

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS of THURSTON COUNTY
Board of Directors-Minutes
3729 Griffin Lane SE, Olympia (Child Care Action Council)
November 17, 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), Karen Tvedt (secretary), Allyson Brooks, Dawn Gibbs, Darlene Hein, Paula Holroyd, R Peggy Smith, and Karen Verrill. Peggy Bruton, Valerie Hammett, and Peggy Murphy (treasurer) were absent. Inez Tweet was present as a guest.

Minutes/Financials (Pat Dickason)

- Minutes from the October Board meeting were adopted.
- Approval of the financial report was postponed subject to a full report during the next Board meeting.

Storage Locker (Ruth Harms)

- Ruth reported on her research and recommendations about renting a storage locker. She recommended that we rent a unit at ProLock, a family-owned facility next to Desco on Harrison in West Olympia. The unit is pin protected, has easy accessibility and involves no stairs.
- Karen V moved and Karen T seconded a motion to rent the unit. Members approved the motion. Ruth will proceed.

Education Fund Luncheon Report (Ruth Harms, Karen Tvedt, Dawn Gibbs)

- Dawn reported that we netted \$2,377.29 for the Ed Fund (Total revenue-\$6,405 minus Expenses-\$4,027.71)
- The General Fund Silent Auction netted \$1,344.09 after \$20.91 in expenses.
- The Board agreed that the luncheon went well this year; costs were lower than last year; Karen Fraser sent a letter of appreciation for the award she received; having the luncheon prior to the election seems to be good in terms of attendance; Darlene suggested that table captains collect donation envelopes (some attendees were unclear about where the envelopes should go).

Standing Committees: Update and Discussion (Pat Dickason, all)

- *Action Committee*-chair needed/committee needs to be formed; includes observer corps to attend County Commissioner and Port of Olympia meetings.
 - Names of potential members were brainstormed and assigned for contact; results will be reported back to the board.
 - Upcoming activities include the January Women's March (after the inauguration). Pat D will investigate.

- People representing the League should have badges (Karen V will follow-up on).
- *Communications*-possible participants were discussed.
 - Dawn will continue doing PR through the May annual meeting.
 - VOTER-Pat D is meeting with Peg Evans-Brown about the possibility to taking on the newsletter.
 - TRY-updates should be completed in January. Membership list needs to be updated (Dawn has spread sheet, can provide changes; Ruth is willing to input and review the data).
- *Events/General Meetings*:
 - *Holiday Gathering* is scheduled for December 8th at 123 4th Avenue. Planners include Gail Gosney, Darlene Hein, R Peggy Smith, Karen Verrill, and Pat Dickason. There was extended discussion about inviting elected officials, publicizing it as a public event, and using Ed Funds to help cover costs. *(Note: Due to time constraints, a decision was made not to focus on elected officials for this event. The gathering ultimately was postponed to December 29th due to inclement weather.)*
 - *January 25th General Meeting* at the Olympia Center. This meeting will focus on the Port of Olympia. Allyson Brooks is taking the lead on planning.
- *Membership*: Darlene Hein, Dawn Brooks, Pat Dickason
 - We discussed sending a letter to people who attended the Ed Fund Luncheon to determine their interests and encourage them to become active in the League; other strategies include: planning a get-together to get to know them; developing a list of people and interests.
- *Voter Services*: Elyette Weinstein, Karen Tvedt, Shelley Ferer
 - Paula-schools; integrate with textbooks.
- *Interest Groups/Task Forces/Study Groups*
 - Justice Issues: Black Alliance, Karen Johnson-continue to collaborate with this group. R Peggy will represent LWVTC in testifying Monday to the Joint Committee on Use of Force.
 - Climate Change: Peggy Bruton?
 - Program Planning: *(Note: the LWVWA sent a November 8, 2016 letter suggesting that local leagues do planning in January. This letter includes questions to help local leagues in identifying what matters to them (what are my community's passions?). Recommendations must be received by the State office by February 28, 2017.)*

The meeting was adjourned at 7:07 pm.