

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

APRIL 12, 2021 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

ZOOM Meeting, Hosted by Kathleen West, 2:00 – 4:12 PM

Present: Diana Bodtke, Cindy Burgess, Alice LaViolette, Elsa Struble, Amy Vandegrift, Kathleen West, Jean Sherbeck, Roz Shirack

The order of the meeting was rearranged to welcome Roz Shirack, Budget Committee Chair, to participate before she needed to leave the meeting early.

1. PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE 2021 – 2022 FISCAL YEAR. Roz explained that the proposed budget is basically “status quo.” Of particular note, items 301, OR State Council 2022 appropriation, and item 302, LWVUS Convention 2022 funded from Balance Sheet reserves. Brief discussion on other items. The vote to approve this proposed budget to be presented at Annual Meeting was unanimous. Thank you to Roz, Alice, and Elsa for their work on the budget.

2. FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MINUTES (Carried forward from last month). the February minutes were approved as amended.

MARCH 8, 2021 MINUTES. The March minutes were approved unanimously. The Board noted that if the members vote to change the by-laws designating IRS status, research needs to be done to change Articles of Incorporation with the State of Oregon.

3. TREASURER’S REPORT. Elsa. Elsa e-mailed the 3rd Quarter Report to Board Members. She explained that we are \$998 in the black. The main expense in the 4th Quarter is expected to be the LWVUS Per Member Payment.

4. APRIL PROGRAM. Diana. Diana gave us an update on the status of the Agricultural Chemicals Study. The State Board has not yet approved the study, hence it hasn’t been printed yet. We need a new date for Consensus meeting. Proposed May 5 or 12, whatever is appropriate. Cancel the April meeting date, and announce the May unit meeting when we know when study material will be mailed to members.

Diana will contact new member Harmony Burrigh, who suggested a study of police in schools. We had ideas for expanding the discussion, and Diana will mention them, and also that for a study to be approved at Annual Meeting, there needs to be people to serve on the study committee.

5. VOTERS SERVICE REPORT. Deanie reported by e-mail that there are 11 Salem-Keizer school board candidates, all of whom will be interviewed. There are moderators from LWVOR and Salem City Club. Questions on topics coming from LWVOR, AAUW, and Salem City Club. All interviews will be on Zoom.

Kudos to Janet Adkins for her date entry work on Vote 411....Kathleen will send the report of this year's VS activities to Sally.

6. REPORT FROM ALICE. Alice sent out March web page report to Board members. There were 130 views, 40 visitors, and 5 downloads of the FOCUS. In the News section, she linked to May 18 election Vote 411, and Marion and Polk Counties websites. Alice will work on website to see if she can add half year's dues information. Thank you, Alice.

7. REPORT FROM AMY. Amy will make new member calls asking for their interests.

IRS Designations: 501 (c) (3) is a nonprofit organization for religious, charitable, scientific, and educational purposes, and donations are tax-deductible. 501 (c) (4) is a social welfare group, and donations are not tax deductible.

Director and Officer Insurance: One quote was for \$1000, and beyond our means currently. She discovered that "a [IRS]non-profit organization can be sued. You may or may not be able to pursue a claim against the directors and officers. If they serve without compensation, they may not be sued for negligence as long as they act in good faith." Note, LWVMPC is not an IRS non-profit because we did not want to take on the expense, and recording of the per cent of lobbying activities. We never applied for that status.

ANNUAL MEETING DISCUSSION & DECISIONS

a. Decided on ZOOM meeting. If Sharon Krimmel not available to host, Kathleen offered. We discovered there is a new "raise hands" feature for voting.

b. May 26, 2021, 6 – 7:30 PM. (A little later than some years, due to anticipated Unit earlier in the month.)

c. Proposed budget. Recommended by board April 12 meeting.

d. Slate of nominations. Diana will continue to work on.

e. Program proposals. One new suggestion. Diana will contact Harmony to discuss ideas. From January meeting, homelessness solutions was a topic of continuing interest to the group. (need to look at minutes of that meeting.)

Other items for annual meeting: members to vote on: adopting edited MPC position statements; change by-laws back to 501 (c) (4); and others above.

9. MID-YEAR DUES PAYMENTS FROM NEW MEMBERS. Discussion followed. Decided to try suggestion that the term of membership for new members who pay full year's dues after January 31, will extend until the end of the following program .year . Try this for a couple years to see how it works. Treasurer would inform new member of this policy.

10. PUBLICITY. Cindy will send report to Sally, as will Amy and Alice.

11. NOTICE OF SALEM CLIMATE ACTION PLAN Presentation April 22, 2021. Need to sign up for Zoom.

12. NEXT BOARD MEETING. MAY 10, 2021. 2:00 PM

Submitted by Jean Sherbeck, Secretary