

## **League of Women Voters of Thurston County**

### **Minutes of September 15, 2016 Board Meeting**

The meeting was Called to order at 5:40 by Pat Dickason, President

The **minutes** of the last meeting were passed by consent resolution. There was no **treasurer' report** because the bookkeeper, Nick Woodson failed to send a report to Treasurer, Peggy Murphy. Karen Verrill agreed to contact the former bookkeeper to help assure our reports would be received in a timely manner.

It was announced that the **Olympia Community Center** will not be available on Thursdays for our General meetings. R. Peggy Smith will contact them to reserve the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays for our meetings starting January 2017.

The **TCTV candidate forums** are scheduled. Our Voter Service Chair, Barb Theiss, is critically ill so other people are assuring that the various tasks for this event are carried out. (Ruth Harms, Valerie Hammett, Mary Moore, Allyson Brooks, Karen Tvedt and Pat Dickason, others will be there.)

September 27<sup>th</sup> is **National Voter Registration Day** and we are having registration tables in three locations: SPSCC. Evergreen College and the Mall. The Black Alliance of Thurston County, Asian Pacific Islanders Coalition and the Unitarian Church is sharing this responsibility. Dawn Brooks Gibbs will assure that all tables have adequate supplies.

The **Judicial Forum** that we are co-sponsoring with the state League will be at the Olympia Community Center on October 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30. Austin Jenkins will moderate and state League President, Ann Murphy will kick off the Forum. Questions need to be developed and Allyson Brooks, Ruth Harms and Pat Dickason will help sort them. Many members will be involved in the logistics at the event.

The Latino Youth Summit will be at Evergreen College on November 22. We will have a table there to assist with registering and discussing the importance of voting. Dawn Books and Karen Verrill will attend the table. A box of supplies was given to us to help draw folks to our table.

Ruth Harms, Chair of our annual **Education Fund Benefit Luncheon** on 10/29 led a discussion about this event. The Lifetime Citizenship Award will be given to Senator Karen Fraser and the speaker will be Tom Crawford of the Thurston Climate Action Team. His topic is The Heat is On: The Local Climate Challenge. Invitations will be sent to office holders and to people Sen. Fraser selects.

**Membership Chair**, Darlene Hein said that she and Dawn Brooks Gibbs are working on a plan to recruit members, etc.

We have been asked if we want to host the fall **Action Workshop**. We later learned that LWV Tacoma/Pierce had taken on this task.

R. Peggy Smith reported that the state League has endorsed three initiatives: Minimum Wage, Gun Control and Restrictions on.....?

Our new **website** is up and running and Katrina Keheler, a new members, wants to be the Manager. She will work with Carolyn Metzger, web designer, to get started. We decided we would give a thank you gift to Caroline for all of her fine work on this project

**Assignments for Voter articles** we given to R. Peggy Smith, Ruth Harms, Pat Dickason. A short bio of Karen Fraser and Tom Crawford will be included.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:00PM

Respectfully submitted by  
Karen Verrill  
Acting Secretary