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ORAL REPORT
RESOLUTIONS
Con Marks, Chairperson

My report can be found on page 54 to 57 of your Convention Book.

To councils who submitted resolutions thank you for your gifts. The resolution committee spent much time vetting them and know just how difficult and time-consuming it can be wording your whereas and resolved clauses let alone researching your resolution. Resolutions are the work horse of the League. It is our way of speaking up to governments for those who are unable to do so. It is our way of affecting change in our governments for the betterment of others. Most resolutions are not about the League but occasionally some are as you have/will see/n today.

One resolution that was submitted will not/was not brought forward to the floor today. It was titled "A Call to Save Lake Winnipeg". The intent of this resolution was to "urge the Manitoba Provincial Government to use whatever resources at its disposal to work with the City of Winnipeg to develop and implement a long-term sustainable plan to stop the practice of discharging effluent into the Red River". Upon researching by the resolutions committee, it came to light that Bill 46 - *THE SAVE LAKE WINNIPEG ACT* came in being in 2011. Winnipeg has a Master Plan that they are working on. This master plan is in accordance with the province's wishes. One member of the committee went so far as to contact a city of Winnipeg representative to find out what the Master Plan was specifically about. The city is required to submit the final Master Plan by August 31, 2019. I will include the link to this 593-page document in my next communique. It was determined that the intent of the resolution was being addressed and as such it was recommended that the resolution had been dealt with in accordance with the intent of the resolved clause. The fact that governments move slowly indicates that we members of the League should monitor the progress of the Master Plan and let city and provincial officials know we are doing so. Since this is an environmental issue I suggest that all Chairpersons of Education and Health educate their councils' members about this issue and write letters encouraging Winnipeg to move more swiftly in accomplishing the goals of the Master Plan which says that the deadline is December 31, 2045. Another support measure would be to urge the provincial government to allot more monies to this cause.

The resolutions committee had numerous meetings which were held in the evenings as a few of us still have day jobs, me included. I would like to point out the difficulty of working all day then meeting until 11 PM or midnight and then getting up early the next day for work again. To potentially alleviate this, I ask that councils working on a resolution ask their diocesan or provincial chairperson of resolutions for assistance. We will not do the resolution for you, but we may make suggestions that can help clarify your intent and suggest areas of acceptable research containing valid sources. Most of all, it is important that you form a committee to work on your resolution. It is a great way to bounce ideas off each other and creating a resolution won't seem so daunting. There are many gifted individuals who are willing to share their talents if only asked. I know, as I have asked some of them to be on the resolutions committee. I just want you to know that if I can work on resolutions, anyone of you can, too!

Finally, please save **Saturday November 17, 2018** for the next Resolutions and Legislation Workshop.