

LWVGTA Board Meeting Minutes - Approved

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 10 am

Present: Barb Berry, Ingrid Brophy, Linda Crandall, Mary Grover, Marcia Koppa, Anne Montgomery, Cheryl Naperala, Nancy Nordfjord, Christina Schlitt, Ann Swaney, Peg Townsend, Jane Watts

Meeting called to order by Peg Townsend at 10:07

LWVGTA Board Meeting Agenda

- I. Additions to the agenda
- II. Approval of Feb.17, 2021 Bd. Minutes – Grover moved, 2nd by Montgomery,. Minutes approved, with changes.
- III. Treasurer's Report -- Ingrid Brophy

- three new memberships.
- Checking account balance is \$13,493.22
- Ed Fund balance is \$5,505.31

Ingrid leaving for a month, also Anne Montgomery. Jan backup treasurer in Ingrid's absence. Motion by Grover to approve Treasurer's report, 2nd by Crandall. Report approved.

IV. Membership Update – Nancy Nordfjord

Nancy is working on the Directory. There are 96 members, including households.

Nancy will send out Directory to Bd. Members to check & add additional info.

The three new members are Brzak, Brovant, and Redmond.

V. Program Committee Update Anne (for Cheryl)

Program for 3/16 is *Dark Money, 2020*; 4/20 will be *Gerrymandering: Redrawing the Map* with Donna Hornberger & Margaret Leary (Ann Arbor); May will be the *Electoral College*, with John Zachman, Brenda Knaack coordinator.

Christina suggested a good communication platform is "Outreach Circle.

VI. Voter Services Update -- Peg/Anne

Peg – We now have information from the LWVMI on Making Democracy Work grants.

Ideas might include:

- working with clerks, helping write candidate questions & answers
- posting photos of drop boxes around the county
- giving clerks Voter Guides to distribute (Christina – no Voter Guides this year).
- Anne M. – maybe create some local Voter Guides this year? Christina suggested we could download Vote 411 information & print it.
- Peg – Also print lawn signs & stickers promoting Vote 411 (English & Spanish).
- getting information out to those turning 18.
- getting sign language interpreters for our programs.
- continue attending Board of Canvassers meetings.

Anne M. – spoke with Amy Shamroe at AAUW mtg. about possibilities for Forums.

We won't know until May about any special elections. No City Commission candidates, no proposals, no primaries so far this year.

VII. Update on possible RE article about "Dark Money" Mary G. – No

VIII. LWVMI State Convention, May 21-22 – Peg

1. Delegate Recruitment (President +1 +4 more =6)
If someone wants to be a delegate, contact Peg. Peg & Marcia attending and so there's room for 4 more. \$75 for delegates, \$35 for non-delegates. LWVGTA pays.
Nancy read responsibility of delegates. Cheryl, Nancy, Ingrid & Ann S.-- non-delegates. Can have 4 more paying delegates.
Will put it on the agenda for our next meeting – need a Communications Committee.
2. Award Nominations (Refer to separate attachments) – Peg

IX. Annual Meeting Suggestions -- Barb B. – **Tuesday, June 1 at 10 am**

- Peg asked Barb to Chair & Barb agreed. All gave kudos to Barb for organizing.
- Speaker will be Peg Siciliano – on Women's Groups?
- Need nominees for President & Treasurer – nominating committee is Linda Crandall, Jane Watts, and Betsy Wilson.
- Position statements – no change
- Committee reports – Programs, Voter Services
- Awards

X. Continuation of LWVMI Coaching -- Peg

Most of the suggestions have been things we've already done. Committee will not meet again until next December. Members participating were Anne M., Cheryl, Nancy, Mary G., Jan, Peg, and Marcia.

Suggestion - if no President, to continue as we're doing with different people facilitating meetings but find a spokesperson for LWVGTA.

XI. Lame Duck Consensus Session with LWVLC Update – Anne M.

A joint effort with Leelanau Co. League – all finished.

The consensus was held on Feb 24th and it was due March 31

XII. Observer Corps Discussion Continued -- Peg

1. Leader - Donna Moore agreed to lead it.
Others are Carol Shuckra, and Sara Redmond from Indivisible.
Anne M., Mary, and Marcia will bring information for discussion.
So far, all volunteers are active Democrats.
2. Job Description - Marcia has been observing for Crawford Co. You need to follow the rules, wear a badge, not make comments except to ask for clarification.
All agreed we want to pursue this further.
Possible observing opportunities with TCAPS, Co. Commission, Road Commission.

Meeting adjourned 12 noon

Next meeting: Wednesday, April 14, 2021 at 11 - 12:30a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Swaney
Secretary, LWVGTA