

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Family Support Center Meeting Room
State and Capitol, Olympia
BOARD MINUTES 4/18/18

Present: Pat Dickason, Ruth Harms, Peggy Murphy, RPeggy Smith, Darlene Hein, Marilyn Funk, Julie Frick, Annie Cubberly, Shelley Ferer, Connie Christy, Sandra Herndon **Excused:** Phyllis Farrell
Guests: Carol Goss, Mary Moore

President Pat Dickason called the meeting to order at 11:35am.

The agenda was approved with the addition of one item.

Minutes/Financials

Annie M/S/P to approve the minutes and M/S/P to accept the financial report.

Updates

Intercultural Competency Initiative. Sandra reported on the first full meeting with the YWCA consultants who subsequently provided the group with an exhaustive bibliography. The YWCA staff will be preparing a contract for the League to sign as we move into the next phase of the project.

Hosting Workshop. Shelley reported on the *Hosting Workshop* she attended, representing the board. She described the process, and the outcomes which focused on GetOutTheVote and developing alliances, both of which will be useful for our League.

Communications—Voter. RPeggy announced April 25 noon as the deadline for submissions for the next edition, to include items on the annual meeting, membership, June 25 candidate forum, and LWVWA Council. She will begin transitioning with Sue Bredensteiner who has agreed to take over the editorship.

Committee Reports

State League News/Updates. RPeggy reported that the state LWVWA office will be moving and will be announcing a new address. Also the State Council (June 1 – June 3) will be in Richland, WA, with an emphasis on local league training.

Public Meeting 4/17 Review. Sandra reported on an effective meeting with five elected officials as panelists and good audience questions.

Climate Convention Update. Annie and Pat reported on a large and interesting convention with many participants with lots of opportunities to become engaged.

Coffee With the League. Julie reported on this program, now over a year old! The 10-15 core attendees plus others are very active in sending out postcards to legislators on items of significance.

The State We're In Book Launch. Ruth reported that there were approximately 60 people total, including Karen Verrill, coordinator, Jill Severn, author, and two North Thurston high school teachers with their small children. Pat reminded League members who haven't already gotten their copy of the book to take it today and others can get them at the annual meeting.

Future Planning

Member Involvement Proposal. Shelley described ideas for the next board and membership committee to consider, including calling individual members to encourage their attendance and/or participation.

Annual Meeting--May 17th 5:30 – 8:00 Friend’s Meeting House.

Budget Review. Pat led a discussion of the proposed budget for 2018-2019. After review of needed edits, a budget committee (RPeggy, Darlene, Annie, Connie, and Sandra) will develop a final draft to send to Pat for approval at the annual meeting. Pat also proposed that we consider an offer from Cynthia Stewart (of Tacoma-Pierce League) to share the use of her sound system. The group approval further favorable discussion with clarification of a description of the system components.

ByLaws Review. Sandra reviewed the changes proposed by the executive committee and others. After discussion, further editing was agreed-upon—RPeggy M/S/P approval. Sandra will submit a cleaned-up revision for the annual meeting approval.

Proposed Dues Review. Even though at the previous retreat the board approved an increase in membership dues, nevertheless approval is needed at a regular board meeting. Sandra M/S/P to raise the dues to \$75.

Nominating Committee Report. Mary presented a slate of Board nominations as follows:

President: Sandra Herndon

Vice-President: Mary Moore

Secretary (to complete the term of current Secretary Sandra Herndon): Carol Goss

Member—2 years: Valerie Hammett

Member—2 years: Julie Frick

Submitted by nominating committee: Chair Mary Moore, Darlene Hein, Shelley Ferer, Elyette Weinstein, Bronwyn Vincent.

Education Fund Luncheon. Julie reported that the luncheon will be Oct 20th at Indian Summer Country Club. The contract being drawn up requires a \$381.93 deposit and provides for a minimum of 90 people (last year there were 125+) at \$16 per plate for a guarantee of \$1440 and allowing for far more to attend. Mary reported that Nathaniel Jones will be the emcee. Kim Wyman, Secretary of State, has been invited to speak, yet to be confirmed.

TRY brochures. Pat gave a distribution update and requested that people help distribute the remaining 900 copies—some will be brought to the annual meeting as well.

NOW. Darlene reported that the local chapter of the National Organization for Women will be hosting a 30-minute film in June about the ERA and its history. NOW is requesting the League provide \$100 to help support. Darlene M/S/P to provide the funds.

Meeting adjourned at 1:15pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Herndon, Secretary