

LWVGTA Singular Purpose BOD Meeting
December 13, 2021
Draft Minutes

Attendees: Naperala, Koppa, Nordfjord, Montgomery, D. Moore, Townsend, Warren.

Unable to attend: Crandall, Stott, Watts, Brophy, Berry, Swaney, Beeker

Agenda:

Create a Resolution to advocate against the “Secure MI Vote” petition as done by the Lansing MI and Marquette MI leagues.

Voter Services Chairman Peg Townsend called the meeting to order. Our LWVGTA feels it is necessary to promote the idea in our membership area that the petition currently being offered by the Republican Party of Michigan “Secure MI Vote” is against all the ideals and positions of the LWVMI and the LWVGTA and should be stopped by suggesting to the populace to “Decline to SIGN”

The discussion for the meeting centered on two things:

1. Do we want to create a resolution.
2. To whom are we directing this resolution.

Suggestions were:

Jan Warren: write a Forum piece for the Record Eagle

Peg Townsend: suggested we need more in addition to a FORUM

Marcia Koppa suggested to publish in the CC Avalanche

Naperala: suggested the Northern Express, Ticker but expressed concern that this publisher was not response to our requests

Norfjord: suggested that we have more than enough money in checking account to afford payment to a publisher.

Marcia Koppa had prepared an analysis of the proposals made by the “Secure MI Vote”. It was based on the FISCAL analysis made by the current Senate group.

Naperala reminded us that the purpose of the “Secure MI Vote” was to take away the voting rights expressly given to Mi Voters in the 2018 ballot proposal election by a 65.4% of the voting public.

Montgomery: suggested that we write the Forum piece, ask Linda Koebert, a LWVGTA member, to write the piece, and have it signed by the LWVGTA BOD.

Donna Moore: offered to ask Linda Koebert and to follow the project through to the publication of the Forum

Anne M. will contact LWVMI president to confirm that we can have the signature by BOD and not individual names

Cheryl N. asked that we not include the verbal, poor, brown or handicapped since as we all agreed the actions for the “Secure MI Vote” will hurt all voters of any background.

The BOD decided to take a vote of the BOD electronically and then if the vote is “yes”, proceed with the plan.

Marcia Koppa suggested that we also do an ad with signatures by many of the Grand Traverse Area residents to show the community the vast support for “Decline to Sign”

Jan Warren suggested that this idea was too complicated since the Record Eagle requires that each name in the ad would have to register their signature with the R-E to be kept on file.

Proposed:

Donna Moore will contact Linda Koebert to write the FORUM, send the text to the BOD who will be asked to vote yes or no to proceed.

The deadline set will be January 10th for the project to be approved by the BOD.

It was suggested that the FORUM be published in our newsletter “the VOTER”, Facebook, Twitter and Instagram

Peg Townsend reminded us that we have yet to set a policy on publishing in our email programs from other organizations such as the AAUW, NRA and so forth. We need to create that policy before we ask AAUW, W2W, Indivisible GT to publish our document.

Discussion continued about procedure to acknowledge Jerry Swaney’s passing. Decided to wait until the “Celebration of Life” which was scheduled for July 3, 2022. Individuals were welcome to send cards and other means of contact to Ann and her family.

Meeting adjourned at 8pm

Signed

Anne Montgomery

Substituting for Secretary Ann Swaney