

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Board of Directors-Minutes
3729 Griffin Lane SE, Olympia (Child Care Action Council)
October 20, 2016
5:30 – 7:00 pm

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm by Pat Dickason, President. Directors present included: Pat Dickason, Ruth Harms (Vice President), Peggy Murphy (Treasurer), Karen Tvedt (Secretary), Dawn Gibbs, Darlene Hein, R Peggy Smith, and Karen Verrill. Absent were: Allyson Brooks, Peggy Bruton, Valerie Hammett and Paula Holroyde. Guests present included Eric Bakke and Inez Tweet.

Minutes/Financials (Pat Dickason)

- The minutes from the September board meeting were adopted from the consent agenda.
- The budget was adopted subject to a more detailed report in November.

Committee Work-Organization, Future Work (Pat Dickason)

Pat introduced this discussion suggesting that we strengthen our committees so that our work doesn't fall as heavily on individual members, e.g., Dawn, Barb Theiss and others. Darlene noted that some of the committees listed on the agenda (Voter Service, Membership and Communications) are structural in nature, while others focus on issues, i.e. Justice Issues and Climate Change.

There was general agreement about the following as standing committees:

- **Voter Service:** candidate forums, voter registration, etc.
- **Membership/Leadership Development** (currently includes Darlene and Dawn): committee representatives would participate in calls with the State League, plan the annual meeting, carry out other membership/leadership development activities, and provide an update during the monthly board meeting.
- **Communications:** This includes the website, Voter, TRY, etc. With Dawn transitioning and the launch of our new website, communication activities are very much in flux at the moment. We need a new communications chair; our list serve needs to be related to our website; a new lead is needed for the TRY; and a new Voter editor is needed. (Pat has a lead on someone who may be interested in assuming the Voter editor role.)
- **Events:** Education Fund Luncheon, Silent Auction, Treasure Sale, Holiday party
- **Action:** Observer Corps, County Commissioners; Port of Olympia; other?

Other Issues/Questions:

- Several board members agreed to follow-up with specific members about assuming committee roles.
- Task committees/study groups would include issues such as: Justice, Climate Change and Housing.

Holiday Party (Pat Dickason)

The board agreed to do our holiday party at 123-4th Avenue, Olympia this year. Special efforts will be made to invite new members and newly-elected officials. (*NOTE-the party will be from 5:30-7:30 on December 8, 2016.*)

Education Fund Luncheon/Silent Auction (Ruth Harms, Karen Tvedt)

Dawn reported that 82 people have registered for the Ed Fund Luncheon. Karen T submitted a press release to the Olympian requesting that they publicize the luncheon in “What’s Happening.” She will follow-up with them if it isn’t in the paper tomorrow. We’re fine in terms of silent auction donations. Darlene, Pat and R. Peggy have worked on details such as name tags and invitations and the executive committee will refine the agenda/process for the actual luncheon.

VOTER Assignments (Dawn Brooks)

- President’s Article (Pat)
- Update on Sustainable Thurston (R Peggy)
- Action Workshops
- In Remembrance (Karen V/Pat)
- Member Spotlight-Karen Fraser (Karen T)

Other

- Dawn reported that we did two voter registrations events in the past month.
- R Peggy encouraged us to read “This Week in the League.” Most particularly, the Action Workshops will be: November 19th in Tacoma, December 10th in Seattle, and January 7th in Spokane. The registration fee for the workshops is \$25; the Thurston LWV will reimburse the registration fee for members attending.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:10 pm