

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Family Support Center Meeting Room
State and Capitol, Olympia
BOARD MINUTES, 1/17/2018

Present: Pat Dickason, Darlene Hein, Ruth Harms, Shelley Ferer, Phyllis Farrell, Peggy Murphy, RPeggy Smith, Connie Christy, Sandra Herndon

Excused: Annie Cubberly, Julie Frick, Marilyn Zuckerman Funk **Guest:** Barb Scavezze

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

The agenda was approved with additions: Shelley asked the board to consider going in with the Lobby Team on obtaining tech support for using Go To Meeting. Phyllis requested that the board get a regular report from Coffee with the League. Darlene asked if the League can help with the Home Fund, a proposed sales tax increase to support housing and housing related options on the 2/13 ballot.

Minutes/Financials—Review Budget Report

Minutes for December 20, 2017, were approved by consensus. There was no budget report.

Intercultural Competency Initiative—Update

Pat has sent out a final call for participation (as of 4pm later today, there are 17 people signed up.) The next step will be to have a meeting of all participants to become acquainted.

Committee Reports

Portrait of a Vibrant County Project. Esther K. has asked if we would support printing a few letter-size portraits; the board agreed. The board would like to know from her where the portraits are posted around town.

Membership. Darlene reported that the directory is almost completed and will be ready to mail shortly. Membership updates to LWVUS are being finalized. A new-member gathering will be scheduled later when the schedule permits.

Communications—Voter. Deadline for February VOTER is Sat., Jan. 27, 6pm.

RPeggy requested the following items: Pres. message and Program Planning announcement from Pat. Report on January meeting from Annie. Invitation and information article on February meeting from Phyllis or Marilyn. Don't Forget to Vote Notice from Connie. Legislative or Action item from....? List of new members' names from Darlene. Website hints and hidden treasures from RPeggy. Calendar listings from all. Members are urged to read LWV-TC website, TWIL, and Legislative Newsletter regularly.

Elections, Voter Registration—Review of 2017 Work. Connie and Sandra summarized Voter Services activities (forum and voter registration) and made the following recommendations. They (Connie and Sandra) will continue to work on scheduled forums with a small planning committee (and individual tasks to be assigned for each event). They will not be handling voter registration with these two recommendations: Scale back and collaborate on Voter Registration Day with other organization(s), and focus more heavily on GOTV (Get Out The Vote).

January General Meeting Update. Darlene, Connie, and Shelley offered to help Annie with room set-up (Olympia Center Room A) prior to the 7pm start time. At 5:30 there will be a dinner at Ben Moore's; Pat will send out a message to all members.

February Public Meeting Briefing. Phyllis--Climate Change.

March Public Meeting. Darlene--mental health services update.

April Public Meeting. Sandra—civility. Sandra will enlist a planning team to make arrangements. The board agreed to focus this meeting on “Communicating Effectively with Elected Officials” and to invite a panel of current and former officials: County Commissioner (Gary Edwards?), Port Commissioner (EJ Zita?), former elected official Karen Fraser.

Request and announcement. Barb Scavezze of Citizen Climate Lobby requested LWV-TC support for a carbon fee and divided proposal (in line with League position in support of carbon tax). It was agreed that because this is a national effort, support should originate through LWVUS. She also announced the third South Sound Climate Action Convention on April 14 at SPSCC Lacey campus and asked for League sponsorship. The Board will consider at our February meeting.

Future Planning

Review Planning Calendar. Pat provided a draft calendar for January through May with some dates yet to be determined after January.

Program Planning. Sat., Feb. 17, 9am-1pm, was set for a meeting to develop program ideas to submit to LWVUS. Pat will send out an invitation to all members to attend. Pat, Phyllis, Darlene, and Shelley will develop the details.

Possible Work on Voter Turnout. The board agreed to place a greater emphasis on GOTV (GetOutTheVote).

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 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Herndon, Secretary