. When two or more persons reside at the same address in a common household, full dues shall be paid by the first person and a payment equal to one half the dues shall be paid by each additional member. Low income, scholarship, student, and/or other special dues rates may be established by a majority vote of the Board. ~~Any member who fails to pay dues within two months after~~

~~they are due shall be dropped from the membership rolls.~~ **Anyone who fails to pay dues by the end of the calendar year shall be dropped from the membership rolls.** Life members and Honorary Life Members shall not be required to pay Annual dues.

#### **Member of the Year:**

Discussion about board nominations for member of the year. Must be a person not currently serving on the board. Stuart Wright was nominated.

Motion to name Stuart Wright as member of the year. Motion seconded. Motion passed.

#### **Priorities Followup:**

Bryan drafted a short summary of the priorities and the board's reasoning for developing priorities. Elizabeth will send the priority information out to eh committees with a request that committees communicate to the board upcoming projects and ideas that incorporate priorities. The Board will continue to discuss measurable objectives related to the priorities at the board retreat.

#### **Committee Requests:**

Gloria Davis reported that the membership committee is redesigning the LWVMC membership brochure and considering new membership levels to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the League. The Committee will also consider the idea of lowering the "life member" years from 50 to 40 and also recognizing these life members as part of the 2020 celebration.

#### **Operations Manager Report:**

May 10-12 is state convention. If anyone is interested in going let Elizabeth know. We can fund 3 delegates.

#### **President's Report**

Barb reported that the state league has asked for local league assistance in talking to our county board of elections about the pending legislation that would decrease the number of poll workers. The board discussed various ways to increase poll worker recruitment.

The National League has contacted LWVMC about participating in a history project with the Ohio History Connection/Smithsonian on May 21. Barb and Elizabeth will coordinate.

**New Business:** none

**Old Business:** none

Motion to adjourn. Motion seconded. Motion passed.