

**Monthly Board Meeting Agenda
January 2022**

Meeting Date:	January 3, 2022	Meeting Location:	Google Meet Link
Meeting Time:	7:00 - 8:00 P.M.	Next Meeting	February 7, 2022 7:00 - 8:00 P.M.

In attendance: Courtney Winell, Teri Chaplin, Karen Joseph, Joan Long, Paula Manley, Elianna Bootzin, Carolyn Sturgis, Kathi Harris, Chris Van Eyl

Agenda Item	Presenter	Notes
Approval of Previous Month's Minutes	Courtney / Kristin	Teri motioned to pass, Kristin seconded, all approved, no objections. December minutes approved.
Website Update	Teri/Carolyn	Krista will charge \$20/hour for work on our website. She will authorize and give an estimate before starting anything. She has good ideas. We will move ahead with the goal to get the site live by the end of January. We want to include online payment. For online dues, we can add a couple dollars to cover the PayPal fee.
Financial Report	Carolyn	LMCU Account Total: \$8,771.94 \$3,770.89 in savings account Nothing in checking account \$5,001.05 in donation savings Giving Tuesday donations were \$500 total Karen and Carolyn were reimbursed in December: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - check # 1001 for \$65.00 was paid to Karen - check #1002 for \$478.96 was paid to Carolyn
Membership Report	Courtney/Teri	We just received our latest roster from LWVMI. We have 58 members currently. Courtney will add updated rosters to Google docs. We will need to start sending letters for January membership renewal. Joan asked if there is a way to find out when she became a member. Teri has a list so people can email her. The board is working to stay on top of it. Teri has offered to do this.
Fundraising Committee Report	Karen	\$108.47 raised at December Chipotle fundraiser.

		<p>This month we are finalizing a t-shirt fundraiser “Your Voice is Your Vote. Be Heard” with our logo on the back. Local t-shirt maker can print \$25 for \$21 each and we’ll sell for \$25, with the option to donate more.</p> <p>On January 23, we’ll get 20% of sales at City Built Brewing Company fundraiser.</p> <p>In February, we have a one week fundraiser with Schuler Books. We’ll get 20% of proceeds when people show flier or use online promo code.</p> <p>Kathi reminded us that we should keep union workers in mind when sending mailings, hiring companies to work with, etc. (Or at least American made items if union made is not available.)</p> <p>If Paula and Kathi have ideas for union printers, they can share with Karen.</p>
Voter Services and 411 Report	Elianna	Elianna and Steph both attended sessions on the back end interface. Interface is reorganized, a lot of the same functions, reminders to complete items, etc.
Youth Voter Registration Grant	Courtney	<p>We were awarded an \$800 grant from LWVUS to assist with youth voter outreach. More info forthcoming, but they did send training session information. Courtney can resend the dates. A great tie-in with the high school challenge. Our approach is to train students and have them help register students - much more effective!</p> <p>West MI Aviation Academy and Muskegon High School have signed up for the high school challenge. Joan and Teri will talk soon to brainstorm some ideas around this initiative.</p>
MDW 2021 Grant Update	Courtney	Courtney is working on a presentation and will keep us updated.
Monthly Volunteer Recap	Courtney	No updates at this time.
Dues Assistance/Scholarship	Elianna	Elianna sent a proposed policy around a couple times. There were a couple questions. We’ll make it clear that no one needs to show any documentation. The grant is for one year and will be reevaluated. Paula said in the Kalamazoo League this was usually for a year or two. We’ll know what they’re working on because we’ll have that conversation up front. Just the president and treasurer will know that they are getting assistance. Elianna will send updated wording and circulate the final document. Teri motioned to approve, Carolyn seconded, all in favor, none opposed.

		<p>Teri has the idea of having a League buddy for all new members - someone to make a welcome call, and who the new member can reach out to with questions.</p>
<p>Upcoming Events/Planning</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>Courtney has a call tomorrow with the GRPL. They would like to do pop-up registration events in 2022 for patrons.</p> <p>Kathi shared that LINC would welcome voter registration during their weekly Covid vaccine time. Let Kathi or Courtney know your availability. It will be 1-3pm on Tuesdays, not sure how long into the future. Kathi will get details. Courtney will pass on to Kristin to add to the newsletter.</p>
<p>LWVUS Program Planning</p>	<p>Courtney</p>	<p>Leagues do this every two years (state planning is on off years) depending on which convention is happening that year. We need to share if we concur with proposed studies, fill out a report, etc., by March.</p> <p>Paula adds that this is a good opportunity for members to learn about league positions. On January 12 at 3pm, LWVUS is holding a webinar about planning. Kalamazoo is holding their meeting on Saturday, January 22.</p> <p>We will schedule a meeting to discuss in early February, with information circulated ahead of time. We will meet virtually on Saturday, February 5, 10am-12pm. Kalamazoo members each take a section to review and share with the group. We will follow this example. First come, first served as to topics.</p>
<p>Proposals for Consideration</p>	<p>Teri</p>	<p>American Greetings has a \$40/2 years membership. No ads. Good for new member welcome, thank yous, etc. Teri will set it up and get reimbursed. Courtney makes the motion, Karen seconds it. All in favor. No opposed. Motion passed.</p> <p>Google Meets - Basic is \$6/month per user, but we could set it up with just one user. \$72 / year, which is half the cost of Zoom. We can have 150 people and no time limit. If people don't have a Google account, they can call in if they don't want to make an account. Teri will check on this and confirm.</p> <p>Teri is wondering if anyone has a button maker that we could use, or if we should buy one. Teri found one for \$80 that comes with 100 buttons. This one has reduced jamming! We could also make and sell buttons in addition to buttons for members. Teri will research the metal ones (the \$80 one is plastic).</p>
<p>Additional Items and Open Forum</p>	<p>All</p>	<p>LWVMI and 3 local League members filed a lawsuit against Kent County reapportionment commission. The case is now headed to the MI Supreme Court. Stay tuned for updates.</p>

		<p>Voters Not Politicians are trying to get support from commissioners to NOT sign the Secure MI Vote petition. A group of local, nonpartisan groups are trying to enact pro-voting resolutions. There doesn't seem to be a reason why we couldn't sign on to it. Courtney will send it to Paula. Kathi said commissioners have given verbal support, but nothing on paper yet. Action opportunity: members can express their support directly to commissioners.</p> <p>On Jan 17 at 6pm, PROACTIVE will meet and focus on updates for redistricting. Their goal is to help people understand how GR and MI will be affected by the new maps.</p>
Next Meeting		Monday, February 7 at 7 pm via Google Meets