

## **LWVMPC Board Minutes for February 14, 2022, held via Zoom**

**Present:** Kathleen West, Amy Vandegrift, Deanie Anderson, Alice LaViolette, Elsa Struble, Diana Bodtker

Deanie Anderson presided and made adjustments to the agenda.

**Treasurer's Report:** Elsa Struble reported that as of January 31 the checking account balance was \$5,520. Adding the balances of the savings account and three certificates of deposit bring the total assets to \$12,751. This includes \$997 in the 2021-22 Operating Fund, \$9,590 in Reserves, \$1,700 set aside for the next in-person LWVUS Convention, and small amounts for Scholarships and Action.

*Half-year dues:* Deanie moved that we drop half-year dues; seconded; motion carried.

*Budget Committee:* Roz Shirack has chaired the committee for many years past. Diana Upton expressed interest in the Budget Committee. Laura Buhl was suggested as another newer member. Diana B. will contact them.

**Program Planning:** After the Program Planning meeting on Zoom, a survey was sent to all members, from which we got good feedback. Suggestion: During meeting in the break-out part discuss position statements, come back to discuss, then break out again in same groups to discuss local programming, and then come back together.

*Meeting day and time:* Wednesday afternoons and evenings were preferred, the latter would accommodate members who are employed. So we will continue to meet on Wednesdays.

*Zoom:* A majority of members like Zoom meetings. We could have break-out sessions on Zoom meetings.

*Survey for new members:* Alice will develop a short survey for new members to include a question about when the new member would attend meetings.

**Membership:** Amy phones new members but would like to also send them a new-member packet, then do a follow-up call to answer questions. A survey should be part of that process.

*Suggestions:* Have a committee to get acquainted with new members. Have a new-member tea/ social or training event, even if held on Zoom.

**LWVUS Program Planning:** We filled out the form online and submitted it.

Diana began presiding over the meeting.

**LWVOR Childcare Survey:** The interviews are due March 15. Diana Upton is coordinating LWVMPC members to do our local interviews of childcare providers. Diana and Alice have sent out the state questionnaires but haven't received responses yet. Alice sent Diana the names of members who indicated on the survey that they are interested in the topic. Members of the Legislature are looking into this issue, too.

**Nominating Committee:** In the absence of a Nominating Committee elected at Annual Meeting, the Board will meet on Tuesday, March 1, at 2 p.m. to act as the Nominating Committee. Before the meeting, read the job descriptions from the website; Alice will email them to us. Also look through the directory and write down suggested people for the board.

Other members suggested to invite to this meeting: Janet Adkins, Barbara Sellers-Young  
Kathleen will contact them.

**Program on Wednesday, Feb. 16:** Diana will contact the speaker with the link to the meeting. Board members will call their list of members to remind them on the meeting.

Amy will organize the people who volunteered on the survey and ask them to make phone calls for the March meeting.

**Programs for Spring on Zoom:**

March 16, 7 p.m.—*Diffusing Contentious Conversations* video from LWVOR followed by discussion. Deanie will ask Tomika Dew to lead this meeting.

April 1 & 15, noon—Co-sponsor with City Club: Forums with candidates for the 6th Congressional District, Democrats at one forum; Republicans at the other. Free to non-City Club members.

Sat., May \_\_, —Annual Meeting Brunch/Lunch. Catered picnic in an outdoor venue. The Dye House at Willamette Heritage Center has large doors that can be opened for ventilation. Amy will check on the venue as well as as the milliner to do a demonstration. (The milliner has a hat-design shop at WHC.) The Tap Root, also located at WHC could be asked to cater. (The League can pay for the venue and charge for the catered meal.)

Other suggested venues: Deepwood covered area and Rotary Pavillian at Riverfront Park

**Focus deadlines:** Monday, February 21  
Monday, April 25

Monday, March 21  
Monday, May 23

**Website:** Alice emailed the statistics.

**Observer Corps:** She and Amy will contact members who indicated an interest in Observer Corps to give them some guidance.

**Membership:** Claudia Carmichael is a returning member.

In April as part of an April meeting after the speaker, Amy will do a brief update for new members to encourage them to come to Annual Meeting.

**Voter Service:** Deanie has met with a representative from AAUW for a meeting on “Women in Politics” to be presented in June. Deanie will ask someone else to take the lead on this.

Capitol Community Media has new staff and can do only part of what has been done in the past. Deanie thinks that most important are the 20-minute candidate interviews in which they are asked questions as they can be posted on VOTE411. The candidates should be scheduled separately; we have sufficient volunteers to ask the questions. Explaining the ballot measures is important for the General Election. We could encourage Bill Burgess to contact them about speaking on ballot security.

We will work with Salem City Club on a candidate forum for Salem City Council candidates. Janet Adkins is keeping track of candidates for the Primary Election.

Sally Hollemon, Secretary Pro Tem