

LWVGTA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, July 28, 2020 -- 7pm
Virtual Zoom Meeting

Present: Barb Berry, Ingrid Brophy, Linda Crandall, Mary Grover, Marcia Koppa, Anne Montgomery, Nancy Nordfjord, Christina Schlitt, Ann Swaney, Peg Townsend, Jan Warren

Meeting called to order at 7:12 pm by President Jan Warren

1. **Minutes of March 11, 2020.** Motion to approve by Grover, 2nd by Berry. Approved - show of hands.

2. **Voter Services**

a. **VOTE411 –**

The general election version of Vote411.org will be available around September 19th.

Peg T. reported that while Vote411 didn't include township information for the primary election, it will do so for the November election. Grand Traverse Indivisible will put Vote411.org on their website. Nancy Nordfjord has been pricing yard signs to advertise Vote411 & vote by mail. We voted to order 100 yard signs for \$4.51 each.

b. **State Voter Guides –**

Voter Guides will come out on September 19th. However, because of late party conventions, the President/Vice-President responses will not be included in the guides but will be on Vote411.org. Watts was called for discussion of number of Voter Guides for distribution and she asked for 4,000. Christina will take 1500 Voter Guides & Marcia will take some for Crawford Co. We'll order 5500 total.

c. **Voter Registration -- Anne M.**

Our biggest effort will be yard signs. Also, Facebook & Twitter. Mary B. asking for content for the website. Christina asked if we're using the KYR (Know Your Rights) website and Anne said Kathy Tuckerman is. Letters were sent to high school principals by Betsy Wilson and Nancy Quinlan. These included voter registration directions and the intent is to offer the information to students who are 18 or will be 18 by Nov. 3, 2020. Information would be in the form of a flyer or packet at the start of the school year. No response from the principals yet.

d. **Absentee Voting –** Wilson & Quinlan letters to the high schools explained what information would be shared with students about how to register to vote and about how to apply for and return an absentee ballot.

e. **Forums –**

i. **Crawford Co. –**

Marcia Koppa – Marcia and Christina S. organized a streamed Crawford Co. Clerk candidates forum with the incumbent clerk and her opponent. Christina was the moderator, and Marcia did the videotaping. It ran about 48 minutes. The local Crawford Co. Avalanche put a link to it on their website. Crawford Co. residents will be able to view it on our LWVGTA website also.

ii. **Grand Traverse Co.—** Peg. T.

LWVGTA plans a mix of Zoom virtual forums and recorded interviews for six of the candidates races, including the 1st U.S. House Congressional District, the Mich. 104th House

District Representative, Grand Traverse Co. Sheriff, Grand Traverse Co. Commissioners – Districts #1,#3,#5,#6, TCAPS School Board, and NMC Board of Trustees.

Matt Kern will assist us in offering forums on a Zoom webinar platform. and there will be no cost to LWVGTA because we're members. He'll set up a practice session in August. Once the Nov. 3, 2020 general election candidates have been asked to participate in a virtual forum and have confirmed that they will attend on the agreed upon dates, the schedule will be announced, and advertising planned & distributed. The goal is to have the forums or interviews happen before, or very near when absentee ballots are sent out, which is around Sept. 19th. The Forums are copyrighted by us – we'll need to create a form for candidates to sign acknowledging this fact.

3. **Convention report** – is written up in *The Voter*.

4. **League History in Record-Eagle** – Barb Berry

Peg Siciliano was approved for a series of three articles on a.) History of the LWVGTA; b.) Studies & Issues we have considered (Local Gov't, Libraries, etc.); c.) Voting rights history

5. **Request from Woman 2 Woman** –

To participate in a celebration on August 26th at the Traverse City Open Space in recognition of 100th anniversary of passage of the 19th amendment. We want to participate. Nancy N. will send out t-shirt ordering information.

6. **Annual Meeting** – Zoom meeting on August 22nd, which will include:

a. **Nominations for officers** – Vice-President, Mary Grover; Treasurer, Ingrid Brophy; Membership, Nancy Nordfjord.

b. **Budget for 2020-21** –

Jan will put together the budget to send out

Many reasons why we are running short this year:

- Parade of Homes was cancelled – usually brings in \$600
- Wreath Sale – last year we made \$1850 – anticipate fewer sales this year.
- Need to budget monies from Ed. Fund if donations are not received to cover the printing costs for *We Represent You* in Gd. Traverse & Crawford Counties. Brophy reported current Ed.Fund balance of \$4,989.53.

c. **Bylaw revisions** – Jan Warren will send these out in the annual packet.

d. **Local League positions** – We are keeping our positions the same. Will let interested people know that they can go to our website to review them.

e. **Dues notices** – will be sent out.

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Swaney
Secretary, LWVGTA