

## LWVMDM Board Minutes

**May 15, 2013**

**Present:** Deborah Turner, Teresa Bomhoff, Judy Dirks, Phyliss Franklin-Devine, Carol Hibbs, Jessie Hill, Max Knauer, Karen Person, and Sherrie Taha.

**Absent:** Gary Kaufman, Lena Robison, and Molly Shanks.

**Meeting called to order 6:09 p.m.**

- I. **Minutes from last meeting** – not available for approval – will ask Jennifer to re-send these.
- II. **President's Report**
  - A. **Board Introductions** – Deb asked members to introduce themselves with special interest to new board member, Jessie Hill.
  - B. **Board Duties** – Deb provided a brief explanation of duties and said more explanation will be given at the board retreat. Karen Person was asked about continuing in her role as VOTER editor; new member Jessie Hill has agreed to co-edit this upcoming year's VOTER with Karen.
  - C. **State Board**
    1. **Convention** – Reminder of date, June 1, at Ames, Great Hall in the Memorial Union. Gary will take care of registration for all attending. General information is available on a state league website for times and speakers. Attending will be – Deb Turner as a state officer, Karen Person, Sherrie Taha, Gary Kaufman, and Teresa Bomhoff as voting delegates, and Max Knauer, Molly Shanks, Lena Robison, Judy Dirks, and Marti Anderson as non-voting members.
    2. **Candidate Involvement** – a member of the state board plans on running for Story Co. Supervisor, a question of eligibility is being considered – variances between state board and county offices are permitted but perhaps controversial.
  - D. **Evaluation Annual Meeting** – Deb spoke of good turnout and exceptional job done by speaker, Amy Campbell, League Lobbyist. The year's goals and events were mentioned as being met and exceptional; a list of these appears in the President's column in the year-end issue of the VOTER.
- III. **Vice President's Report** – Molly was absent, but her information from the annual meeting regarding membership is current with 7, possibly 8, new members and close to a total of 50. Others may have renewed the date of the annual meeting or since then.

- IV. **Treasurer's Report** – Gary was absent, but finances should remain the same as stated at the annual review, with the exception of registration fees being paid for State Convention attendance.
  - A. **Annual Meeting Cost** – Carol Hibbs reported this as breaking even with the charge of \$15 per member for the meal.
  - B. **Educational Fund** – no new input at this time.
- V. **VOTER** – Karen asked for final edits from board this evening.
  - A. **Next Volume** - The projected deadline is May 16. Electronic notices will go through Carol Hibbs, and she will send a few hard copies to members who prefer this form.
  - B. **Board Member Involvement** – No further commitments were made at this time; as noted earlier, Jessie Hill has agreed to co-edit the newsletter next year with Karen.
- VI. **Upcoming Programs** –
  - A. **LWVIA State Convention, Ames, IA** – June 1, 2013 – sponsored by Ames League
- VII. **Future Board Meetings**
  - A. **Retreat** – Sunday, June 9, from 10:00-3:00. Carol Hibbs will host board at her home - 1641 Greenbranch Circle, WDM.
    - 1. **Purpose** –
      - a. **Set programming for the year** – consider general theme and/or multiple issues focuses – members should email agenda items, ideas, suggestions to Deb prior to the retreat.
      - b. **Define Board duties and positions**
      - c. **Address the directions to the Board** – bring blue folders from last year's retreat; Karen will provide new forms for this year's use. Any "directions" to the board written on suggestion cards at the annual meeting should be considered at this time.
    - 2. **Other Topics** –
      - a. **Report of Council** – Deb Turner and Bonnie Pitz will attend the U.S. Council June 17 in Washington, D.C. There is a two-year rotation schedule for National Conventions and National Councils; this year a council will be held.
      - b. **Legislative Forums** – This is an issue of interest to be discussed at the retreat. Karen Person has information on organization of such forums as done in Bremer County and also in Ames.

**VIII. Old Business**

**A. Electronic Voting** – Deb will bring information on this to Retreat – for use of board decisions

**1. Majority**

**2. Reply all**

**3. Secretary must record**

**4. Only president or designated other can call vote**

**B. Absence of President** – progression from vice president to secretary

**VIII. New Business** – None at this time beyond items to be addressed at upcoming retreat

**Sherrie moved that the meeting end; all approved.**

Minutes submitted by Judy Dirks, secretary.

**Next Meeting: Board Retreat, June 9, 10:00-3:00 at Carol Hibbs' home.**