

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Board of Directors-Minutes
3729 Griffin Lane SE, Olympia (Child Care Action Council)
January 19, 2017
5:30 – 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Pat Dickason, President. Directors present included: Pat Dickason, Karen Tvedt (secretary), Peggy Murphy (treasurer), Peggy Bruton, Dawn Gibbs, Valerie Hammett, Paula Holroyd, and Karen Verrill. Allyson Brooks, Ruth Harms, Darlene Hein, and R. Peggy Smith were absent. Connie Christy was introduced as the new Voter Services chair. Inez Tweet was present as a guest.

Minutes/Financials (Pat Dickason)

- Minutes from the November Board meeting were adopted.
- Peggy Murphy reported that she has been working with our accountant to make sure our budget numbers are correctly aligned with the transaction detail. A full report is pending.

Women's March (Pat Dickason)

- The Women's March is this Saturday. Local league members are encouraged to meet at 123-4th Avenue, Olympia at 9:30 am.
- Paula reported that Friday evening at 6:00 pm there's a work party to blow up balloons (again at 123-4th Avenue).
- Dawn reminded us that we need to get the banner from the storage unit.

General Meeting, 1/25-Discussion (Pat Dickason, All)

- The January LWVTC General Meeting is scheduled for the 25th at the Olympia Center. (The meeting regarding the Port has been postponed to May to accommodate commissioner schedules.) A two-part meeting of members is proposed to include:
 - 1-Review local and state program/positions. Are there studies we would like to see at the local level? Do we have recommendations for the state league? (These are due by the end of February.)
 - 2-Discussion about observer corps. Among the items board members discussed were sending a letter from the LWVTC president to the organization letting them know who will be attending from the League; Karen V is investigating getting identification buttons made; use of a reporting form; need for training about speaking for the League; liaisons to the board. These and other issues will be discussed on the 25th.

Conference Call with Alana Downey (Valerie Hammett)

- The board talked by telephone with Alana Downey, Kathleen Downey's daughter. Alana intends to bequest \$200 in Kathleen's name to create a scholarship fund to assist with membership for people unable to pay dues (including young voters, students and others).
- We will give Alana a yearly count of members supported with the fund.

Newsletter Discussion (Pat Dickason, All)

- With Dawn stepping down from her role as newsletter editor, we need to find a new editor.
- An ad hoc group was formed to discuss the purpose of the newsletter and to make recommendations to the board about how we might proceed. Pat, Valerie, Karen T and Karen V volunteered to participate.

Board Meeting Location (Pat Dickason, All)

- Pat indicated that the Child Care Action Council conference room is unavailable in March, April and May. We discussed alternative times and places for the meeting including the possibility of meeting during the day. (*NOTE: the February Board meeting will be February 16 at 11:30 am.*)

Blinzapalooza Request (Pat Dickason)

- At Allyson's suggestion, we can apply for funds from Blinzapalooza (a fundraiser of Temple Beth Hatfiloh).
- We would be required to submit a brief request for the funds. After discussion about possible projects, we agreed to defer this year.

Other

- Pat reported that we contributed \$150 to the Interfaith Works Warming Center from LWVTC holiday party donations.
- Connie Christy is contacting members to participate on the Voter Services Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.