

League of Women Voters Thurston County

Board Meeting, September 20, 2017

Minutes

Present: Pat Dickason, Darlene Hein, Ruth Harms, Annie Cubberly, Shelley Ferer, Marilyn Zuckerman Funk, Connie Christy, Julie Frick, Peggy Murphy, Sandra Herndon

Excused: RPeggy Smith, Phyllis Farrell **Guest:** Paula Holroyde

President Pat Dickason called the meeting to order at 11:30am.

After introductions, the meeting began.

Board appoints new Director.

Ruth M/S/P to appoint a new director: Julie Frick.

Minutes/Financials—Review Budget Report

Annie M/S/P to approve the minutes for June 21 and the notes for the retreat for August 4.

The budget report for July 1-August 31 was reviewed and clarified, along with the Education Fund budget.

Committee Reports

Membership. Darlene reported on plans for the Member Handbook/Directory which will no longer have member addresses included. Sue Bredensteiner is working with Darlene to ensure that each member has only the information s/he prefers (exact name, email address, phone number/s, etc.). The plan agreed upon at the retreat to change the dues and due date will require a By-Laws change; Pat will ask RPeggy to assist with drafting suitable language to be approved at the annual meeting. In the meantime, Darlene M/S/P will invite all members to begin pro-rating their dues now if they are willing, which would reduce their dues until June. Membership s would then all be due at the annual meeting, making it a easier both for individual and for the membership committee.

TRY brochures will be prepared in November as a separate brochures as has been usually done. The handbook will not include the calendar. Darlene will check the existing membership dues envelopes to see if/when we need to develop a new one which should make choices clearer.

Membership committee is planning to coordinate quarterly new member events as a social/welcome (with all members invited). Pat will work with Darlene to confirm a date to use 123 4th Ave meeting room.

Darlene and Marilyn reported on the WA/OR LWV Membership-Leadership-Development conference they attended in Portland. Some ideas for developing leadership they brought back include the following: Have a leadership team for the board, perhaps rotating who chairs the meetings; engage

more people in small tasks; use a survey of member interest (e.g., voter registration, etc.); investigate the need for a volunteer coordinator (who would sit on the board).

Voter services.

Candidate Forum. Connie asked for a volunteer to take a few photos at the Candidate Forum for Robert to use; Marilyn volunteered Bill Funk. Connie and Sandra are providing most of the food for lunch that day, September 23, and Julie offered to bring fruit. Questions were raised about our knowledge of the usefulness of the forum—how many people view the interviews, and how can we find out? How do we publicize the forum for viewers—where and when? Once we have the link from TCM, Annie will post it on Facebook and arrange for periodic postings. Pat will ensure that *The Olympian* announces how to access the interviews. We will post on our website also. Is that adequate?

Voter registration. Sandra reported on LWV voter registration plans for National Voter Registration Day on Tuesday, Sept. 26. Each board member was given a flyer to post in visible locations which will list our name and four locations (LWV: Capital Mall, Olympia Library, Tumwater Library, and Jubilee). Connie, Ruth, and Sandra respectively will coordinate these registration locations (and Cathy Cochran will handle Jubilee) where we have three shifts with two people at each (including help from Unitarian-Universalist Congregation, and Olympia Indivisible). Other groups doing voter registration on and around that date include the Auditor's office (some grocery stores, educational institutions), Asian Pacific Islanders (at a variety of locations on other dates), Olympia Indivisible (focusing on Providence Community Care Center downtown and also Lacey Library).

In the future we need to consider having three subcommittees (under Voter Services): candidate forum, voter registration, and working with high school civics teachers to get students registered in advance.

Coffee with League. Paula Holroyde reported that Coffee with League which began March 14 has met weekly at 10am for 27 times, now at Phoebe's Café with a weekly topic. The purpose is for people to share ideas and ways to share their positions with elected officials. Paula hopes to develop relationships with other like-minded nonprofit organizations to develop collaborative actions. Board members encouraged cooperation with other groups as long as they are nonpartisan.

Action Workshop 11/18 (co-sponsor w/Mason League). Paula also reported on the Action Workshop (9:30-3pm at United Churches) which Amy Davis of Mason chair will chair and Paula will facilitate. Pat signed a MOU with State Office regarding shared costs and responsibilities with Mason League. Karen Fraser will speak about the Hirst decision; Sam Hunt has been invited to provide the Welcome. Paula is investigating if Thurston Community Media will tape it. Cost is \$25 which includes breakfast pastries, sandwich lunch and desserts.

Education Fund Lunch 10/28. Ruth asked for table captains to populate a table (8 per table, or 4 for half a table)—everyone signed up, with details to follow. Speaker is WA Solicitor General Noah Purcell. Special awards will be given to Brad Shannon, *The Olympian* Editorial Page Editor, and Meg Martin, Program Director, Interfaith Works Emergency Overnight Shelter. People can register for the event and pay via Pay Pal at our website lwvthurston.org/calendar.

Adult Criminal Justice Study. Pat reported that the study group is moving along with lots of people. The study is being co-chaired by Steve Tilley, new LWV member.

Future Planning

Banner at RAC. The group agreed not to renew the banner (\$350 per year).

January-April Programs (who is leading?). The group supported the idea to find a date for a meeting before the election and invite Auditor Mary Hall as a guest. Marilyn Funk is coordinating this. Annie will lead the January meeting on Public Lands. Darlene will lead the February meeting on Mental Health. Phyllis and Marilyn will lead the March meeting on Climate Change. The April program is open.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Herndon, Secretary