

MINUTES  
LWVMPC BOARD MEETING  
JUNE 14, 2021

The board met via Zoom at 2:00 pm.

Additions to the agenda were made.

Minutes of the May 10 meeting were approved as presented.

Elsa reported the budget is in the black for the year by \$470. She explained this is in part due to the pandemic and not having a fall brunch, public meetings, forums, etc. requiring room rental fees. A dues scholarship is being awarded to one member from the Mary Zimmerman Fund.

Amy reported on plans for the new members meeting June 16 at 7:00 pm. Two emails have been sent to all new members and now they will each receive a follow-up text. Alice volunteered to assist in sending the texts. Amy will have all attendees explain why they joined the League and how they have been involved. She will explain how the League functions as a non-partisan political organization. This will include how studies are done, consensus reached, and positions formulated at the local, state and national level. She will emphasize it is these positions that allow us to take action on particular issues.

Alice reported on the LWVMPC website. She has updated the positions and by-laws as approved at the annual meeting. She can now post a news article and also noted that the Focus is being downloaded by visitors to the site.

Because Deanie Anderson could not be present the discussion of the secretary position was moved to the July agenda.

Alice reported on the library room use policy for when the library reopens in October. The smaller rooms will be free but can only be signed up for one month at a time. The larger rooms will require signing a partnership with the library form in addition to a fee.

Alice and Amy reported on the Observer Corps. They said one can report on a particular group by obtaining the agenda and following up by reading the minutes. Barbara has been unable to obtain an agenda for the library board meetings. Roz is following the city council sub-committee meetings on zoning changes. Alice is following the Salem city council meetings. Jean is following the Polk County commissioners meetings. There is no news reporter who covers these and other official meetings. The Observer Corps can play an important role by being the eyes and ears of the community.

A review of program planning and fall meetings brought up a number of ideas for the calendar for the coming year:

\*Consensus on the agricultural chemicals study,

\* Homeless issue topics including 1) having Deb Patterson speak to the use of federal money allocated to the state for helping the homeless, 2) finding out how the old mission will be used, 3) getting an explanation of how individuals can assist personally and 4) getting a clarification of the new state law concerning camping on public property.

These and other ideas will be considered at the next board meeting. We will invite Sally Hollemon, Focus editor, and Kathleen Mason, Facebook, for their perspectives on planning for the coming year.

The next board meeting will be July 19, at 2:00 pm. Kathleen West will be our Zoom host unless we decide at a later date to meet in person.

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Secretary pro tem