

**LWV Lake Michigan Region 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting**  
**October 15, 2016**  
**The Spa/Speakeasy Banquet Hall, Porter, IN**  
**Minutes**

**Welcome and Call to Order**

President Henrietta “Hank” Saunders opened the meeting at 8:40 a.m.

A quorum was declared. 3 readers for the minutes volunteered: Tom Wells, Gross Pointe MI; Margaret Herring, Chicago, IL; Pat Boy, Michigan City, IN.

Budget Committee and Nominating Committee have vacancies also; talk to Krista Grimm or Cheryl Chapman if you are interested. Pat Boy, LWV LaPorte County, was appointed parliamentarian and Cheryl Chapman, Secretary LWVLMR, took the minutes.

**Treasurer’s Report: Lisa Harris**

See attached. Lisa Harris reported that we have revenues greater than expenses. We became incorporated this year in Illinois, and our legal address is the Chicago office. “We are committed to our future!” regarding our budget. As a 501C4 group, the process of getting the work of our grants done is administered by the State of Illinois. WI has now applied for a Coastal Waters Grant. Our current balance is \$12,607.80. 2015/16 Revenues: \$18,186 and expenses were \$15,472.

We will pay the book keeper of LWV IL to oversee our accounts, and work closely with her.

**President’s Report: Hank Saunders**

LWVLMR has a dual challenge – mission work and internal work. The opportunities for leadership existing within our group are open, and we are working towards the positive challenge of having every citizen in the world “knowing their watershed.” When we do presentations, we often get individuals in the audiences to join their local LWV’s! We’ve presented 30 public meetings in this past year, in libraries, churches, congregations, and other community venues. We are all involved in our new Strategic Planning Process. A \$3,000 grant has been applied for with LWV WI to create tools for updated fact sheets regarding Lake Michigan watershed issues.

We have sufficient funding for a bookkeeper and the Constant Contact contract. Michigan’s Vina Mikesell is working on providing local LWV presidents communications tools and ideas for

small projects they can work on. Hank announced that the Upper Mississippi River Region ILO is working with Rotary in Galena in October and an event in January! Rotary is having “The Year of Water.” They are also helping to host the 100 for 100 meetings.

Judy gave further explanation regarding some of our fund raising efforts, such as the Dirk’s fundraiser and the Waukegan LWV Lake tour luncheon, and how both benefitted LWVLMR. Our fundraisers are educational and they really make a difference, and all 4 states are encouraged to follow suit.

“Rooting for Clean Water” coastal mini-grant, from IL, was the biggest effort of the past year. Krista Grimm reported on the educational push to educate local communities about the native flowers for our 4 Lake MI states, and that non-grant funds were used to print 1000 more fact sheets for use in all states, not just IL. This has proved a great way to get people to connect to the LWV. She described the activities and kits, and will distribute materials at the Resource Fair following the meeting.

Another IL coastal mini-grant is applied for as well!

**Program Discussion and Vote:** The Program was distributed. **John Hanieski, Lansing, MI, LWV moved that we reaffirm the program that we adopted in 2013, and Julie Arneith seconded.** John added that he’d like to see addition that we work on adding “economics” this year. A discussion ensued, regarding the issue of the gas pipeline and the Sault Locks in the Straits of Mackinac. John would like to see us recognize the *economics of Lake Michigan* and include the topic in the program. **The motion passed unanimously.**

**Budget Committee and Vote:** Krista Grimm thanked her Budget Committee members and went over the budget, explaining what various items involved. Do “like” our FB page. We use it for marketing as well – as a way to get the LWV’s name and LWVLMR’s name out there. Of note is that transportation expenses have increased because of all our presentations, as well as to help the far-away members attend Board meetings in Chicago. The Bookkeeper will be on next year’s budget; it’s a recent addition, not on our current budget. **Krista Grimm moved to approve the Budget as submitted; the motion was approved unanimously.**

**By-Laws Committee Report** and Recommendations (a vote of 2/3 is required to pass changes): Sarah Shirk (IL) and Suzanne Dixon (MI) showed the Bylaws marked with the changes being proposed, and clarified for all. The new bylaws are attached. The question was called – and grammatical changes will be taken under advisement by the secretary.

**Judy Beck moved and Jeanette Neagu seconded we approve the bylaws as improved. It passed unanimously.**

**Nominating Committee Report:** Judy Beck gave the Committee's Report , which is attached. Nominations are: Krista Grimm, President, and Vina Mikesell, Secretary. No objections. **Hank asked to accept their report by acclamation, and it was accepted.** Cheryl Chapman will be the new Nominations committee chair; Judy Beck will be a member from the Board.

At 10:08 a.m. the Business Meeting recessed for Noel Pavlovic's talk.

At 10:50 the meeting resumed. Krista Grimm gave her first greeting as our new president.

The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual Business Meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 11:02.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheryl Chapman  
Secretary