

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Board of Directors-Minutes
3729 Griffin Lane SE, Olympia (Child Care Action Council)
March 17, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 pm by Pat Dickason, President. Directors present included: Pat Dickason, Allyson Brooks (Vice-President), Kathleen Downey (Treasurer), Dawn Brooks-Gibbs, Valerie Hammett, Ruth Harms, R Peggy Smith, and Barb Theiss.

Consent Agenda (Pat Dickason)

- The February Board minutes were accepted as submitted.
- The February Financial reports were accepted as submitted.

Updates

- **Voter Services/Election Activities (*Barb Theiss*)**
 - The presidential “debate watch” scheduled for Oct 19, 2016 is moving ahead on track.
 - June 4, 2016 is the date for our local election forums on TCTV.
 - The High School Get-Out-The-Vote Project is still in the planning phase. There is hope to visit class rooms yet this spring. If not, the focus will shift to the fall. Gail Gosney and Allyson Brooks have expressed willingness to do in-classroom presentations.
 - The Thurston County Auditor’s Office is still expressing interest in coordinating voter encouragement efforts with us.
- **Annual Meeting (*Kathleen Downey*)**
 - The LWVTC annual meeting is a go for the South Sound Manor on North Street. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm, on May 19th. Agenda suggestions: Business; Programming (Instead of having a speaker); “Call” for a Bylaws Committee; Potluck food.
- **Nominating Committee (*Kathleen Downey*)**
 - The Nominating Committee, Rob Kirkwood, Bill Funk, Darlene Hein, Dawn Brooks Gibbs, and Kathleen Downey, has **met** and completed its work. They were not able to identify candidates for next year’s Nominating Committee. As has been done in the past, it is possible to solicit nominations at the Annual Meeting.
- **Climate Change (*Pat Dickason*)**
 - Pat reminded Board Members that the Climate Convention will be held on March 19, at the Olympia Center.
 - Ruth reported that she had, at Peggy Bruton’s urging, attended the County Commission meeting related to the Ordinance for Land Use Enforcement. There were a variety of divergent views expressed about the proposed ordinance.
- **Racial Equity (*Pat Dickason*)**
 - Pat reported that the Black Alliance of Thurston County initiated HB 2908, related to Use of Force, passed. It is on the way to the Governor for signing. Now we will want to pay attentions to the work of the Task Force established by this legislation. They are directed to have a report ready by December 2016.

- **I-633 Hearing (Pat Dickason)**
 - Pat mentioned that she had attended the Supreme Court hearing on the constitutionality of I-633. Although there is good evidence that this initiative contains more than one topic, a decision will not come from the Court until sometime in the future.
- **Other Community Collaboration**
 - A number of LWVTC members attended the RESULTS celebrates INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2016 on Tuesday, March 8th. Denny Heck and Karen Fraser both gave very inspiring talks.
 - The Climate Convention was again noted as an event LWVTC members might attend.
 - A Gun Violence Prevention collaborative group is being formed, and Ruth Harms will be attending the initial meeting. It will be in April, and she will report back to the Board.

MLD Update (Pat Dickason)

- Our MLD Coach, Myra Hoey, provided a very useful check list format for membership activities.

State League (R Peggy Smith)

- This year's Council meeting will be held on June 3-5, in conjunction with the Oregon League. Decisions about program, fees, and such are still in the works. The State Board is encouraging local Leagues to send as many people as are interested in attending.
- The Strategic Planning project being undertaken by the State Board has had very good participation from local Leagues. The Board will have a discussion of **findings** to date at the March 18th meeting.

Other Business

- **Summer Picnic (Pat Dickason)**
 - Pat has reserved the Tumwater Historical Park for July 16, 2016, from 3 – 8 pm, for our summer picnic with nearby Leagues being invited. A planning committee will be formed at the Annual Meeting, and they will undoubtedly follow up on plans from last year.
- **March Program (Pat Dickason)**
 - The March general meeting will be at the Olympia Community Center March 24th from 7:00-9:00 pm and focus on the topic of Homelessness. Darlene Hein has arranged for a panel that includes five experts involved with local programs that serve people who are homeless.
- **April Program (R Peggy Smith)**
 - Planning for the April general meeting, in cooperation with the Mason LWV, is moving ahead. It will focus on minimum wage/economic equity issues, with two speakers with different perspectives on this topic. It will be at Traditions, April 28th at 6:30 pm.
- **Promotional Materials (All)**
 - We do not appear ready to make any decisions about promotional materials. Barb said that she would bring "Vote" t-shirts to our Annual Meeting, and R Peggy will remind Karen V **to** call Michelle Valentine at LWV-Snohomish for additional information.
- **Web-Site Update (Pat Dickason)**
 - Pat has a small group who is looking to Web-site providers, etc. There are a couple of consultants that Pat will be talking to, besides.
- **Training Opportunity (Pat Dickason)**
 - **Ruth Harms, Karen Tvedt, Barb Theiss and Pat Dickason** will be attending a Participatory Leadership workshop in April.

- ***VOTER Assignments (Dawn Brooks Gibbs)***
 - VOTER assignments were agreed on.

Meeting adjourned at 7:00, and off folks went to enjoy St. Pat's Day food and beverage.

Respectfully Submitted,

Substitute Note Taker, R Peggy Smith