

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY**  
**Family Support Center Meeting Room**  
**State and Capitol, Olympia**  
**Minutes**  
**April 20, 2017, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 11:33 am by Pat Dickason, President. Directors in attendance included: Pat Dickason, Karen Tvedt (secretary), Ruth Harms (vice-president), Peggy Murphy (treasurer), Peggy Bruton, Dawn Gibbs, Darlene Hein, Paula Holroyde, R. Peggy Smith and Karen Verrill. Valerie Hammett was absent. Connie Christy attended as Voter Services chair and Mary Moore represented the nominating committee.

*Blinzapalozza (Allyson Brooks):* On behalf of Temple Beth Hatfiloh and the Blinzapalozza committee, Allyson presented \$500 to the LWVTC for Voter Services.

The March 16 Board minutes were accepted as submitted. Peggy Murphy reported that we will shift to in-house accounting; she is comfortable taking over this responsibility. Karen V is working on an online master calendar that will include our required financial reporting.

**Updates**

- *Saturday, April 22 March for Science (Pat Dickason):* LWVTC will have a table and tent. The march starts at 11:00 am; we'll need someone at our table by 10:30 am. The LWVTC contributed \$100 as a sponsor of the event.
  - Question was raised about whether there will be a march in Olympia relating to climate change. Peggy B will research.
- *Coffee with the League (Paula Holroyde):* as of next Tuesday, we will move to Phoebe's Pastry Café off Cooper Road near the Olympia auto mall. Karen V noted that Paula puts in a full day of work to prepare for this event which has yielded new recruits to the League.
- *Purchases: Banners, Buttons:*
  - We have purchased League buttons to identify members who represent the League, e.g., as part of the observe corp. etc. We also purchased stamps for stamping the front of post cards.
  - Karen V-there is interest in having a banner that can be used for parades (the one we currently have needs to be replaced). We can purchase a two-sided banner with frame for about \$350. Karen T and Karen V moved and seconded a motion to purchase a banner using general fund dollars; the motion was approved by board members in attendance.
  - Pat D indicated that Connie Christy has been researching the purchase of an awning for Voter Services. There's one at REI that's polyester and freestanding;

it's 10'x10' and 11' high with steel poles that collapse. It would cost \$180 minus a 10% discount. It would require two people for set-up. Peggy Bruton said she may have one. Darlene Hein also has one she could share for the upcoming event. Purchase was pended until we determine whether Peggy has one that would serve the purpose.

- *General Meeting April 26, 6:30-8:00 pm at Prairie Park in Yelm (R. Peggy Smith):* Board members were asked for questions about county land use, e.g., growth, housing, gophers, etc. Presenters will begin talking at about 6:45 and include Commissioner Edwards and Senior Planner, Jeremy Davis. Cards will be available so that people in the audience can submit their questions in writing. Peggy B noted that the commissioners have contacted Fish and Wildlife about contesting protection of pocket gophers as an endangered species.
- *Annual Meeting (Ruth Harms):*
  - *Ruth shared the draft agenda*, much of which is required.
    - Public Relations added.
    - Karen V noted that the annual minutes are approved by Board rather than membership.
    - R. Peggy suggested that we help new and old members get to know each other at the meeting, e.g., small groups that combine new and old members and name tags that show when people joined. Darlene can bring a list that shows when people joined.
    - President's report-year in review with pop-ups.
    - Committee reports-options were discussed for encouraging committee involvement.
  - *Proposed Study:* Pat D proposes that we do a study of the criminal justice system in Thurston County; a motion was approved to take this proposal to the membership at the annual meeting.
  - *Budget:* Karen V reported the Proposed General Operating Budget for 2017-2018.
    - The proposed budget assumes that we will request \$3,500 in advance from the Ed Fund to cover the costs of the Ed Fund Luncheon.
    - It also assumes \$1,600 in donations, \$600 in grants, \$2,000 from the Treasure Sale/Silent Auction and \$2,274 in prior year funds for a total of \$17,394 in income. (After payments to state and national and Pay Pal, an estimated \$2,600 in dues income is expected.)
    - *NOTE: after discussions, a proposed budget was agreed to by the executive committee. This version reduces estimated donations and transfer funds as well as some operating expenses, e.g., meeting expenses and travel. This proposed budget will be presented to members at the annual meeting and assumes \$14,984 in income (including the advance from the Ed Fund) and \$14,984 in expenses. Thanks to Karen V for many hours of work on the proposed budget!*
  - *Bylaws (Allyson):* clean-up/corrections are proposed by the board; these will need to be ratified by members at the annual meeting.
  - *Nominating Committee (Mary Moore):* Phyllis Farrell, Bronwyn Vincent, Valerie Hammett, and Pat D:

- Sandra Herndon-Secretary
- Peggy Murphy-Treasurer
- Shelley Ferrer-Director
- Annie Cubberly-Director

### **Future Planning**

- *June 2-4 State Convention (Pat Dickason):* LWVTC can send five delegates plus the president; Pat will send email to the membership asking who wants to be a delegate.

The meeting was adjourned 1:15 pm