

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

### **CORRECTED** POLK COUNTY BOARD MEETING MINUTES APRIL 16, 2021

The meeting was called to order at noon on Zoom by Co-President Sandra Sheets. Members present: Sandy Sheets, Vicki Lowe, Terry Laretta, Barbara Wallace, Natalie Alexich, Katy Byrd, Karen Freedman, Eileen Swiler, Charlene Bennett, Jiwa Farrell, Linda Donaldson, Membership Chair, Jerry Weeks, Communications Chair, Ivette Herrera- Singh, Incoming Secretary, Bobbie Harris, Education Committee Chair. Absent: Andy Crossfield, Emily Crain

MINUTES - Katy moved, seconded by Terry, to approve the minutes of March 19, 2021. Approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT - Terry Laretta - The finances came out \$160 ahead for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. The final report and the budget for the new year will be in the Annual Meeting booklet. Events in 2021-22 will have to be self-supporting unless there are fundraisers. Money raised belongs to LWVPolk but is not tax-deductible.

The honorarium to Bobbie Harris is in the P/L statement, but money received for the Edie Yates memorial is on the Balance Sheet as a liability. There will be more publicity for donations to this memorial. Vicki moved, Eileen seconded, to approve the report. Approved.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE/PRESIDENTS REPORT - No report.

ANNUAL MEETING - Suggestions: Invite prospective members - Send them link to the meeting and introduce them at the meeting. Have social time on Zoom following the meeting. Jerry could show his photo montage of activities — Sandy suggested taking photos of activities during the year and sending a copy to Jerry for an ongoing record. (Jerry will confer with Andy about putting this together.)

POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE - An ad hoc committee was appointed to review and recommend policies on: 1) Demonstrating non-partisanship 2) Stipends for speakers 3) Speaking on behalf of the LWVPolk 4) Promoting volunteer requests from other groups. Volunteers for this committee: Terry Laretta, Chair, Charlene Bennett, Vicki Lowe, Karen Freedman.

RESOURCE GUIDE ON DEI AND ANTI-RACISM - Katy Byrd - Katy has compiled a list of 360 items. She would like to post it on the website, but first will write a disclaimer about LWV not endorsing any of the specific items. She will check with the LWVFL about whether it requires their approval and then send the disclaimer to the Executive Committee. Katy moved, seconded by Karen, to have Exec Committee approve the disclaimer.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

There were no verbal reports. Written reports from Membership (plus a copy of the updated Welcome Brochure) and Speakers Bureau are attached. It was suggested that Jerry discuss making a library of the recorded Closing the Gap programs

Voter Registration - Jiwa asked if the LWV Zoom account could be used for committee meetings. Jerry will help her set that up. She asked about the LWVFL test for Registrars which seems to be unavailable currently.

## NEW BUSINESS

Juneteenth - An invitation was received from **Marissa** Barnes, city of Winter Haven, for LWV to participate in Winter Haven's Juneteenth Celebration on June 19. Linda Donaldson will contact her for more information. There was interest expressed in having an information table and possibly voter registration. Bobbie Harris and **Karen Freedman** are interested in helping.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05. The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on Zoom on Wednesday, April 28, at 11:30 AM. The next Board meeting is Friday, May 21, at noon on Zoom. Agenda items and reports should be sent to Sandra and Vicki by May 14. The LWV Florida State Convention will be held on Zoom on June 4-5. Everyone is invited to attend. Pricing will be announced soon.

The updated list of Committee Chairs is attached. **Katy will be correcting it.**

Submitted by,  
Barbara Wallace, Secretary

PS. I have enjoyed being your Secretary for almost 2 years. This is a very interesting group of people doing important work in Polk County and I wish you continued success in educating voters and advocating for fair elections. Best wishes to Ivette.