League of Women Voters of Thurston County  
Minutes, Board meeting, May 1, 2019 1:30-3:30pm  
Olympia Unitarian Universalist Church, 2315 Division St. NW, Olympia 98502

Present: Sandra Herndon, Mary Moore, Shelley Ferer, Cynthia Pratt, Sue Bredensteiner, Paula Holroyde, Julie Frick and Carol Goss  
Absent: Annie Cubberly, Connie Christy, Zena Hartung & Valerie Hammett  
Guests: Tony Wilson, Friends of Rocky Prairie,  
Incoming board members -Gail Gosney Wrede and R.Peggy Smith and Karen Tvedt, Board Observer

Call to order- Meeting called by Sandra at 1:15 pm

Shared lunch/snack items. Thanks to all for making it happen!

As we finished our lunch, Tony Wilson, with Friends of Rocky Prairie presented the board with 2 primary concerns about a proposed project proposal in Rocky Prairie:

1. The Thurston County Commissioners are considering a permitting change in the Maytown site (owned by the Port of Tacoma), allowing the proposal to jump ahead in the docket. This will allow the permit to be front and center for a vote, ahead of other permits.

2. The property changes proposed, is for intermodal storage logistics center i.e. “warehousing.” Large warehouses will be built for commercial trucking and transporting goods. According to FORP, this purpose is non-conforming to the conditions and rules, making the project illegal and unfeasible. Citizens of Thurston County have opposed this proposal because it violates Thurston County Code 20.29.020 (5) any warehousing in Rural Resource Industrial zoning must be within 1/2 mile of the freeway. South County citizens, some longtime residents and some new, have invested substantial funds to acquire and/or maintain rural homes and property (for their horses, llamas, cattle, etc.), away from noise and congestion. Departments of Natural Resources, Wildlife and Ecology have also expressed concerns as it is delicate habitat.

The FORP are asking the LWV-TC for the following:
- Letter to the BoCC outlining the League’s position to protect water and other natural resources
- Attend BoCC meetings to ask them not to make a decision out of order of business, i.e. let this proposal to “jump ahead”

Paula proposed she and Tony meet and outline talking points for speaking and writing opportunities to promote conserving the Rocky Prairie area. Sandra encouraged us to continue to show up at hearings wearing our LWV-TC button and ask questions.

The next Board of Supervisors Meeting is 9:00am May 7th at the County Courthouse Building #1 Room 280.

1. Call to order and announcements  Sandra Herndon

- May 17 Olympic Trials Legacy Committee Luncheon. - Julie Frick
The Luncheon will be held at the Red Lion on Fri, May 17, 2019 from 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM.
The featured speaker will be Jacqueline Hansen, author, two-time marathon world record holder, and women’s division winner of the 1973 Boston Marathon. She will be speaking on the "Right to Run, Right to Vote". The League is a co-sponsor. Please encourage friends and colleagues to order tickets and show up.

- Ed Fund Luncheon – Julie
Reported on the on-going planning for the Ed Fund Luncheon. The date is set – October 26 at Indian Summer, same site as 2018. Keynote speakers under consideration are Supreme Court Justice, Mary Yu, Michelle Gonzales and former WA Governor Chris Gregoire. More to come.
• Coffee with the League – Paula Holroyde
Paula reported that roughly fifteen – twenty attend CwtL every Tuesday. Legislative bills have been dropped and reappeared at the last minute. Members are updated about on-going lawmaking activities and local actions too.

• May 7 Final Water Forum for this year - Paula
The 5th and final of the series is focused on Streams, Salmon and Orca. Annie Cubberly has coordinated speakers Cindy Hansen, Orca Network; Kirsten Harma, Chehalis Basin; Ann Marie Pearce, Thurston County Planning and Gabe Madel, Fish Biologist from WA Dept of Fish & Wildlife. Annie also has 6th grade NOVA Middle School students coming to explain their project around water quality testing. Paula reported that there’s community “chatter” about the water study and looking for the updated study as the outcome of the forums.

• May 11 Suffrage Pageant at Salvation Army – Sandra Herndon
Sue Lean, long time League member is working with others organizing a Silver Tea Pageant presenting a cavalcade of historic milestones celebrating the passage of the 19th amendment, as a run-up to next year’s Centennial. Local community and League members are portraying figures such as Karen Fraser as Elizabeth Cady Stanton (grown-up) and Valerie Hammett (child), Bonnie Jacobs as Susan B Anthony and Shirley Stirling as Abigail Scott Duniway, Mother of Northwest Suffrage.

• May 15 Annual meeting—Please arrive 4:45 to set up/take down after

• June 6-9 Table-top display for LWVWA convention – Carol Goss
Carol has been coordinating preliminary planning with Shirley Stirling (on a display portraying the Olney Sisters story of the 1870 vote in Grand Mound) and with Karen Verrill to include milestones involving the LWV-TC. With the State Convention theme of “Looking Back, Moving Forward,” we can cover a timeline which includes present day 2019. More research and archival review to be done.

3. Approval of minutes for 4-3-19
Cynthia moved and Paula seconded to approve the minutes.

4. Financial report – Cynthia Pratt
Cynthia reported: $185.00 was donated- see below.

February 2019 Bank Balances:
- Checking = $9506.20 (Interest=$0.66 – final)*
- Savings = $4,370.35 (interest=$1.63 - final)
- Burns CD = $2,959.03 (interest=$2.91 - final)

Membership Dues (PayPal & mail):
- April = $1,155.00*
- Year to Date = 10,850.00*

Education Fund:
- April 2019 Ed Fund Account = $9407.86

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5. Committee reports

• Membership and Tech Committees – Sue Bredensteiner
Sue reported she sent the membership roster with 187 members. The Membership Renewal letter was mailed (via USPO) to the membership. It was decided by the Membership Committee to grandfather members joining after January 1, 2019 be included into the 2019-20 membership year and not required to renew in May.
Sue reported that she has been working with Ralph Cumberland (our member techie) tweaking the NationBuilder data base. NationBuilder has some complications making it challenging for the website to work exactly as we would like. Shelley Ferer has explored the idea of identifying our tech needs and suggested we hire a website manager to continue to manage the features of the website and continue to update as software as technology changes along with the various tech needs of the League. There was discussion about having a small group conduct an analysis of our tech needs.

7. Summer events
   Annual Meeting will elect members for open positions. Eight elected board members will appoint four one-year members (as per by-laws)
   Retreat of full new board to outline plans for the year
   Member picnic

The general meeting adjourned at 2:00pm and the Board development discussion began at 2:10 and adjourned 3:50 PM

Minutes respectfully submitted by Carol Goss

May 1st Board Minutes were approved by email on May 10, 2019.