



LWV of Marquette County
MONTHLY GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

May 1, 2024, 6:45 – 7:45 p.m.

Peter White Public Library, Community Room
217 N. Front St., Marquette, MI

Members In attendance: Darlene Allen, David Allen, Charles Blaksmith, Sandy Breitenbach, Pri Burnham, Diane Chielens, Kathy Flagstadt, Jo Foley, Marge Forslin, Susan Holliday, Janet Joswiak, Iris Katers, Madalyn Koval, Judy Krause, Meredith Kulisheck, Sandy Meyskens, Laura Miller, Joanna Mitchell, Marie Moasio, Barb Owdziej, Laura Petrie, Laura Sabo, Karen Schmitt, Jeanne Sekely, Susanne Smith, Christie Wagner, Anna Wild, Johanna Worley, Ruth Ziel (29)

Guests: Olivia Benbow, Bill Joswiak, Karen Kayes, Mark F. Miller, Norma Tempel

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m.

1. **Welcome:** Jo Foley, Convener, welcomed everyone especially today's guests.
2. **Land Acknowledgement:** Diane Chielens presented a land acknowledgement.
3. **Announcement—**Jo announced that Bob Chapman died in April. Bob and his wife Barb Coleman have been long-time League members. Bob was active in many community organizations, devoted to helping people, and advocating for those with disabilities.
4. **Approval of Agenda:** Motion made by Ruth Ziel, seconded by Meredith Kulisheck, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.
5. **Approval of minutes:** Motion made by Sandy Meyskens, seconded by Barb Owdziej, to approve the minutes of the meeting of April 3, 2024. Motion carried.
6. **Request for Delegates to LWVUS Convention—David Allen:** The national LWV Convention will be held June 27-30 in Washington, D.C. The hybrid convention enables delegates to fully participate in-person or virtually from home. The Board will pay the registration fees for LWVMC delegates. Delegates who attend in person will pay their own travel and lodging costs. The local league has one delegate so far and is entitled to three. This is a great opportunity to learn about the LWV and meet new people from other leagues. Training on the convention process will be provided in advance. If you would like to join the LWVMC delegation, contact a local Board member.
7. **Member Comments:** none
8. **Close Business Meeting and turn over to Membership Committee program:** Jo turned over the meeting to Barb Owdziej. Barb introduced the panel organized by the Membership Committee to provide an expanded look at the League's committees and supplement the brief new member orientation sessions. Committee members described their activities and opportunities:
 - a. Barb Owdziej—Membership Recruitment and Retention Committee
 - b. Laura Sabo—Communications Network
 - c. Anna Wild—Environmental Committee
 - d. Iris Katers—Voter Registration/Voter Education
 - e. Pri Burnham—Voter Services Committee
 - f. Jo Foley—Candidate Forum
 - g. Sandy Breitenbach—Vote411.org and Voters Guides
 - h. Sandy Breitenbach—Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - i. Meredith Kulisheck—Education Committee

After the panel, members were invited to volunteer to help with upcoming events and talk with committee members.

The meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

LWVMC Annual Meeting: Wed., June 12, 2024, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Business mtg. begins 6:30 p.m.

Ore Dock Brewing Co., 114 W. Spring Street, Marquette, MI

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2024, 10:00-Noon

Community Meeting Room at Baraga Place, 129 W. Baraga Ave., Marquette, MI

All members welcome. To request an invite and agenda, email jfoley1950@gmail.com

Submitted by Joanna Mitchell, Secretary

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