

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES

NOVEMBER 9, 2020 BOARD MINUTES

ZOOM MEETING, 2:00 PM, Hosted by Kathleen West

PRESENT: Diana Bodtker, Cindy Burgess, Alice LaViolette, Elsa Struble, Amy Vandergrift, Kathleen West, Jean Sherbeck

1. MINUTES of October 12, 2020. Jean read the correction sent in by Cindy, regarding her submissions to media, regarding VOTE411.org and other League election information – NOT regarding our Cyber Security study. The Board accepted the amended minutes unanimously.

2. TREASURER’S REPORT. Elsa. She reported that checking account balance is \$6,368.69, and dues income to date is \$2,324.05. Elsa has been contacting/reminding members who have not paid their dues. There are seven new members who have joined since May.

Elsa also brought up her questions about the form of LWMMPC directories for this year. The group approved sending the directory by e-mail, so that members could keep them on their computers, or print them out – saving paper and postage costs. Sally will e-mail Directories to those on the e-mail list, and Elsa will mail printed directories to those who received printed copies of the Focus. Other members who request printed copies will be accommodated.

Checking account signatures.

Elsa requested that assistant treasurer Alice LaViolette be added as an account signer on the League checking account and that Diana Bodtker, Board member, be retained as a signer, along with Elsa Struble, our treasurer. Both members agreed to do this. The Board approved this action unanimously.

3. NEW MEMBERS. Amy. Amy will call new members Holly Collier and Maggie Landau to welcome them and remind of Wednesday unit meeting this Wednesday evening.

4. UNIT MEETING, NOVEMBER 11, WEDNESDAY, at 7:00 PM by ZOOM. The speaker will be Alice Bartelt, Chair of the LWVOR Action committee. She will speak about the issues League will be interested in next legislative session for the Action Team to lobby. Alice LaViolette will record the meeting to put on our website for other groups to view.

New Idea from Alice L. Alice proposed that the League could promote new voter education – how to fill out ballot, sign envelope, where to drop off ballot, etc. She noticed that a young first-time/voter relative needed help to navigate the system.

5. ITEMS TO REMEMBER: Salem City Club Program, November 13; Peace Lecture, November 18. Also Deanie is recruiting members to help with recording a MPC holiday greeting on November 13 to be shown on Capital Media. See November FOCUS for details on above.

6. PUBLICITY. Cindy. Cindy sent a list to the Board members of the contacts she made in October to many media outlets and community organizations with voter service information. Salem Reporter did do a related story – she is not sure of other results.

Cyber-Security Study. Fifteen members were present at the ZOOM consensus meeting. Cindy will forward our comments to the state League office. There was strong support for protections of personal information.

Cindy received a request to see if LWVMPC would be interested in participating in a meeting of Salem Speaks Up. The Board did not see how such a meeting would work well this year, and exactly what we could offer this time. Note for next consensus meeting – Be sure to see all participants on ZOOM screen, and ask each person if they have something to add. Also ask for raise of hands for strong or weak agreement with an answer.

Cindy had also sent us all her response to a student on resources for the state of the Willamette River. Cindy spent a long time digging out possible resources for the student. Copy will be in my “secretary notebook” for future reference.

Thank you Cindy for all your work on the above items.

7. MESSAGES FROM DEANIE. We acknowledged Deanie's mention of the Count Every Vote toolkit and Climate Change Team. Thanks for the information, Deanie.

8. WEB SITE UPDATE. Alice. Alice reported that our webpage had 57 visitors and 209 views in October. The link to our Elections page had 19 hits and Election 2020 had 18.....Suggestion for website entry – include dates for confirming counts in counties, deadline to send to Secretary of State, and final certification of Oregon votes.

Thanks for your consistent work on this, Alice.

9. VOTER SERVICE. Kathleen and Deanie. See The November FOCUS for the very inclusive Voter Service report. Many people were involved in this effort, and thanks go to them, and especially our leaders Deanie and Kathleen. Well done!

10. LOOKING AHEAD. Diana and all.

December Program—Decided on December 9 - 10:00 AM

Amy and Alice will look for interview with new LWVUS President, Dr. Deborah Turner, and also videos on Women's History to use for the program.

January Programs – January 13 - Observer Corps – Explanation and Volunteering. Alice will work on background materials.

January Annual Program Planning Meeting. Local and State issues members would like to explore. (One idea expressed already – how are the fire damaged areas affecting water supplies and quality?) January 20 or 27 .

February – Possible follow-up on above idea for report on water quality/city water supplies.

Meeting adjourned 4:00 PM

Next meeting: December 7, 2020, 2:00 PM (Out of routine for this month.)

Submitted by Jean Sherbeck, Secretary