

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

MARCH 8, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM Meeting, Hosted by Kathleen West, 2:00 – 3:50 PM

Present: Diana Bodtker, Cindy Burgess, Alice La Violette, Elsa Struble, Amy Vandegrift, Kathleen West, Jean Sherbeck

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA. None proposed.
2. APPROVE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 8, 2021. Due to a confusing section, the minutes are tabled until next meeting. Jean will confer with Amy for accurate report. Consensus decision by members.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT. Elsa. Elsa reported total assets of LWVMPC as \$13,375.04. This includes checking and savings accounts, plus the values of 3 CDs. We have 65 members, 58 primary members, 2 Life members, and 5 additional family members.  
  
Elsa also spoke of need for a budget committee to prepare proposed budget for our next meeting. Alice will be on the committee, and Diana will call Roz to see if she would be willing to serve again. Probably only one meeting needed.
4. MARCH 17<sup>th</sup> Unit meeting. Discussion of book, Becoming a Democracy. Alice will send e-mail to Sally with several venues for watching author Kristin Eberhard's talks, for Sally to forward to members. Deanie will lead the discussion. Diana will check with Sharon Krimmel to see if she can host ZOOM meeting, 6 – 8PM. Diana continues to offer book to read by turns.
5. WEBSITE REPORT. Alice sent a February summary report to all. There were 350 views, 52 visitors; Study reports, Positions statements, and FOCUS newsletter were the top items visited. A prospective new member from the website, Jan Smith. Cindy reports 142 people were engaged on Facebook. Up 26%.
6. MEMBERSHIP. Amy. Amy will call Jan Smith.

7. VOTER SERVICE. Kathleen. Salem City Club would like to consult with us about the May? Election. There may be too many S-K school board candidates for a program. Janet Adkins is entering candidates in VOTE 411. Deanie will contact Salem City Club to see if there is an event they have in mind with which we could participate.

8. FEBRUARY 10 UNIT MEETING. Cindy. The meeting was very successful – around 80+ viewers. Good publicity in Salem Reporter. Cindy’s e-mail was given for non-members to contact with their info to join meeting. Cindy was pleased with the various speakers and their information about their work with/for people without homes. Many thanks to Cindy for her work on this meeting.

9. CARRY-OVER ITEMS FROM LAST MEETING.

Other Leagues’ dues. Elsa reports from 12 Leagues. Dues vary from \$80 (1), \$70 (3), \$65 (4), \$60 (4). Our dues of \$65 cover the \$62.50 we pay to National and State Leagues annually. The State League Education Fund held for MPC can be used for National dues. Amy requests that budget committee be asked if we need to raise our dues.

Meaning of S-K School District “Community Schools”. Does the practice of sharing facilities with community groups still exist? Cindy will check on that.

Indemnification of Board members. Seem to need insurance policy to accomplish that.

More discussion about LWVMPC bylaws currently showing we are 501 c 3 non-profit designation. This is an error as it reads now, because we never officially filed with the IRS.

Cindy Burgess made the motion that the Board requests that the members be presented the opportunity approve removing the 501 c 3 designation in the Bylaws and change back to the correct 501 c 4 designation. Kathleen West seconded the motion.

The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

Elsa remembered signing a form – to change by-laws?? We need to find by-laws prior to 2016 so changes can be made. ANNUAL MEETING WORKBOOK.

Elsa asks to be reminded...

10. Next year's program suggestion: continue with homelessness subject. Still seems to be of great interest. ...Also, Diana will check to see if we reported to state from our earlier Program Planning meeting that we had no comments on proposals for state program.

11. LWVOR UPDATE. Will there be a "Day at the Legislature?"

Will the agricultural pesticide study be finished soon? We were tentatively planning that study for our April unit meeting. Diana will check. Share a presentation with other Leagues?

Discussion followed with other ideas, if needed for April. Consensus was that we do not want to skip having a unit meeting in April.

Amy suggested a meeting on school resource officers. It might get people interested in joining the proposed study. Or, how is the return to schools going?

12. FIRST CALL TO LWVOR CONVENTION. Dates are May 10 – 16, 2021. There will be 2 to 4 events per day. Caucuses will be May 10, 11, and 12. This will be a virtual event, with no registration fees

Ask Sally to put item in newsletter recruiting interested people to be delegates. Our League is entitled to three delegates. League members in Oregon are encouraged to register as observers.

13. MORE DISCUSSION ABOUT CHANGING BY-LAWS BACK TO 501-c-4

Need to check Articles of Incorporation. "Need old by-laws to make the change." Research needed.

Secretary of State Office –Corporations Office.

Meeting adjourned 3:50 PM

Next Board meeting: April 12, 2021

Submitted by Jean Sherbeck, Secretary

