

**LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY**  
**Family Support Center Meeting Room**  
**State and Capitol, Olympia**  
**BOARD AGENDA**  
**March 16, 2017, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm**

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 am by Pat Dickason, President. Directors in attendance included: Pat Dickason, Karen Tvedt (secretary), Peggy Murphy (treasurer), Peggy Bruton, Dawn Gibbs, Valerie Hammett, Darlene Hein, Paula Holroyd, R. Peggy Smith and Karen Verrill. Allyson Brooks and Ruth Harms were absent. Connie Christy attended as Voter Services chair.

The February 16 Board **minutes** were accepted with minor corrections to clarify that the Board voted to use funds from the LWVTC Education Fund to support activities of TCTV as well as the Second Annual Climate Action Convention.

Peggy Murphy is still working with our accountant on producing **financial reports** with line items consistent with our budget. A committee is working with Peggy on this, recognizing the need to provide a financial report and proposed budget at our annual meeting in May. Pat D agreed to ask Betty Tabbutt if she would be willing to assist with this effort.

**Updates**

- ***Blinzapalozza*** (*Pat Dickason*): We applied for funds from Blinzapalozza, and will receive \$250 to support voter service activities. Volunteers are needed to help with sorting books this Sunday, March 19 from 1-3. Darlene Hein and Pat D volunteered to help. Darlene will do a certificate of appreciation to Temple Beth Hatfiloh.
- ***Newsletter***: R Peggy Smith will serve as newsletter editor (thanks much!). Caroline will produce the newsletter. The plan is to issue a newsletter on March 23, 2017. Items to be included (other items welcomed):
  - President's Message: what we have been doing
  - Review of March events; observer corps
  - Annual convention
  - Calendar; other events of interest
  - Welcome to new members; in the future, we will spotlight specific members
- ***General Meeting***: Port of Olympia, March 22. Allyson Brooks is coordinating and will facilitate. Dawn Gibbs will do the welcome/sign-in table. Connie Hein, Rob Kirkwood and Pat D will help with set-up including water for speakers, table cloth (Karen V will provide).
- ***Climate Conference*** (*Pat Dickason*): Climate Conference 3/25-have 4 registrations for people who are willing to table; Pat D, Karen V, Peggy Bruton (already has registration), and Paula Holroyde. Pat D will ask Mary Moore about attending.

- **Coffee with the League** (*Paula Holroyde*): Paula explained that this drop-in event is planned for Tuesday mornings (10-11 am) at Bayview Market during the legislative session (monthly after the session ends). It is intended as an open door for people to talk about issues. There will be the opportunity for specific asks. Notice of this event went to members and supporters. There was some discussion about alternative venues.
- **Civic Education Bill** (*Karen Verrill*): This bill (HB 1896) is focused on civic education training for teachers (with OSPI). Laurie Dolan is the prime sponsor; it may end up being attached to a larger education bill. The curriculum would be based on the League's, *The State We're In* and would implement a requirement instituted in 2009. Funds would be included for administration.
- **Feedback on Hidden Costs of Poverty meeting**: There was general agreement that this meeting was well received. Pat indicated that she wished it had been televised by TCTV.
- **Meeting with Commissioner Bud Blake**: This meeting was well-attended. Board members noted that the Commissioner took control of the meeting and wouldn't respond to a question about climate change. Robin Campbell's participation was appreciated.

### Committee Reports

- **Membership** (*Darlene Hein*): membership work has moved from Dawn Gibbs to Darlene; forms are being redone. **Goals** include: increasing membership; ensuring that people are informed about what the league is doing; engaging people in volunteering-here's what needs to be done (expectations); getting people to work on committees. Suggestions:
  - Karen V-new member breakfast; orientation?
  - Darlene-after annual meeting, new members will be called; perhaps in combination with meetings Paula H is organizing.
  - Something to engage younger working people? R Peggy; needs to be more social. Possibly a quarterly evening event at the Spar?
- **Voter Services** (*Connie Christy*): committee members were emailed. Connie is hoping to do a meeting within the next couple of week to involve brainstorming and getting people to choose what they want to concentrate on; e.g., swearing in ceremonies, voter forums, tag committee members on website.
- **Observer Corps** (*Pat Dickason*): the observer corps is launched and people are out there observing; report from Carol Goss about her observation at the City of Olympia. Include reports in newsletter (links to website?). Paula: still some blank spots in coverage of community agencies. Observers should wear their league button to identify themselves.
- **Communications**: website training was held yesterday; Caroline is willing to do training again, perhaps next month at SPSCC. Need to distribute TRY's

### Future Planning (*Pat Dickason*)

- **Annual Meeting**: planning group needed (Pat D, Ruth H, Darlene); date not yet set; looking for place (Friends Meeting Hall?).

- **Nominating Committee:** Phyllis Farrell, Mary Moore, and Bronwyn Vincent (off-board reps); need two people from the Board-Valerie and Ruth H? (Pat D will ask.)
- **Summer Meetings/Activities:**
  - Try to get a general meeting scheduled for September. Possibilities discussed were: implications of changes to ACA for Washington State (Insurance Commissioner? Education Fund Luncheon?); Inconvenient Truth 2.0-Pat D will explore.
  - Board meetings...the Board voted to meet in June, take July off and then have its retreat in August.
  - Need to recruit some folks for the treasure sale workgroup---Peggy, Marilyn, Gail G-coordinate? Pat D will contact. (Karen Tvedt indicated that while she is unable to coordinate this year, she will share information with the committee and support their activities. It is important to have active involvement of the Board and other League members.)
- **Board Meetings:** For further discussion...Pat D indicated that we need a different structure for Board meetings that includes more time for reflection/being generative.

The meeting was adjourned 1:10 pm