



League of Women Voters of Thurston County

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Minutes of the Board Meeting Feb. 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order by President, Pat Dickason at 11:30. Peggy Murphy, Paula Holroyde, Ruth Harms, Dawn Brooks, Darlene Hein and Karen Verrill were present.

Pat shared lovely cupcakes in celebration of the League's 96th Birthday on Feb. 14, 2017

The **minutes** were approved as presented.

The **Financial statements** were referred to a committee (Peggy Murphy, R Peggy Smith, Pat Dickason) for clarification and correction. While we do have good bank accounts there are some items that are incorrect on the documents from the accountant.

Updates:

- The **Blinzapalozza** request for \$250 was approved by the Temple Beth Hatfiloh's committee for the purpose of helping fund our public forums. Volunteers are needed to help sort donated items.
- **Newsletter:** A committee to find new ways of producing our newsletter (Pat Dickason, V. Hammet and Karen Tvedt) met and recommend that we have a 2 page newsletter with active links to articles and websites. Pat D and Caroline Metzger will work to have the newsletter produced on the website.
- A **Susan B. Anthony** Birthday Party will be held at the Coach House on Feb. 18th.
- Our general meeting will be Feb. 22, 2017 at the Olympia Center. The topic is **Hidden Impacts of Poverty**. Robin Zukoski, Leslie Owen and Michael Althausser will be on the panel.
- **Buttons:** A motion was made and passed that 500 3" "Campaign" buttons will be made locally at a cost of \$290 plus set-up and office expenses.

Committee Reports:

- **Membership:** Darlene Hein, Chair reported that she and Dawn are working out a transition of responsibilities to Darlene. She is emailing new members when they join. She would like to have a coffee Klatch for new members on a quarterly basis for orientation to the League. Karen V. and Paula offered to help. It was decided that people who want to do volunteer work for us need to be members. We have 15 new members since January.
- **Voter Service:** Connie Christy, Chair, was absent but has recently sent out a detailed description of work she would like to do and is asking for volunteers.
- **Observer Corp:** Pat is convening a meeting of people interested to decide who will observe and report on which public meetings.
- **Other committees** we need include: Communication/website, Luncheon, Fundraising and Annual Meeting planning. Standing committees such as budget and nominating need to be working at this time. Pat will contact the Nominating Committee members to assure they are working toward their goal.

Funding Requests:

- **TCTV** has requested a larger donation because they have expanded their services to include broad based media instruction and support for the community. It was decided to give them \$500 from the Education Fund since we have been dependent upon them for many years.
- The Second Annual **Climate Action Convention** will be held on March 25th at the Olympia Center. We decided to donate \$500 (Ed Fund) to become a sponsor at the Silver level. This allows us to be recognized in their printed materials, on websites, press releases, and more. We will also be given 4 free tickets to the convention.

Other issues:

- **County Commissioner Blake** has requested to have a chance to talk with us. We decided that we would invite him to a pre-meeting at the March General meeting. This will include an informal discussion with some crackers/cheese. This would begin about 45 minutes prior to the more formal regular meeting.
- **The Great Old Broads** are interested in having a joint meeting with us to talk about wilderness issues. No decision was made.
- A **general discussion** of having more forums during the year...possibly including civility or other hot topics.

Respectively Submitted by

Karen Verrill
Acting Secretary