

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Family Support Center Meeting Room
State and Capitol, Olympia
BOARD MINUTES, 12/20/2017

Present: Pat Dickason, Darlene Hein, Ruth Harms, Annie Cubberly, Shelley Ferer, Marilyn Zuckerman Funk, Julie Frick, Peggy Murphy, RPeggy Smith, Connie Christy, Sandra Herndon
Excused: Phyllis Farrell **Guest:** Esther Kronenberg

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

Several people brought refreshments.

Minutes/Financials—Review Budget Report

Marilyn M/S/P to approve the minutes for November 15.

The budget report for October was reviewed and accepted by consent.

Intercultural Competency Initiative—Next Steps

Shelley, Sandra, and RPeggy have sent Pat an announcement to send to all members shortly after Christmas and then again after New Year's to encourage other people to participate. Thus far there are eight (six board members and two others who responded to a targeted email from Pat).

Committee Reports

Portrait of a Vibrant County Project. Esther K. provided a progress report on completion of the photos and plans for placing around town as soon as possible. Discussion included the need to consider having someone on retainer who could be called upon to assist with technical issues including photography.

Education Fund Lunch Report. Ruth reported that 125 people attended, the largest attendance yet. And the income from the silent auction, the ticket donations, and the request for additional donations resulted in the biggest total ever. She emphasized the need for a having a team of 8-10 people and also the need to explore other venues (we filled the space to capacity).

Membership. Darlene reported that pro-rated renewal letters have brought in a good number of renewals for the transition to the fiscal year model. Current membership stands at 138. An editing team of Marilyn, Julie, and Pat will review the new directory/handbook which should be ready for distribution in late January.

Holiday Party 12/14. Marilyn that approximately 50 people attended, and everyone agreed it was a success.

Communications—Voter. RPeggy for contributions of articles to the next issue. Shelley agreed to prepare an overview and to check with Lobby Team members about writing short pieces on their area of expertise.

Adult Criminal Justice Study. Pat announced that the group will be put on hold in favor of focusing attention on the 2018 elections, the outcome of which could have some effect on the topic.

January General Meeting Update. Annie announced plans to hold a pre-meeting event with the speaker (she will contact Ben Moore's for possible use of their back room 5-7pm). RPeggy indicated that she was also hoping to have a small-group gathering beforehand, so the two can be combined.

Future Planning

Program Planning. Pat discussed the request from LWVUS for program planning submissions. In January Pat will be sending out an invitation for people to meet informally in February to develop ideas and prepare a response to LWVUS.

Coordination with YWCA on GOTV (Get Out the Vote). Coco Chang from the YWCA wants to collaborate with the League in efforts to encourage young voters to actually vote. Pat, Connie, and Sandra will develop ideas to respond.

Other—There was discussion of having Community Meetings at other county venues, particularly Yelm, potentially for the February meeting.

TRY update needs several people to work on getting updated information for those offices which have changed.

The need for tech support was mentioned for a variety of topics. Discussion focused on finding someone to fill that need, perhaps a student who could use the work for a project, or a list of people we could call on when needed.

January-April Programs Update. Community Meetings are at 7pm Olympia Center ; room reservations are for Room A—1/23, 2/27, 3/20, 4/17—all rooms open from 6:30-9:30.

Meeting was adjourned at 1:20pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Herndon, Secretary