

**League of Women Voters of the Grand Traverse Area
Annual Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, June 1, 2011
Black Star Farms
Leelanau County, Michigan**

Following an excellent dinner President Donna Hornberger introduced our speaker, Phil Power, President of the Center for Michigan.

Awards: The Making Democracy Work Award was given to the County Clerks of Benzie County: Dawn Olney; Leelanau County: Michelle Crocker; and Grand Traverse County: Linda Coburn, who could not attend.

The Outstanding Service Award was presented by Mary Grover to Barbara Berry .

Call to Order President Donna Hornberger called the meeting to order.

Minutes The minutes of the 2010 Annual Meeting were read and approved by the minutes review committee and subsequently approved by the Board of Directors. The president appointed a committee consisting of Mary Grover and Lee Hornberger to review the minutes of the 2011 Annual Meeting.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Jean Howard presented the report:

Education Fund	\$ 3,899.89
General Fund	\$13,481.44
Total	\$17,381.33

B. Berry/M.Grover moved to accept the Treasurer's Report (attached)

Approved

Jean presented the (attached) budget for FY 2011-12. It was moved by J. Howard/ J. Watts to accept the FY 2011-12 budget as presented. **Approved**

Election of Officers

J. Kimpton presented the Nominating Committee's report:

President	Donna Hornberger
1 st Vice President	Jane Watts
Secretary	Pat Laarman
Elected Board Members	Linda Crandall Mary Grover Vina Mikesell

There were no nominations from the floor. It was moved by J. Kimpton/B. Reinhert to approved the slate of officers as presented. **Approved**
President Hornberger thanked the Nominating Committee: J. Kimpton and R. Estes for their work.

New Business

1. Education Position Update

I. Kurt presented the (attached) proposed Education Position Update. It was moved by I. Kurt/J. Howard to accept the updated Education Position as presented. **Approved**

2. Natural Resources Position Update

G. Dennis presented the (attached) proposed Natural Resources Update. G. Dennis/M. Grover moved to accept the updated Natural Resource Position as presented. **Approved**

3. New Studies: Leelanau Unit V. Mikesell

a) A new study on Migrant Workers: To study the past, current and proposed employment practices and work visa programs used by agricultural employers in our area. D. Abbott/B. Berry moved to approve a new study on Migrant Workers. **Approved**

b) A new study on Energy: To study current and potential energy resources and supports or barriers to these resources in the Grand Traverse Area. K. Dean/M. Grover moved to approve a new study on Energy. **Approved**

Local Program

*Education/Library Action Committee I. Kurt

Visits to area Charter Schools: The committee is planning a program on this topic for the fall of 2011.

Library Action Committee: The committee sent a letter to the TCAPS Board requesting their support in appointing fully certified librarians to any library position openings. Members continue to monitor school libraries at monthly TCAPS Board meetings.

*Membership (presented by J. Howard in the absence of R. Estes)

The LWV-GTA membership stands at 151 members (the largest in Michigan).

*Voter

Editor B. Berry thanked those who contribute articles and those who assist in getting the Voter printed and mailed.

*Voter Service

Co-chair J. Sheard reported that eight forums were held during the 2010 election season.

***Benzie Unit**

P. Laarman reported weekly Friday unit meetings were held on topics of local concern. The unit held a forum for County Commission candidates and supported the millage renewal for the Benzie Bus. (See attached)

***Leelanau Unit**

V. Mikesell reported meetings were held on the first Wednesday of the month at the Government Center on a variety of timely topics. The unit presented a forum for candidates for Probate Judge. (See attached)

***National Convention**

President Hornberger was a delegate to the LWVUS 2010 Convention in Atlanta, Ga.

***2011 LWVMi State Convention**

The convention was held in Traverse City in May. The local Chairman was Linda Crandall with assistance from Barbara Berry. Over 81 delegates attended. Former Gov. Wm. Milliken was given an award. Hans Voss, CEO of the Michigan Land Use Institute was the guest speaker.

***Website**

Mary Beeker is the LWV-GTA webmaster and is designing a more informative and easier to use website for LWV-GTA

Adjournment

It was moved by J. Watts/E. Long to adjourn the meeting. **Approved**

These Minutes were read and corrected by:

Lee Hornberger and Mary Grover June 7, 2011