

**League of Women Voters of Thurston County**  
**April 14, 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, Shelley Kneip, Tony Wilson, Gail Wrede, Shari Silverman

**Absent:** Nathaniel Jones

**Guest:** None

**Call to Order and Check-in:** Karen called the meeting to order at 1:32 pm after informal check-in time. During check-in, the group discussed the upcoming state convention to be held electronically from June 24-28, 2021. The Thurston League has nine voting delegates, but all members will be encouraged to attend workshops and caucuses.

**Review of Agenda:** There were no adjustments to the agenda. However, Karen noted that there are a few items that will need action or agreement today in preparation for our annual meeting on May 25, 2021.

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

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**Financial Report:** Treasurer, Leslie Williamson presented the March 31, 2021 Financial Report. There was a brief discussion of the Membership Subsidy expenditures. Carol Goss, Membership Chair, clarified that the Partial Year memberships do not require a subsidy, because they are only active after the LWVUS Membership Date of January 31. The Financial Report was Accepted as presented.

**Let's Talk about DEI & Justice:** Carol began this update by noting that there will be another meeting on April 21, 2021. The first steps, that are still in process, are to build our awareness. One thing that has come to our attention, by way of our participation in the Asian Pacific Islander Coalition Race and Civic

Engagement Dialogue, is the use of “story.” This was, more or less, modeled by Peggy when she talked about having been exposed to racial discord when she was going to the University of Hawaii in the 1960s. Her response to this to try to understand and continue learning about sources of racism.

**Nominating Committee Recommendations:** Karen mentioned that she received a report from Pat Dickason, Nominating Committee Chair, which will also be provided to the membership for the Annual Meeting elections. The following is the slate of nominees that will be presented:

Treasurer - Leslie Williamson  
Secretary - Nathaniel Jones  
2 Year Term - Carol Goss (anticipated to be Membership Committee Chair)  
2 Year Term - Susan Fiksdal (anticipated to be Voter Services Chair)

**Bylaw Changes:** Shelley reported on behalf of the Bylaws Committee, by briefly pointing out the proposed changes. Unlike some of the most recent revisions, a thorough review was conducted. As part of this revision clarifications were recommended and redundancies removed.

**Shelley m/s to approve changes to the Bylaws and forward them to the membership for a vote at the Annual Meeting.**

Discussion of the motion touched on a proposed change that would include the executive board in making decisions about when members may act in the name of the League of Women Voters.

**Peggy m/s/p to amend the motion to leave Article X. Section 4 unchanged, maintaining the President as the person to authorize members to act in the name of the League.**

**Amended motion passed.**

**Program Proposals:** Karen confirmed that three proposals will be sent to the membership at least two weeks before the Annual Meeting. Karen requested that the final positions for member consideration and adoption be sent to her by May 7, 2021 to ensure time to get them to members two-weeks prior to the annual meeting as required by the bylaws.

- Evaluate the Effectiveness of Enhancing Equity Efforts by Thurston County Governments.
- Local Good Governance -- With a Focus on Land Management
- Update of LWVTC Indian Treaty Rights Position

The extension of the Water Study is reflected in the proposed budget that must adopted by the membership. This information also needs to be sent to the membership along with the other proposals.

**Communication Recommendations:** Tony presented on behalf of the ad hoc website committee. He went over the Club Express recommendations. He emphasized that he anticipates that a team of from six to eight members will be responsible for web administration and posting.

**Tony m/s/p that the League of Women Voters of Thurston County adopt the Club Express Builder Pack platform at an initial cost of \$2,420 and a monthly fee of \$24.00, subject to approval of the budget at the annual meeting on May 25, 2021.**

Karen noted that a committee will be formed to work together to coordinate website procedures and practices during the next several months, in preparation for migration to Club Express.

**Proposed 2021-2022 Budget:** Leslie presented the draft 2021-2022 Budgets, which had been revised in a few noted areas from what we reviewed last meeting. During a brief discussion, it was suggested and agreed that an increased amount should be put into the Technology line of the Operating Fund Budget.

**Gail m/s/p to approve the Draft Operating Fund Budget and the Draft Education Fund Budget and forward them to the membership for votes at the Annual Meeting.**

**The Voter:** Shari noted that the May issue of the Voter is well under way. It will focus on the Annual Meeting. She said that she and Laurie would welcome articles, or theme suggestions, for the June issue. It is likely there will be information related to migration to Club Express.

**Good of the Order:** Karen asked for volunteers to help with planning logistics of the Annual Meeting. Julie, Laurie, and Leslie said they would help. Gail noted that the transfer of Voter Services Chair duties to Susan Fiksdal will happen by the end of April. Gail will maintain her Board position through the current Fiscal Year. Karen noted that since the board successfully acted on the items necessary for the annual meeting, a May board meeting will not be required.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 pm.

Submitted by Peggy Smith, Secretary

Board Approved May 18, 2021