



Board Meeting Via Zoom

Friday, March 22, 2024 @ 12:00 PM (Zoom)

## **MINUTES**

**Voting members in attendance:** Charlene Bennett, Kristen Carlson, Linda Donaldson, Carole Essy, Karen Freedman, Jessie Gomez, Ben Graffam, Lynn Parades-Manfredi, and Eileen Swiler.

**Non-Voting members in attendance:** Paula Mims, Trudy Rankin, and Jo Shim.

A Quorum was confirmed. The meeting was called to order at 12:02.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Kristen Carlson delivered the treasurer's report and Charlene Bennett reported on her exploration of WAVE (report provided for filing).

**President's Report:** Linda Donaldson delivered the president's report, including information about the National Convention, Vermont's position on privatization of healthcare.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Larry Rankin of the **Restoration of Rights Committee** was not present.
- Ashley Lauretta of the **Communication Committee** was not present.
- Karen Freedman delivered the **Climate Action Committee's** report, announcing upcoming events, as well as providing a written report for filing.
- Katy Byrd and Bobbie Boatwright Harris of the **D.E.I. Committee** were not present.
- **Education Committee:**
- Trudy Rankin delivered the **Gun Violence Prevention Committee's** report, commenting on upcoming speaking events and the development of a consortium, as well as providing a written report for filing.
- Paula Mims delivered the **Health Care Committee's** report, commenting on work with Bradley Harriman and Alice Kohlar.
- Jo Shim delivered the **Reproductive Health and Justice Committee's** report, commenting on care packages for patients at the Women's Health Center, as well as providing a written report for filing.
- Jo Shim delivered the **Voter's Service Committee's** report, offering special thanks to Amy Walker and Heidi Davis, as well as providing a written report for filing.
- Linda Donaldson delivered the **Membership Committee's** report, reminding us of the orientation in May, as well as providing a written report for filing.

- Trudy Rankin delivered the **Speaker's Bureau Committee's** report, suggesting that some of what Linda Donaldson does to recruit speakers for Membership meetings might be done by the Speaker's Bureau.
- Trudy Rankin delivered the list of candidates for the **Nominating Committee pro tem**, as well as supplying that list for filing.
- Ben Graffam delivered the **Leadership Committee pro tem** report, asking for approval to move the leadership sessions to the fall. Approval was granted.

**Unfinished Business:**

- Access to registration for our Annual Meeting is now available at our website. The speaker will be Debbie Chandler, and we will have a reception for her at Paula Mim's home the night before the Annual Meeting. The Annual Meeting will be May 1.
- We will need to meet to make some changes in the language of our bylaws.

**New Business:**

- On April 1 the Lakeland City Commission will hear comments on making Juneteenth a city holiday. We will not send a speaker.
- We were unable at this time to support Shawanda Bonner's Domestic Violence Program.

Our next meeting will be on April 26, 2024.

We adjourned at 2:04 PM.

Addendum: On March 24, at the LWV Polk Membership Meeting, two Polk Commissioners—George Lindsey of the County Commission and Guy LaLonde of Lakeland's City Commission—spoke to 19 of our members and then took questions.