

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Family Support Center Meeting Room
State and Capitol, Olympia
BOARD MINUTES, 10/18/2017

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

Excused: Phyllis Farrell **Guest:** Paula Holroyde and Maureen Canny

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

After introductions, the meeting began.

Minutes/Financials—Review Budget Report

Sandra M/S/P to approve the minutes for September 20.

The budget report for September was reviewed and clarified; Julie M/S/P to accept the report.

Discussion re: Possible Strategic Planning Meeting in January

There was discussion about whether there is a need for prioritizing, focusing, planning—something more than the planning already normally done. In general, the group did not see a need for an additional meeting but discussed being more aware of when we may be adding more tasks to the board (without removing any, and without ensuring that other members are engaged in implementing those tasks).

Discussion re: Proposed *Intercultural Competency Initiative*

The committee (RPeggy, Shelley, and Sandra) reported on the meeting with the YWCA ICI team and answered questions about the initiative. Engaging in this activity would require 15-20 League members (a combination of board and other members, as an Equity Leadership Group) for a commitment of at least 18 months to engage in individual and group activities to increase awareness of other cultures and diverse organizations in the community, and thereby increase the League's ability to work with diverse groups and across cultural differences—aimed at greater League effectiveness, equity, and success. An anonymous League donor has offered to pay for the initiative as a Local League Project funded through the Ed Fund. After discussion, 8 members voted in favor of proceeding with the next step; 4-5 board members committed to being part of the Equity Leadership Group, assuming at least a sufficient number of members (board and other) also agree to join.

Committee Reports

Education Fund Lunch 10/28. Ruth reported that 83 have signed up (some have paid on PayPal, some with check, some will pay at the door) with a maximum of 100. Caroline Metzger will help volunteers (Peggy, Darlene, Annie, and Judy Barnes) handle payments at the door via smartphone.

Action Workshop 11/18 (co-sponsor w/Mason League). Paula provided copies of the agenda and asked for volunteers to help set up and especially to clean up (after groups have gone on the tour of the Capitol). Members can sign up and pay online for the workshop at LWVWA website.

Membership. Darlene provided an update on progress on the directory. Committee members are Marilyn, Paula, and Sue Bredensteiner. Directory information will be available at the lunch for members to check.

Voter services. Connie reported on the forum efforts thus far. She is able to see a count on YouTube videos but no way to check on TV viewing—it's very difficult to get a clear sense of how many people see the forum videos, and also hard to get information about the YouTube links out for wide distribution. She and Sandra will do a fuller evaluation of both the forum and voter registration efforts after the election.

Communications—Voter. RPeggy reiterated the need for a new editor and/or new efforts to get more people involved in providing content. That led to a discussion of how best to reach people more generally—there seems to be a need for a centralized source for messages to avoid errors and overload. Problem remained unresolved.

Coffee with League: *Portrait of a Vibrant County: A Proposal for the Thurston County LWV.* Maureen Canny and Paula (also Esther Kronenberg and Karen Verrill) presented a proposal for a campaign to increase public participation in the process of decision-making around environmental issues (focusing on water availability and water quality; conservation of ecosystems and special habitat; land use policy and projected population growth). The plan is to create a series of portraits of residents, with text about their vision of the county's future (people from a variety of viewpoints and organizations) with a brief text on each photo (and the LWV logo as sponsor), funded by the Ed Fund. Annie M/S/P to approve this project. Discussion included ways to ensure clear focus on issues (not partisan concerns) and clarification of League positions already taken on environmental issues.

Adult Criminal Justice Study. Pat reported that the study group will be moving ahead soon. The study is being co-chaired by Steve Tilley, new LWV member.

Future Planning

Holiday Party. Marilyn agreed to take the lead, with plans for meeting at 123 4th Ave W meeting room.

Member Interaction Opportunities. It was suggested that there could be a way to have member interaction time (business meeting items also?) half an hour before the community meetings.

Committee Templates (Directions)...?

(FYI--Community Meetings at Olympia Center room reservations: Room A—1/23, 2/27, 3/20, 4/17—all from 6:30-9:30.)

January-April Programs 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 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Herndon, Secretary