

League of Women Voters of the Palatine Area
Minutes of the 60th Annual Meeting
Tuesday, 15 May 2017
Chicago Prime Italian Restaurant, Schaumburg, IL

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Presidents: Carolyn Roberts and Laura Davis; Vice President: Jackie McGrath; Secretary: Pat Wenthold; Newsletter and Publicity: Dayle Roberts; Membership Chair: Betty Hull; Program Chair, Natalie Warren; Voter Service Registration: Renee Gladstone; Maggie Jongleux, Ann Kennedy,

CALL TO ORDER: 8:10 PM

Prior to the call to order, members visited informally during dinner and the group assembled for a picture. President Carolyn welcomed new and old members, noting that we are celebrating our local league's 60th Anniversary, our past leaders and achievements and our future leaders and activities. Albums are present for members to peruse. Member, Betty Hull, will serve as parliamentarian for the meeting and has certified that a quorum is present.

ADOPTION OF RULES AND MINUTES FROM THE 2017 ANNUAL MEETING

MOTION: M.Stamper: To adopt the Annual Meeting Rules and Minutes of the previous meeting: Second: L.Arthur.

CARRIED.

Pat Wenthold will take the minutes. Sue Spengler, Angie Amelse, and Renee Gladstone will review the draft minutes of this year's meeting.

WHERE WE STAND

The positions included National, State and Local League goals and help determine the League's programming. Each is reviewed and changed or refreshed as needed. The position statements were read and accepted. Laura Davis and Jackie McGrath presented an additional Position Item regarding the Township Government Study which began this year but was not formally approved.

MOTION: L.Davis and J.McGrath: After preliminary study, move to recommend changing the proposed focus of the Township Study from, "to collapse" Barrington and Palatine Townships' units of government to "eliminate Barrington and Palatine Townships' units of Government. Second: M.Stamper. Discussion: Interviews and data collection continue to show that the services provided by the township governments are redundant and limited—road maintenance of small unincorporated areas and need assistance—that can be more efficiently provided by the villages. **CARRIED.**

BYLAWS

Laura Davis notes that the Bylaws were updated last year and are scheduled for review next year.

PRESENTATION OF YEAR IN REVIEW

Board Members summarized league activities for the past year. Natalie Warren noted the Candidate Forums. Renee Gladstone coordinated events that registered 350 new voters and commended all volunteers. The Drinks and Discussion sessions were well attended and will continue. The Environmental Forum held at Harper College featured an expert panel arranged for by Natalie Warren. Jackie McGrath and Ann Kennedy took the Book Club in a political direction with discussions and TED talks focused on sex trafficking and gun violence while Betty Hull led an in depth discussion with members on *Evicted*, a sad and revealing story of the struggles of those needing low income housing. Carolyn commends Kathryn Sawyer's efforts in arranging Candidate Forums: the first at Harper for candidates in the 56th House District and the 6th Congressional District, and the second in Schaumburg of the 27th Congressional District. She notes the great volunteer support provided by members to support the events. The powerful movie, *Equal Means Equal* and the Expert Discussion Panel drew a large crowd. Carolyn urges all to see the film as well as complete "Witness Slips" online to support passage of

the ERA. Our Local League's total of 19 member events, 15 Voter Registration Days, 4 Drinks and Discussion, and 5 Book/TED Talk Discussions made for a very busy year!

PRESENTATION OF TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Nancy Mitzen's report is for information purposes with the past year's budget reflecting the growth in membership. Questions may be directed to Dayle Roberts.

MOTION: S.Bassi: To increase membership dues from \$70 to \$75 (increases local league's portion to \$9). Dues for other family members changed from \$35 to \$40. Second: M.McCarty-Fulton. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: V.Martin: To change "Student Member" title to "Emerging Leader," for ages 16-26 and change from \$10 to \$20. Second: A.Kennedy. Discussion: State League supports effort to attract younger members; however, Maggie notes costs to our local, \$33, because the National League age limit is 21, but we may bring in younger people and get them to be active. K.Callahan amends original dues amount from \$35 to \$20 that gives members an opportunity to sponsor an Emerging Leader. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: M.Stamper: That membership dues of \$75 drop to \$40 if joining in February or March, to \$20 in April and May, and to \$0 in June. Second: K.Callahan. Discussion: Adding members later in the year does not require national fees, assessed on 1/31. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: D.Roberts: To allow online dues payment using PayPal at a cost of \$3 per use. Second: S.Kern. Discussion: Concern for extra work and costs that are involved. **CARRIED.**

MOTION: S.Kern: To charge convenience fee of \$3 to those using PayPal. Second: V.Martin. **FAILS.**

ELECTION OF BOARD POSITIONS

Proposed slate for election on May 15, 2018 for two-year terms:

Secretary	Kathy Martin
Treasurer	Maggie Jongleux
Membership	Susan Buttafuoco
Program	Ann Kennedy, Kim Inman, Cammy Basak, Marilyn McCarthy-Fulton
Voter Service Registration	Renee Gladstone
Voter Service Candidate Forums	Committee of the Whole
LWCC	Nancy Mitzen
LWVUS Convention	Carolyn Roberts, Laura Davis

MOTION: H.Pawasarat: To adopt the Slate as presented. Second: S.Bassi. **CARRIED.**

DIRECTION TO THE BOARD

Ann Kennedy notes that we will be adding new things including, "Let's Talk and Wine/Whine," informal chats at restaurants. First Drinks and Discussion will be on Gerrymandering. On 6/28 we will meet at Emmett's Brewing Company for a presentation and discussion on DC Statehood. Townships will be the topic at the 7/17 D&D and the Summer Luncheon will be on 8/25 at the Spring Valley Nature Center.

CLOSING REMARKS

Marti Stamper reminds everyone to take action by "Acting Locally." Plastic straws have become the single biggest source of ocean trash. Join the advocacy to become straw-free through the "Shed the Straw" campaign that solicits pledges from restaurants and institutions to abandon the use of one-time use plastic straws. Marti asks for volunteer Committee members. Carolyn notes her early success in signing the Rosenthal Restaurants (owner is a former member).

MOTION TO ADJOURN Meeting adjourned at 10:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted by Pat Wenthold, July 11, 2018

To be reviewed by Sue Spengler, Angie Amelse, and Renee Gladstone. Corrected 8.1.18