

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

SEPTEMBER 14, 2020 BOARD MEETING MINUTES, 2:00 PM

ZOOM MEETING HOSTED BY KATHLEEN WEST

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

1. MINUTES. General agreement that August 17, 2020 minutes were acceptable. No corrections were submitted by e-mail.

2. TREASURER'S REPORT. Elsa. Checking account balance is \$4,129. \$1,030 was paid out last month for US and OR per member payments.

By-law questions. In theory we should have insurance. In the past, only secured for events where the facility did not have liability insurance for guests. Also, reminder that LWVMPC needs to amend our by-laws to delete 501 (c)(3) non-profit category. We did not carry through with the designation because of attorney expense to accomplish that. Next annual meeting.

Jean mentioned a letter from LWVUS that stated that all levels of League's by-laws need to agree with the updated National bylaws, one- through three. Check on this. Jean?

Member dues are coming in slowly.

3. MEMBERSHIP REPORT. Amy. Amy reported that plans are underway for the ZOOM "Annual Membership" meeting on October 3rd. Mr. Matt McBeth, a League sponsored teacher at the 2018 Harvard Case Study conference in Boston, will lead a demonstration of the method. Amy will have Sally send out the material on the topic, which features a question involving Martin Luther King. The idea is for the members to break up into small discussion groups. The LWVOR office will assist.

CALLS TO MEMBERS. Amy has talked with new members Suzanne Dufner, Danielle Gonzalez, and Mary Jo Stoutenburg. Suzanne is interested in voter service, Ms. Gonzalez is running for County Clerk, and Mary Jo is interested in elections and history.

Members with no computers. Amy will check to see if those members can access sound of meetings by phone. By phone: press *6 to mute, hit again to unmute. Do those members want 20- page printout for Oct. 3rd?

Call remaining members to check in with them. Do they need help with ZOOM meetings?

Jean offered to organize calling lists and send to Board members. All members agreed to do some calling.

5. PROGRAM. Cindy and Diana. Cindy reports that Sharon Krimmel has agreed to host ZOOM Cyber-Security consensus meeting on October 21, Wednesday at 1:00 PM. The plan is to show the Portland League video. The consensus questions (multiple choice) will be in the FOCUS. Members who are unable to join in at 1:00 PM can read the study, watch the video, and e-mail the consensus questions back to Cindy? Details need to be worked out. A team will need to consolidate the consensus answers and send to State Committee.

***QUESTION/REMINDER FROM JEAN - HOW WILL BALLOT ISSUES PRESENTATION BE AVAILABLE TO OUR MEMBERS? ***

NOVEMBER PROGRAM. Diana. Set aside date of November 18. No settled program as yet. There was a suggestion to do a post-election wrap-up. Voter turn-out analysis.

6. VOTER SERVICE. Kathleen and Deanie. Jean read three brief e-mail updates from Deanie: Letters send out to 35 candidates. Training schedule set with CC:M. Moderator invitations sent out to 9 people from sponsoring community groups.....Climate change survey submitted to LWVOR newsletter, so take time to respond.....Questions are being solicited from community groups for the following candidates:

US Congress Dist. 5, Secretary of State, Marion County Commissioner #3, Marion County Clerk, Or Senate Districts #9,10,11,12, and OR House Districts #18,19,20,21,22,23,25.

Diana and Deanie mentioned that LWVMPC has in recent years edited the ballot measure information for the Voter Guide. The team will finish up work on the 18th.

Kathleen will order 100 free postcards from LWVOR that remind people to vote. Members will send out. Kathleen has "Register to Vote" posters and stickers. Idea – put out posters with large envelope of registration forms. Let Kathleen know of places to put them and volunteer! Kathleen couldn't find VOTE411 posters. October 13 last day to register.

7. PUBLICITY. Cindy. Cindy reported that she was in touch with Salem Reporter, Salem e-newspaper. They would allow 2 free weeks of VOTE411 "blurb" and up to 2 weeks for \$100/week. Suggestion to run from October 5 – 24, and take advantage of LWVOR offer to pay for one week.

Ideas to publicize: location of ballot drop-in boxes. Oct. 13 last day to register.

Jean received P.R. report from Barbara Sellers-Young with summary of contacts from her work last year. (Will resend to Cindy at bill burgess e-mail.)

8. LWVMPC WEBSITES. Alice. Alice was able, with help from Hans and Kathleen to show what she has done so far on new website: leaguwomenvotersmarionpolk.org. Great organizing, and very impressive work. We all enjoyed viewing it.

Kathleen suggested including the Voter Bill of Rights for Oregon. Kathleen will send it to Alice. Also, "How to trace my (sent) ballot."

9. WORK ON OBSERVER CORPS. Alice has been making lists of public entities that could be followed/observed. One project could be to make sure each organization is publishing minutes and notices of meetings.

10. FOCUS DEADLINE. Sally. September 21

11. NEXT BOARD MEETING. October 12, 2020 2:00 ZOOM

