

LWVGTA Board Meeting Approved Minutes

Wednesday, November 10, 2021- Noon to 2:00pm via ZOOM

Present: Berry, Brophy, Crandall, Grover, Koppa, Montgomery, Donna Moore, Naperala, Townsend, Watts

Welcome, Call to Order, Additions to the agenda

No additions to the agenda

Approval of Draft Minutes of October 13, 2021

Minutes were delivered to the attendees too late for everyone to read due to health issues for the Secretary.

Approval was tabled until the next BOD meeting January 11th.

Secretary will provide draft October 13th & November 10th meeting prior to the January 11th BOD meeting.

Treasurer's Report – Ingrid Brophy

Checking Account - \$15,766.26

Expenses due are: Renewal of the Web Browser

Purchase of Holiday Greens Wreath Fund Raiser

Ed Fund: \$6294.53

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report:

1st Grover, 2nd Koppa Report Approved by majority

Fund Raiser Report – Ingrid Brophy

To date \$3382.00 in sales. Below expectations.

Jane Watts is preparing her sales totals and they will be available by November 14th and will bring up the total considerably. Will report in January BOD meeting the final sales and earnings.

Membership Report – Anne Montgomery for Nancy Nordfjord

1. Submitted the LWVMI Making Democracy Work Grant monthly report
Very difficult to fill out the form. Submitted to Christina Schlitt with comments.
2. Send to BOD the current updated survey information.
3. Updated Online Directory
4. Handbook & By-Laws sent to BOD and Membership
5. Membership is 131 with 17 unknown renewals. Renewals list sent to Grover, Montgomery, Townsend to contact. Corrections made and calls are still ongoing.
 - a. Corrections offered to Renewal List: Grover will follow up with others who have not been contacted. List names are:
Adadow Gray, Bos, McCallen, Murphy, Shirley Murray, Pillen, Schaffer, Short, Thomas, Viola,
 - i. Schulte, Watts, Odgers renewed
 - ii. Wagner moved out of state
 - iii. Adler not renewing

Jane Watts is the Life-Time member, Deb Drake-student from NY

New Member Orientation Report – Anne Montgomery

38 new members in years 2020 & 2021 were invited to a ZOOM gathering
15 BOD were invited, Christina Schlitt was invited to talk MDW Grant
Barb Berry asked to submit a talk about the Library Position Committee
Anne- said that the Positions & the Study Process was TMI for this meeting
but would be the basis for another gathering

Agenda for the meeting:

Intro of the BOD / MDW – Schlitt/ Calendar of Meeting dates for committees, BOD,
Conventions/ Leadership Team experiment – Grover/Calendar Year, Dues, Renewals,
Dues allotment to US, MI, GTA and Ed Fund vs. General Fund/ Active Committees:
Programs, Observer Corps, Voter Services and Membership/The Voter, Blasts and Alerts

Media Team – Cheryl Naperala for Robbin Stott – Chair

Mary Beeker is upgrading the Web Page

Other Social Media Chairs will update their pages with the interest in
attracting more followers...thus getting out our messages

Cheryl asked that Media be mentioned at the NMO looking for techies

Voter Services – Peg Townsend

- a. V.S. Committee invited 7 new members to try out the V.S. Committee
S.Betts Barbus, S.Connor, S.Glenn, K.Kelly, C.Kryger, C.Olmsted, A.Schuman Several
have experience in V.S. and are good potential.
- b. Aspire – SOS Michigan Vote Matters- High School Challenge
West and Central have not yet received their information on this from LWVMI
Peg has seen the materials provided by the LWVMI and is keeping
an eye on when the project will be rolled out to northern Michigan.
- c. VOTE411.org Becky Somsel is attending a Webinar to learn about the new system
and what she will need to do for 2022.
- d. V.S. Meeting Thur. Nov 18 1-3pm to begin planning for 2022.

Program Committee – Cheryl Naperala

- a. Reapportionment County Districts Program 85 attendees; 52FB
33 other. Joan Williams coordinator, Noelle Moeggenberg – speaker. Good review.
- b. Nov. 16th Returning Warriors – Program on Veterans by Jerry Cannon
And coordinated by Nancy Quinlan . Moderator, Jean Howard from FLA.
- c. January 18, 2022 Program Climate and Health – Lisa Del Buono from Michigan
Clinicians for Climate Action – Speaker. Coordinator Margaret Monsour
- d. Feb / March TBD
- e. April 19th Tom Bousamra- Before, During & After Incarceration Coordinated by
Eunice Crockett
- f. May is our annual meeting – possibly talk on Observer Corps reports

Observer Corps – Donna Moore

- a. Donna organizes Observer reports for spread sheet report to the BOD
- b. Donna sends one or two reports in brief to The Voter
- c. November spread sheet will be:
TCAPS/ NMC Board/ Human Rights Commission Report/ Benzie Co. Commissioners.

- d. Donna asking for Advice: 1. How to use the reports. 2. Koppa suggests we use the Observer Corps process for the subject of our Annual Mtg in May.
Suggested a Mtg. to brainstorm Monday Nov. 15th at 2:30 with Grover, Crandall, Montgomery, Naperala, Moore to lead meeting.
- e. Human Rights Commission Monday Nov 8th reported by Tuckerman. One issue discussed is the MI Legislature attaching amendment to H.B. 4722 on “Short Term Rentals” Policy taken away from Local Governments.
Will reduce the availability of housing for low income and homeless.
- f. Marcia Koppa volunteers to attend Crawford Co. Commissioners Mtgs.

Crawford County Unit Report – Marcia Koppa

- a. Attended with 7 other LWVGTA ladies the MICRC Public Comment No.2 meeting in Gaylord October 25 at TreeTops Resort
AM group: Naperala, Brophy, Crockett, Joan Williams
PM group: Koppa, Montgomery, Townsend, Goeman
Native American get great respect on their presentations to the Commission. Donna Moore attended the 1st Public Comment meeting at Tree Tops and held the same opinion that the Native Americans were the most organized and well spoken.
Marcia Koppa has been following all the Commission meetings and considers herself a “groupie” and is very informed on their work.
- b. Marcia Koppa wrote a Forum on the topic for the Avalanche
- c. Grayling Chamber of Commerce “spotlighted” Marcia and her work with and for the LWVGTA/CCUnit
- d. Marcia was interviewed on Radio Station WQON October 29th
2nd Interview on the schedule. We all need to go hear it.

Old Business

1. Leadership Team / Management Plan - Cheryl Naperala

Cheryl led the discussion on how each member of the BOD felt about the description of their job and if it needed changing or editing. All agreed that Mary Grover had done an exception job setting this experimental organization up and wanted to keep the experiment going for this year. We can then vote on it to be our permanent BOD structure. Will need by-laws change to put it in place. Cheryl did a great job editing and presenting the program to the BOD.

2. Making Democracy Work Grant – Voter Services Peg Townsend

- a. Program on Current Laws – education not advocacy – Dec. 1 noon-2:00 on TACM, FB and ZOOM Speaker Margaret Goeman Moderator Christina Schlitt
- b. Practice Mtg. Nov. 14th on Zoom at 7pm. Margaret will present her program for comment and ideas. Attendees: Montgomery, Naperala, Grover, Warren, Townsend
- c. Publicity: Linda Crandall will put PR in R-E, Sunday Nov. 28th issue/
Leelanau – Enterprise / Interlochen/ Northern Express. Info must be submitted 2 weeks ahead of the event.
Peg will send information to the Media persons to put on Social Media platforms.
Marcia Koppa will send PR to the Grayling Avalanche

- d. Peg is planning to get the Comparison Chart of the Current v. Proposed changes Program off the ground. Mary Grover & Kathy Tuckerman possible leads on this.
 - e. Clerk Engagement: Peg to talk to Lynette Wolfgang to engage Clerks at one of their monthly meetings. Lynette has not responded yet. Mary Grover says she has had engagement with Ben Marentette. Asked to review our Comparison Chart for accuracy. He agreed if we do one.
 - f. Peg had suggested to have a Clerk at the Dec. 1 Program to answer questions. Mary Grove felt that Christina was probably a better choice.
3. **Proposal to elect Becky Somsel to BOD as chair of VOTE411.org**
Motion to elect Becky Somsel 1st Grover, 2nd Crandall
Discussion brought Mary Grover to withdraw her motion for lack of information on Becky's interest in being on the BOD. Peg suggested that she might be able to find a Co-Chair from the New Members who have expressed interest in V.S.

NEW BUSINESS

1. **Letting other non-League organizations advertising their programs on our Platform.**
 - a. Jan Warren suggested that it could cause us some real problems if an organization asks us to advertise their meeting and it is not one that matches our principles.
 - b. WE NEED A POLICY.
 - c. Mary Grover offered to contact LWVMI to see if there is a policy in place.
 - d. Creating a Community Calendar at the end of the VOTER might be a way to handle it.
 - e. We regularly ask AAUW & Indivisible to promote our Programs. Cheryl wants to continue to have that access.
2. **Hold ZOOM training for League Chairs.** Anne Montgomery asked that all Committee Chairs learn to use ZOOM. She cannot continue to be the only member who knows how to run a ZOOM meeting. Will consult with Mary Beeker to do the training again.

NEXT BOD MEETING WILL BE JANUARY 11TH NOON – 2PM ON ZOOM (POSSIBLY IN PERSON AT THE DENNOS IF THE COVID-19 DELTA VARIETY HAS CALMED DOWN.)

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 1st Koppa, 2ND Townsend Motion carried. 1:30pm