

Minutes of the League of Women Voters of Thurston County  
2/21/2018, 11:30am-1:30pm

Present: President Pat Dickason, Vice-President Ruth Harms, Treasurer Peggy Murphy, Shelley Ferer, Darlene Hein, R. Peggy Smith, Phyllis Farrell, Julie Frick, Marilyn Zuckerman-Funk.

Excused: Sandra Herndon, Annie Cubberly, Connie Christy.

Shelley Ferer will take notes in the absence of Secretary Sandra Herndon.

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

After introductions, the agenda was approved by consent. Public meetings were discussed first so Darlene Hein could leave early.

Public Meeting updates: Phyllis Farrell reported that arrangements for the 2/27 general meeting are complete. Phyllis will be the moderator. Darlene Hein is planning the March meeting on the topic of mental health. She has three presenters lined up. Sandra Herndon is planning the April meeting on civility. R. Peggy Smith volunteered to help and they request that more members volunteer.

Financial Report: The Ed. Fund financial statement was accepted: M/S/P. The General Fund financial report was approved: M/S/P.

R. Peggy Smith reported that the IC Foundations initial meeting is scheduled for March 5, 2018 at 123 4th Ave. activity room, 6:30pm-8:30pm.

The 3rd annual Climate Action Conference will be on Saturday, April 14, 2018.

The motion was made to approve \$500 support expenditure: M/S/P.

Governor Inslee may be the keynote speaker. Rep. Doglio and Sen. Hunt will be closing speakers. The conference will be held at the Lacey campus of SPSCC. An expenditure of \$100 for scholarships was M/S/P.

The Membership Directory was distributed.

Membership Brochure: A motion to explore re-doing the brochure was seconded and passed.

The Voter: R. Peggy Smith reported that the deadline for submissions is Monday, February 26 2018. Darlene Hein will profile new members and Shelley Ferer will write an article about the Thurston Conservation District.

Conservation District candidate forum: The forum was attended by 60 people. The voting method for the election needs to be reformed. The League needs to find out how many citizens voted to further the goal.

Program planning: Seventeen members participated. Julie Frick will wordsmith the recommendations. The deadline is 2/28/2018.

Mentoring program: Proposal to table discussion of mentoring Lewis County as requested by LWV-WA President Ann Murphy until the next meeting M/S/P.

Art of Hosting workshop: M/S/P to fund tuition to send Shelley Ferer.

Future Planning: The annual meeting will be May 17, 2018 at the Quaker Meeting House from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Pat Dickason will make the reservation. Revising the by-laws is on the agenda; Darlene Hein will develop dues revision to present. R. Peggy Smith suggested that the WA state Director of VA be the keynote speaker.

Darlene Hein and Shelley Ferer **are** Board member volunteers for the nominating committee. Mary Moore, Bronwyn Vincent, and Elyette Weinstein were appointed members at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

Ed. Fund luncheon: October 20th, 2018 was set as a tentative date. The board needs to assemble a planning committee and choose a keynote speaker.

March for Our Lives: Julie Frick suggests the board should sponsor the March. The state and national boards must approve first.

TRY directory: Pat Dickason ordered 3500 of them from the printer. Board members will distribute them.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Shelley Ferer