

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

MAY 10, 2021 BOARD MINUTES

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

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

1. ADDITIONS TO AGENDA. No new.
2. APRIL 12, 2021 MINUTES. Elsa' e-mail corrections and additions were noted and approved. Amended minutes approved by consensus vote.
3. TREASURER'S REPORT. E-mail report from Elsa. There is one large bill to be paid before the end of the fiscal year – that is the USLWV Per Member Payment of \$528. Elsa expects to end this fiscal year with an estimated budget surplus of \$470. Elsa will prepare the 2020 – 2021 financial report and send out in July.
4. CALENDAR REQUEST. Sally asked us to decide on date of Fall Member Meeting. The Board decided on Saturday, September 18. Time and place to be decided. The Board decided to stay with Wednesday evening meetings, often the 3rd Wednesday, and to try starting the meetings at 7:00 PM.
5. AGRICULTURAL CHEMICALS STUDY. The study unit needed to be cancelled for May 12, due to consensus questions and printed studies not completed as yet by the state committee. The decision was made several days ago not to attempt to plan another unit meeting for this month. We expect to address the "Ag Chem" study in the fall.
6. PROGRAM FOR JUNE 2021. Amy suggests planning a social evening for the new members – to meet with the Board and off-Board members, to get to know each other, and to learn about what's going on in LWVMPC and what might interest the new members. Topics suggested were Book Club, Great Decisions, Voter Service, Observer Corps, Study or Interest groups . June 16, 7:00 – 8:30 PM, Zoom. (There have been 12 new members in the 2020 -2021 year. Amy will invite new members.

Welcoming and Orientation for New Members. All members are invited to attend this Welcoming Meeting for New Members. Board and other function leaders will give brief descriptions of the activities of LWVMPC that will welcome interested people.

June 16, 2021 7:00 to 8:30 PM Zoom

7. ANNUAL MEETING, May 26, 2021. 6:00 – 7:30 PM, Zoom. Keep 6:00 time because previously announced.

8. SALEM REPORTER. Reminder that they offered to list organizations' meetings.

9. VOTERS SERVICE. Deanie requested that her report of work by LWVMPC and others on the May Special Districts Election be entered:

For the Special Districts 2021 election, LWVMPC chose to conduct interviews for the Salem-Keizer School Board. This was done in collaboration with AAUW, Salem City Club, Capital Community Media, and our own league.

Janet Adkins gathered the candidates information, and posted it on Vote411 and provided it to CCM. CCM then contacted the candidates and made interview and tech appointments for April 16 – 24. All eleven candidate participated! Questions came from these sponsors as well as LWVOR question bank, articles from the news, and were compiled by Deanie.

Interviews were conducted remotely, using zoom connections between interviewer, studio, and candidate. Cindy Condon, Jan Margosin, Tomika Dew, Sharon Krimmel, and Deanie Anderson were interviewers.

Viewing schedule will be ready the first week of May. Many thanks to all!

10. MEMBERSHIP. Amy. The new website has been responsible for adding new members. Amy will send e-mails to new members inviting to annual meeting.

11. WEBSITE. Alice. Alice reports she added the May Special Districts Election page and "How to Use VOTE411" to the website. Alice sent the statistics report for the website for April. There were 198 views and 45 visitors, and 4-5 pages viewed per visitor.

12. PUBLICITY. Cindy. Cindy said she would be able to announce meetings on Facebook for another year!! She had a not so good experience trying to delete an unwelcome photo someone put on the MPC page. She reported situation to Facebook. There were 12-18 visits.

13. VOTERS SERVICE. Kathleen. EVERYONE VOTE !!!!

14. JUNE MEETINGS.

BOARD MEETING AND RETREAT June 14 2:00 Cindy, Jean and Elsa are invited to attend along with new board members, of course.

JUNE 16. SOCIAL & Welcome for New Members. All MPC members are invited to participate. 7:00 – 8:30 PM Zoom

There will need to be an August Board meeting to plan September and subsequent meetings.

Submitted by Jean Sherbeck, Secretary