

FINAL COPY _ APPROVED OCT. 15, 2013

LWV DES MOINES METRO BRANCH BOARD MEETING MINUTES August 6, 2013

Present: Deborah Turner, Molly Shanks, Judy Dirks, Gary Kaufman, Phyllis Franklin-Devine, Carol Hibbs, Teresa Bomhoff, Sherri Taha, Karen Person, Jessie Hill **Absent:** Max Knauer, Lena Robinson

Meeting was from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the meeting room , 3662 Ingersoll Avenue, DM.

- I. **Review of minutes** for Board meeting May 15, Sherrie moved / approved, also approval of minutes for Retreat June 9, Karen moved / approved.
- II. **President's Report** given over the following:
 - a. State Legislative Priorities (full document given) – The State League Board met with our lobbyists and defined these 5 Topics for the upcoming year's priorities:
 - i. Guarantee Iowans have access to mental health services where they live, when they need them ...
 - ii. Protect voting rights ...
 - iii. Increase public safety by decreasing overuse of incarceration and provide funding for substance abuse and mental health treatment
 - iv. Guarantee access to women's health services and protect women's reproductive health choices ...
 - v. Strengthen Iowa's environmental programs, especially efforts to prevent pollution in our water sources, and to clean up state waterways.
 - b. Invite National President to speak at Convention – Bonnie Pitz is working on this for June 2015 State Convention, hosted by DM Metro
 - c. Convention Report document shared and discussed, including budget, areas to improve, positive comments, attendance – This will be useful for our planning of next convention
 - d. National Study- This is anticipated in September. It will concern revising the League's position on Agriculture – follow-up sessions state-wide and locally can be planned after the national study materials become available (posted on website)
 - e. State Schedule – Key upcoming events and dates include:
 - i. Aug. 24 New Officer Training in DM (possibly after the IA Women's Hall of Fame event and luncheon)
 - ii. Sept. 21 Issues Briefing in Marshalltown – a group email will be sent to arrange for attendance, transportation, etc.
 - iii. Feb. 18 – Capitol Day
 - iv. May 17 LWVIA Council (new date) – site not yet determined
 - f. Nonpartisan and Conflict of Interest policies – not available at this time
- III. **Treasurer's Report** – Gary distributed updated rosters based on membership payments and budget document, current through June 9, 2013 – a rate change will take place for additional members in household membership: 1st member @\$65, additional @\$32.50.

- IV. Vice President's Report** – Molly and Dorothy will coordinate membership lists as memberships are renewed this fall along with new memberships. Molly, Dorothy, and Judy will create and send a membership letter, announcing the kickoff event, dues' fees, etc.
- V. Voter** – Karen distributed an updated calendar including Voter article submission deadlines.
- a. Fall articles due, November 1. Members agreeing to contribute for the fall issue include:
 - b. Board Involvement: Judy/Retreat, Lena/ Kickoff, Karen/ Legislative Priorities – Membership 'Renewal Reminder – September Issues in Marshalltown – Legislative Forums, Sherri / Voter Registration Day, Jessie/ Promotion for new members, Deb / President's Letter
- VI. Job Positions/ Descriptions** Review of decisions made at the Retreat
- a. Vice President – membership – Molly Shanks
 - b. Secretary – Corresponding/ Recording – Judy Dirks (Dorothy McGinnis & Carol Hibbs) Dorothy post office, website, mass mailings –Carol group email notices
 - c. Treasurer- Gary Kaufman
 - d. Program Director – changed to Events Director – no one person / board members rotate responsibility for planning events
 - e. Voter Editor – Karen Person & Jessie Hill
 - f. Other Positions
 - i. Advocacy – Teresa, Karen - liaison to state advocacy committee
 - ii. Web Site / Facebook – Dorothy with help offered by Judith H. – Jessie H.
 - iii. Nomination Committee – president yet to appoint 2 board members
 - iv. Voter Education Chair –Sherri eand Lena (Sherri e may withdraw from board duties with an upcoming probable run for office)
 - v. Publicity/ Media Chair – Jessie Hill
 - vi. Archivist/Record Keeper – Judy Dirks
- VII. Upcoming Programs** – Tentative List, some dates and programs are confirmed, when all established – get info. to Karen for VOTER margin list
- a. September 17 – Membership Kickoff (Lena & Sherrie) – location – Plymouth Congregational – speakers: Ann Naffier from the Davis Law Firm, key note, along with a College “dreamer” student and a mother with children who have suffered from delay of immigration reform 5:30-6:15 social/ 6:15-7:00 league info / 7:00-7:30 speaker (approx) This will be a shared meeting of encouraging membership and focusing on one of the year's topics – immigration reform - Karen and Judy will send written invitations to legislators; all members are encouraged to invite personal friends and colleagues.
 - b. October 8 – Second program on Immigration Reform Impact on Iowa (Lena, Sherri, Jessie, Linda S)- location TBA*
 - c. October 15 – possible shared event co-sponsored by Amos and NAMI – Presentation on Health Care issues – time & location TBA*
 - d. November 12 & 16 League sponsored Legislative Forums – schedule and key individuals in a document (Karen and Teresa) – Some locations yet to be determined* see form ... similar forums for January, also

- e. December 7 – Holiday Luncheon – speaker on Voter Suppression – time & place Noah’s Ark – 11:30-1:30, (Phyllis, Judy, Jessie)
- f. January 28 & Feb 1 December 7 – Second round of Legislative Forums – see full document – places TBA*
- g. January 14 – Genetically Modified Organisms – Ag Study Com (hopefully to coordinate with National Study materials) – Karen, Carol, Sherrie, Judith H – time and place TBA*
- h. – Second round of Legislative Forums (Karen & Teresa)
Possible duplication – forums and book meeting – forum a.m. / book event can be afternoon or possibly changed – still February
- i. February 8 – Book Study Meeting (date changed) – Johnston Public Library – title THE WARMTH OF OTHER SUNS by Isabelle Wilkerson – hope to include area public library book club members as guests (Judy, Laura W)
- j. March 8 – International Women’s Day Program – with Oxfam (Karen)
- k. April 26 – Annual Meeting – speaker Amy Campbell – Leg. Session (Carol & Dorothy)
- l. Voter Registration – fall event/s? National Voter Registration Day – others?

VIII. Future Board Meetings

- a. Board Meetings, 3662 Ingersoll, DM, at 6:30. All Wednesdays
 - 1. Oct. 9 (Changed to Oct. 16)
 - 2. Nov. 6
 - 3. Jan. 8
 - 4. March 12
 - 5. May 14

IX. Old Business

- a. _Approved appointed board members, Jessie, Phyllis, Max, Teresa, Karen, Lena
- b. Electronic Voting Approval – no discussion at this meeting
- c. Absence of president – Sept. 18-Oct. 5 – vice president Molly Shanks will preside
- d. Web site – no discussion – Jessie Hill has offered to enter information on Facebook
- e. Member information – no discussion beyond roster update by treasurer

X. New Business

- a. Sherrie Taha – resignation from board to enable her to run for state office in future
- b. Appointment Convention Committee – early members Max, Karen, Jessie – all board members will participate as time nears – Early goals: set deadlines and set site

XI. Goals for the Year – established at summer retreat

- a. Plan educational programming that supports the positions of the League
- b. Plan all educational meetings in collaboration with other organizations
- c. Increase membership by 10%
- d. Increase awareness/visibility
- e. Participate in the LWVUS studies (this year – Agriculture Policy)
- f. Increase visibility in the legislature – attendance at committee hearings
- g. Observer Corps – projected for Broadlawns Board Meetings
- h. Coordinate at least one event with another League
- i. Define a program of voter education

