

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

BOARD MEETING MINUTES FEBRUARY 8, 2021

ZOOM Meeting, Hosted by Kathleen West, 2:00 PM

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA. None proposed.
2. MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11 BOARD MEETING. Approved by consensus.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT. Elsa. Not much activity in account. Pay Pal was cashed in and bank statement reconciled. Elsa reported \$62.50 is Per Member Payment for each individual member for OR and US dues. For Scholarship member, \$30 is taken out of Scholarship Account. Alice asked if we should compare MPC dues with other chapters; for possible increase? Need to organize a budget committee soon. Ask Roz if she will help. Could look at dues then. Group agreed that Elsa could send out updated directory with new members and other information "as is."
4. MARCH 10 UNIT MEETING. (6 – 8 PM) Cindy. Cindy has organized an interesting panel for the update meeting on People Experiencing Homelessness:
  - Vanessa Nordyke, JD, Salem City Councilor
  - Mayor Cathy Clark, Keizer, Chairperson of the Mid-Willamette Valley Homeless Alliance
  - Stephanie Bobb, Resource Development Manager of the United Way of the Mid-Willamette Valley.
  - Kristin Retherford, Salem Director of Urban Development Department.Cindy has sent out information to several media and organizations. KМУZ has requested ability to record the meeting to broadcast on radio station. Interest expressed by Salem Reporter. Amy suggested questions be submitted by Chat feature, to be selected by Cindy. Attendees need to be put on mute. Speakers have 20 minutes. to talk, then questions. Inform audience their pictures would be filmed. How to opt out. A big thank-you to Cindy!!!

5. MARCH 17 UNIT MEETING. (6-8 PM) Diana. Book discussion. Diana has 3 copies of Becoming A Democracy to lend out. She is trying to order more. The book is available on Kindle.

6. REPORTS FROM ALICE. Several reports have been filed by Observers. Hope there will be more people participating. Alice explained how to correct or add to a submitted report. Regarding MPC website, Alice has been editing the study reports with Sally's suggestions. The month of January had 474 views and 61 visitors, as compared with 98 views and 37 visitors in December!!

7. REPORTS FROM AMY. She will draft letter to send out to ????. Amy also will send reminders to new members about unit meeting, Amy asked who had been membership chairs in the past. Elsa and Amy will check old directories.

8. and 11. ITEMS FOR MAY ANNUAL MEETING. Jean brought up the topic of deleting the non-profit designation now in the Bylaws for LWVMPC. It is inaccurate, since we never proceeded with the legal work to accomplish. Amy will follow up on questions of pros and cons regarding being an association vs. a non-profit, especially on the question of Board members vulnerability to suits. Elsa noted that Corvallis and Coos County did not become 501(c)(3).

By consensus, the Board approved the amendment

of the League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties By-Laws, Article 1, 2, and 3 to conform to the By-laws of the LWVUS first three Articles (with the exception of our current IRS non-profit section of our By-laws.)

Jean – ask Sally if conforming to LWVUS By-laws needs to come to a vote.

9. and 10. VOTER SERVICE. Kathleen. VOTE 411 plans for May 2021 Election: All school districts in Marion and Polk County, and one community college district, will list candidates and contact information. The 32 special districts from both counties may have candidates' names entered. Local ballot measure information will be included.

There is no cost to our local league for participation in Vote411.

Several members have signed up for legislator interviews. Deanie has contacted Capitol Community Media and Salem City Club to work collaboratively on a S-K School Board candidate forum for April.

Deanie suggests viewing a Webinar on Redistricting on February 18. Suggests it a good unit program. See the e-mail she sent to the Board members.

11. REVISED POSITION STATEMENTS FROM JANUARY 27 MEETING. Some of the Board had questions about “Community Schools”, and would like to discuss it again at next Board meeting. Try to find out if it is a policy of current S-K School Board to share school facilities with outside groups.

12. POTENTIAL APRIL MEETING. Diana will call State Office for update on Agricultural Chemicals Study.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM. Thanks to Kathleen for Zoom hosting.

Next meeting: March 8, 2021, 2 – 4 PM