



Board Meeting Via Zoom

Thursday, July 25, 2024 @ 12:00 PM (Zoom)

MINUTES

Voting members in attendance: Charlene Bennett, Linda Donaldson, Karen Freedman, Ben Graffam, Breezi Hicks, Jo Shim, and Eileen Swiler.

Non-Voting members in attendance: Mike Murray.

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 PM.

A quorum was conformed.

The minutes from the June Meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Diane Allen had been excused from this meeting, so there was no treasurer's report.

President's Report:

- Linda Donaldson mentioned that most of the President's report would be covered in the new business. She did say, though, that contact information regarding Rana Whitaker, a new member mentioned by Ashley Lauretta as a strong candidate to take over the Newsletter and Facebook duties, would be passed onto Secretary, Ben Graffam, who will contact Rana about this possibility.

Committee Reports:

- Those committee members present gave updates on Committee action.

Unfinished Business:

- It is looking more like our needs for a credit card will be met better with a debit card. More to discuss on this issue.
- The possibility of the LWVPC obtaining its own Zoom Account also still is under discussion, as is our move toward Central Document Storage.

New Business:

- The signature card at MidFlorida Credit Union has been properly changed based on motions that were made and seconded in two separate Executive Board Meetings.
- There is some discussion about changing the frequency and modality of our board meetings, moving toward a face-to-face meeting, every other month. However, it is deemed significant in a presidential election year to have more meetings, so the every other month meeting schedule will begin after November.

- Based on a recommendation from League Member, Larry Rankin, we are going to ask the LWVFL about our role in an Interfaith Council of Polk County, as we are unsure if being a part of this forum—Christian Nationalism and Religious Freedom, on September 17—is right for us.
- Jo Shim moved to donate \$100.00 to New Mount Zion Baptist Church for all they did the night of the School Board Candidate Forum. The motion was seconded. Discussion, though, led us to the acknowledgment that, based on a letter from the Department of Agriculture, we cannot presently give or receive charitable donations.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, August 29, at noon at Unfiltered in Bartow (160 S Broadway Ave, Bartow, FL 33830). Ben Graffam is going to make the reservation for that meeting.

This meeting was adjourned at 1:47 PM.