

League of Women Voters of Thurston County
March 10, 2021: 1:30-3:30 pm, via Zoom
Board Meeting Minutes

Present: President Karen Tvedt, Carol Goss, Laurie Craig, Leslie Williamson, Peggy Smith, Julie Frick, Fran Beard, Nathaniel Jones, Shelley Kneip, Tony Wilson

Absent: Gail Wrede, Shari Silverman

Guest: None

Call to Order and Check-in: Karen called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm after informal check-in time. Check-in was talk of COVID-19 vaccinations and such.

Review of Agenda: There were no adjustments to the agenda.

Consent Agenda: The one item on the consent agenda was approved.

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Financial Report: Treasurer, Leslie Williamson, reported that it had been another quiet month. There was a donation to the Education Fund in memory of Barbara Gooding from members of their book group.

Nathaniel m/s/p to accept the Financial Report.

Karen reported that the Executive Committee had decided to contribute \$400 to the Race and Civic Engagement Dialogue on March 27, 2021.

Shelley m/s/p to use \$400 from the Education Fund to cosponsor the Race and Civic Engagement Dialogue.

Budget Committee Update: Leslie noted that the draft budget is similar to last year's. She did touch on some items: the inclusion of expenses and income for an Education Fund Luncheon; a separate line for purchase of *The State We're In* copies; \$500 under Advocacy for DEI & Justice; and a combined technology line with \$2,800. Julie mentioned that she would get more information about timing and anticipated expenditures for the Water Study Update for the final draft.

Committee/Activity Updates:

Bylaws Committee Shelley walked members through the revisions the committee is recommending. There was limited discussion and some suggestions for additional revisions. The changes will be available for review before the April meeting.

Ad Hoc Communications Committee Karen walked members through the report from the committee that she had sent out. The report includes a proposed modification to the LWVTC bylaws related to the Communications Committee along with a suggested purpose and committee composition. The committee's work on investigating a replacement website is such that they would like to get board approval to move ahead with a proposal to present to the membership at the Annual Meeting. Tony outlined the steps that would be taken to prepare such a proposal. It was agreed that we should move ahead with what is needed to decide about a website replacement.

Environmental Reporter for Olympian: Karen reminded members about Brian Hovis' request to add the League as being a supporter in his grant application to support an environmental reporter at the Olympian. Members confirmed that we had agreed to this via email exchange.

Upcoming Events:

Membership Orientation Carol briefed members about the Zoom meeting that will be held on April 8, 2021 from 6 to 8 pm. This will provide orientation for new members and others.

Lacey Cultural Celebration Carol not only talked about the two one-hour sessions we will be presenting at the Lacey Virtual Cultural Celebration on March 27, 2021, she provided a visual preview of our Virtual Table.

Local Government Forum Nathaniel talked about the planning that is going on for the April 28, 2021 forum. There are several confirmed presenters. There was a discussion of the pros and cons of having a webinar style event, which will be considered as the planning goes forward. Peggy volunteered to help process questions for presenters to consider.

The Voter: Laurie mentioned that the upcoming issue is well in the works. She noted that the use of themes for issues has not worked as well as hoped, in the main from people not following through with providing requested articles. There will be a “spotlight on new members” feature in upcoming issues. Shelley suggested the possibility of doing interviews with people who can provide historical perspective about our League’s work.

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion & Justice Update: Carol gave a committee update by noting there will a meeting scheduled soon. Jo’el Roth will be providing a presentation on diversity terminology to start off the meeting. Peggy expressed her disappointment that not as many board members had looked at the website resources for black history month as she had hoped. The next meeting of the Talk about Race Book Group will be held on March 27, 2021, when *A Dream Called Home* by Reyna Grande will be discussed.

Good of the Order: Julie had gotten information about a grant opportunity, but when she pursued it, she found it applied only to activities happening in King County. She continues to be on the look out for possible funding opportunities.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:34 pm.

Submitted by Peggy Smith, Secretary

Approved April 14, 2021