

League of Women Voters of Mason County

Executive Board Meeting'

September 7, 2018 Shelton Timberland Library, 2:30-4:30

MINUTES

Present: Cindy S, Joanne B, Cheryl W, Pat C, Lynda L, Esther R, Nancy M, Michelle B, Amy D.

Guest: Anita Recoff

President Cindy S called the meeting to order at 12:38 and the agenda was approved (CW, LL).

Minutes from the August 3 Board planning retreat were approved (PC, AD)

Exercise: Setting norms – How we will work together, get work done.

1. Maintain nonpartisan principle.
2. Align ourselves with LWV historical positions as a result of consensus process (Amy).
3. Get involved with the community.
4. Education is part of our mission.
5. Conducting meetings:
 - Recognize one speaker at a time.
 - Stay focused and goal-oriented.
 - Stick to the agenda, put other items into the “parking lot” to address later;
 - Leader sets priorities;
 - Work toward consensus, or agreement on concept.
 - Delineate action items, decide who will do what and action plan. Can be done at end of meetings.

Executive Reports

President:

- Issue to Action Plan: Cindy handed out an outline of tasks to be done in moving an identified issue to action.

- Job descriptions: Cindy reported that she and others have worked on revisions to job descriptions identified at the board planning retreat. Revisions will be reported at the October meetings.
- Photography proposal: Cindy reviewed Connie S's proposal to hire a professional photographer to take photos of events. When the budget was discussed, there was general agreement that photos could be taken by members using phones without spending limited funds on a photographer.

Vice Presidents: Neither Bobbie S nor Connie S were present so report was deferred.

Treasurer: Pat C handed out budget documents for FY 2017-2018, and the draft budget for FY 2018-2019.

- Ending balance for FY 2017-2018 was \$2335.81. The new projected budget is much the same as 2017-18 except for an increase in the PO Box.
- Pat reminded everyone that spending for non-budgeted items must be preapproved by the board. She noted a deficit of \$436.00 as due to the variation in when dues are paid by members. Cindy noted that several special projects are proposed for this year and asked how those should be paid for. Pat responded that at present there is only \$300 over expenses available.
- Cindy stated that members proposing new projects must come to the board with a specific cost estimate and a proposal for funding the project. Proposals are due at the October board meeting.
- Joanne B moved, Amy seconded to postpone approval of the FY2018-2019 budget until the October Board and general membership meetings, after new proposals have been reviewed and approved.

Co-Secretary: Esther reported that the new schedule for who will take minutes for Board and General membership meetings will be coming.

Programs: Lynda L provided the following schedule:

September:

- Auditor candidates (Paddy McGuire, Charles Rhodes)
- Ballot initiatives. Cheryl W will discuss I-1639 (Changes to gun ownership and purchase requirements). Connie S I-1631 (Establishes a carbon fee and funds for environmental programs). Amy D I-940 (Trains law enforcement officers and changes standards for use of deadly force). All are endorsed by LWVWA.

Nancy asked about sending out information to members on I-1631 (coal). Cindy S asked how it would be sent out; the issue was put in parking lot for later discussion. Will be discussed at the October board meeting

October:

- Electoral college vs. Popular vote. Amy D will present the LWV PowerPoint on the topic.
- Public Disclosure Commission (PDC) report: Cheryl W will present.

November: What the legislature cannot do. Guest speaker Karen Fraser.

December: Field trip. Amy suggested we read the book *Democracy in Chains: The Deep History of the Radical Right's Stealth Plan for America* by Nancy McClean and discuss it at a luncheon. After a discussion of whether the book was in keeping with the principle of nonpartisanship, given its emphasis on the far right, it was concluded that reading and discussing the book is fine since it addresses issues of democracy and does not involve endorsement by LWVWC. Amy moved, Nancy seconded that we read and discuss the book; approved. Lynda L noted that the issue must be brought up at the September membership meeting.

Suggestions for future books include *Keep Marching: How Every Woman Can Take Action and Change Our World*; and *The State We're In*.

Candidate Forums: September 29, North Mason. Cindy reported there was a schedule conflict at NMHS, and that the North Mason Chamber of commerce and North Mason Voice will hold a candidates' night on September 24 with the same candidates. After discussion, the Board agreed to cancel the September 29 forum.

October 4 Candidates' Forum will be held at PUD3, 6:30-8:30 pm (Members should arrive at 5:30 to set up; Cindy, Cheryl, Michelle, Nancy, and Amy volunteered; Amy will ask, Lynn B, Jen D, Sandy P and other newer members to help.). Candidates for Assessor, Commissioner, Sheriff, and District Court Judge will attend. Speed dating format will be used, with 8 tables for attendees. Cindy S handed out a guide for table leaders to use for procedures. Lynda asked members to submit questions to her, with specific questions for each office.

Voter Services

- Amy announced National Voter Registration Day on September 25 to be held at Olympic College in the student registration room. Amy will ask Shelley Spaulding, Connie S and Tracy M to help and will new members as well. Jen D and Sandy P will conduct voter registration at the Hoodspout Library on a different day that week. Cindy will write an editorial for the Journal or delegate someone else to write one.
- Sandy P and Jen D have developed a packet for new residents in the Alderbrook area. Cindy asked if we want to make more. No action.
- Michelle B reported that she will arrange Young Voter Registration at Shelton HS before October 8, the last day for online registration.

Member Services

- TRY brochures: Nancy M announced she would like to reformat the brochures into a booklet, and make them more eye catching. Cindy mentioned that Jen D would like to help with the brochures. Lynda suggested forming a TRY committee to get new members involved.
- New member packets: At the August planning retreat, board members requested to have copies of these packets. Nancy said she would not have time to prepare complete individual packets for all board members, but listed the complete contents and handed out copies of the standard documents. Nancy requested more copies of Legislative Priorities for packets for new members. Amy will get 10 copies when they become available in January.

- For parking lot: Nancy suggested we ally with other organizations such as WA ACLU, WA Sierra Club, and Sunrise Movement, a movement of young people to stop climate change. She suggested inviting the group to make a presentation at a membership meeting.
- Meeting space: Joanne B is tasked with exploring other places to meet; she would like contact names for other spaces.

Other Upcoming Events

October 20: Thurston LWV Education Fund Luncheon.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Michelle Bell, Co-Secretary