

**League of Women Voters of Thurston County**  
**Minutes, Board meeting, October 3, 2018 1:30-3:30pm**

Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, 2315 Division St. NW, Olympia 98502

**Present:** Sandra Herndon, Mary Moore, Annie Cubberly, Cynthia Pratt, Shelley Ferer, Julie Frick, Valerie Hammett, Zena Hartung, Sue Bredensteiner, Connie Christy, Paula Holroyde & Carol Goss

**1. Call to order** - President Sandra Herndon called the meeting to order at 1:40pm

**Warm-up - Keeping it light**

Annie led us in a fun game taking turns in pairs saying a word each. As teams continue taking turns around the table, they try to each say a word that in some way relates to the previous team's words. In explaining the game, Annie assured us that we will make mistakes (which we did). Inevitable when we try new things.

**2. Agenda review, announcements**

Sandra Herndon

- League members are invited to a State Bank Forum on **Tuesday, October 9th, 7-9pm at the University of Washington's Kane Hall**, sponsored by the Senate State Bank Caucus. The Forum will examine the proposal to establish a publicly owned state depository institution here in Washington. If league members are interested in attending the forum or participating in a study group about a state bank, please contact Linden Bentley, LWVBF Public Bank Research Committee at [benticott@yahoo.com](mailto:benticott@yahoo.com)
- Volunteers are needed to canvas for Initiative 1631. This initiative proposes to reduce pollution by investing in clean air, clean energy, clean water, healthy forests, and healthy communities by imposing a fee on large emitters based on their pollution. Contact Ari Simmons at [ari@yeson1631.org](mailto:ari@yeson1631.org) Training and materials will be provided before hitting the streets.
- Sue shared two good news items:

-A renewing member who incorrectly paid her dues twice, donated her second membership fee toward Voter Services.

-At Marilyn Zuckerman's memorial celebration, a long-time friend and league member from California instinctively found her way to M's table of league colleagues. Seems that we naturally discover others with corresponding values and interests. She noted that the folks she was meeting at the reception that day were all "one of them" types—those who go above and beyond! Sue enlarged on that, saying "everyone on the current LWV-TC board was a "one of them"!"

- Discussion ensued assessing the supplies of league stationery, including thank-you cards, envelopes and other materials. We currently have an adequate amount in stock.

**3. Consent agenda for approval**

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Carol Goss

Minutes were approved by all with 2 minor corrections.

**4. Financial report, budget requests**

Cynthia Pratt

- Cynthia reported that income has improved and is at 92% since dues were increased earlier this year from \$60.00 to 75.00.
- Mary raised the question of giving receipts after donations of items for the silent auction. Because of 2017 tax changes, receipts are not given because of the high threshold of eligibility for tax credits.

- Cynthia reported that a league member donated \$1,000 anonymously to the EdFund.
- Zena asked why no income was reported in September from the Ed Fund luncheon registration. Cynthia and others explained that there's lag time between receiving the registrations and seeing them in financial reports, due to sending them to the State league office for processing.
- GOTV budget plan – Pat Dickason submitted a request to reimburse her purchase of supplies for Get Out The Vote projects. Projects includes a “How To Vote” YouTube video demonstrating steps of voting for first time voters, printing postcards, postage and other supplies motivating voters between the ages of 18-25 to vote. Sue moved that we accept the GOTV project proposal up to \$1,533.10. All approved. The board particularly appreciated the ability to track the effectiveness of the post cards project. Voter Services will work closely with the Auditor’s office to track results and will get information included as part of the final report for the Ed Fund money. Itemized receipts for these expenses will be submitted prior to reimbursement. Expenditures need prior approval before spending is approved. The board identified expectations for a new Integrated Voter Services effort starting next year:
  - 1) the board endorses Pat and Connie to work with a small group to develop a new plan for Voter Services which will include all the components (voter registration, forum, GOTV, etc.) targeted for presentation to the board for early 2019
  - 2) and a proposed EdFund budget plan for the integrated Voter Services with all the components identified.

## 5. Committee reports

### a. Voter services—update on Voter Registration and Candidate Forum Connie Christy

GOTV (GetOutTheVote) update: In addition to the “How To Vote” YouTube video and postcard projects, Voter Services conducted a candidate forum on Saturday, 9/29. Connie disseminated LWV magnets and stickers during the board meeting as she described other voter-related activities. She facilitated voter registration events on National Voter Registration Day 9/23 through the Timberland Lacey and Tumwater branches, resulting in 28 voter registrations. Voter coloring books and tiny individual packs of crayons were distributed to young children accompanying their parents during voter registration. More volunteers are needed to perform all GOTV tasks.

### b. Communication—Voter, Facebook, website

Sue Bredensteiner & Annie Cubberly

- Sandra reported for RPeggy, who manages the website. While the LWVTC website is comprehensive, it is underutilized. More exploration to maximize use needs to occur.
- Connie reported that a link to the YouTube video with all sessions from the Candidate Forum shown on Thurston Community Media (channel 22) studio is being developed, and plans for it to go onto the league website soon.
 

**\*\*10/7 update:** The forums are now available via the TCM Youtube available via this link: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCK6UEr3S-LIRNixSrxI8SRQ> Sue will include the link to the forums in the October issue of the *Voter*. Finding a specific program through Channel 22 is difficult because a schedule of programming is not available except the day of airing. Having the link via the *Voter* and the league website will allow more access to viewing.
- Sue asked us to submit articles for the October *Voter* by 10/10. That issue will be sent to members on 10/15. Facebook articles go to Annie. If you use Facebook, please remember to “Like” what you’re reading). Annie reported that when posting articles, adding pictures or video footage with text creates more interest for readers.
- Annie will also send brief descriptions to *The Voter* of initiatives 1631 (previously described under announcements); 1639 (raises the minimum purchase age from 18 to 21 for semi-automatic rifles, establishes new safe-storage rules and requires safety training before buying any kind of gun or rifle) & 940 (measure would require law enforcement to receive violence de-escalation training).

**c. Ed Fund Luncheon update**

Julie Frick

Nathaniel Jones (League member, City of Olympia Mayor Pro Tem) is the emcee for the luncheon. Many great items have been donated to the silent auction. A meal count is due to the Indian Summer Golf & Country Club venue by October 12<sup>th</sup>. There are plenty of spaces left to register for the Ed Fund Luncheon – help the word out to sign up.

**d. Membership/MELD/Roster**

Sue Bredensteiner, Valerie Hammett & Shelley Ferer

- Membership Chair, Valerie H. reported the membership is now at 143. A New Member reception is planned for 5:30pm, Weds. 10/17 at Valerie’s home.
- Roster Manager Sue B. sent the new Membership List 9PDFP to the Board on Monday, 10/1. She reported that she continues to reconcile and update the NationBuilder, Mail Chip and National Salesforce Lists.
- Shelley F. wears two hats; one as MELD chair and the other as volunteer coordinator. As volunteer coordinator, she refers new members to various committees and projects when they use the website button under Volunteer Opportunities. Shelley also monitors the League's Google email account. The address is lwvthurston.org.

**6. Events, programs, etc.**

**a. Update on Coffee with the League**

Paula Holroyde

Paula reported that there were 27 attendees at the last Coffee with the League. Mary Hall (Thurston County Assessor) presented information about the painstaking process of securing mail in votes. Amy Davis (LWV Mason County and Lobby Team Member) introduced Coffee with the Leaguers to the issues she is responsible to represent in the Legislature. Amy will concentrate on workers’ rights, legislation about workplaces, and juvenile justice; her colleagues Cynthia Stewart (LWV-PC) on homelessness, and affordable We are trying to strengthen the LWV Lobby Team with more issue-oriented interested members.

**b. Water Study** is moving along. The group has met with members from the Conservation District. It seems the more information that is discovered, the more complex issues become. Narrowing the scope of the update will examine the Hirst fix. EJ Zita’s masters students at Evergreen State College may be utilized to research relevant topics to the Water Study

**c. Update on events Oct.-Dec.\* (additional info below re: Nov/Dec)**

Mary Moore & Zena Hartung

- Meet the Candidates reception was held Monday, 10/1. Approximately 30 candidates and league members attended. Friendly discussion was augmented by using the Meeting Room at the 123 on 4<sup>th</sup> building, snacks and beverages. Overall, a successful event!
- November – Be thankful (no program)
- December 3<sup>rd</sup> 5:30-7:00pm Holiday Party at Meeting Room at the 123 on 4<sup>th</sup> building

**7. Long-range planning; refined job descriptions**

Mary Moore

The board will need to schedule a special meeting to address this issue.

**8. Adjourned at 3:40pm.**

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Goss, Secretary