

LWVMPC Board Minutes of April 11, 2022

Present: Elsa Struble, Diana Bodtker, Kathleen West, Deanie Anderson, Alice LaViolette, Amy Vandegrift, Barbara Sellers-Young, Sally Hollemon

Sally presided. The minutes of March 14 were approved.

Treasurer's report and proposed budget for 2022-23: Elsa reported that expenses through the 3rd quarter of this fiscal year are either at or below the budgeted amount. We have used all of the Ed. Fund contributions allowed for PMP. We have a few fewer members this year, so PMP will be slightly less in next year's budget, as will the income from dues.

Comments on Balance Sheet items: The LWVUS Convention Fund has \$1700 accumulated in it since the convention was held by Zoom last time and the delegates did not ask for reimbursement of their registration fees. The Scholarship Fund of \$129 intended for use for low-income members isn't used much. The Zimmerman Fund is in memory of Jan Markee's mother. The Action Fund of \$120 is left over from donations for an supporting a public transportation tax several years ago.

A new line item will be added to the budget for our PayPal account. Some money will be left in that account to automatically pay for the webpage. Currently, Kathleen Mason's credit card pays the fee and LWVMPC reimburses her, but she will arrange for the fee to come out of our PayPal account.

Deanie suggested adding a line for Tribute or Memorial Contributions and to advertise that option to our members.

Membership: Amy reported a new member, Jan Dillon, transferring from Washington. Alice will work with Amy to prepare a survey to send to new members as a way to get them involved.

Civics Education interest group: Alice met with convener Anita Owen and Marta White. Anita had materials prepared by the LWV of Washington for civics education. The three attendees discussed some activities they might do, such as a table in the Salem Art Fair's Free Speech area with information about voting, LWV, a kids-vote exercise, and a handout, which might be about how the levels of government affect our lives. The group is also interested in the Donna Cohn citizenship class in cooperation with Salem Library. The topics could be our program, too. The members interested in Voter Service could be asked to help staff the table at the Art Fair. Alice will report to the board on the group's activities and will put Civics Education on the website.

Publicity: Cindy Burgess's report asked if the Zoom link could be sent a week or more before a meeting so that she could advertise it. Kathleen said she will try to do that.

Observer Corps: Deanie moved approval of the Observer Corps letter; seconded; approved. Alice will send the letter over Diana's signature to the chair of each group currently being observed.

LWVOR Council: Deanie and Amy will be delegates to the virtual meeting; Barbara and Diana will be Observers. Diana also chairs the LWVOR Nominating Committee.

Link to registration: <https://www.lwvor.org/events/lwvor-council-2022>

LWVUS Convention: Amy and Barbara will attend virtually as delegates.

By consensus we asked Amy and Barbara to support the LWV of Massachusetts' proposal to make Climate Emergency a priority for 2022-24.

Link to registration: <https://www.lwv.org/league-management/council-convention/first-call-lwvus-55th-national-convention>

Program:

April 20—Board members will phone members to encourage attendance. Diana will contact Marge Easley to make the arrangements for the Zoom link.

Annual Meeting: Diana moved to recommend the *Budget* to the LWVOR membership for approval; seconded; approved.

Nom. Com.: If we can't find a Program Chair, the Board can work as a committee to plan the monthly meeting topics and take turns making arrangements. That system worked this year.

Meeting time: 4 - 6 p.m. in the Founders' Room at Roth's in West Salem.

Program: "A Hundred Years from Suffrage to the Supreme Court" with Mela Hoyt-Heydon.

RSVP and check from attendees for amount TBD (from Amy).

Deanie will have Voter Service and other materials for handouts and signups.

We will honor the new members. Elsa will give names to Kathleen, who will bring name tags.

Diana will preside at the business meeting.

Founders' Award: Email suggestions to Sally to compile for award this year.

"*Women in Politics*" with AAUW is still being planned so will not happen in June, Deanie reported. The goal is to encourage young women to consider running for office. Deanie will suggest to the planning committee that the event not take place until fall.

Voter Service: Deanie reported:

Capital Community Media (CCM): Holding a team time to brainstorm the questions for candidates worked well. The moderators were skillful. The checking of equipment beforehand was important to catch glitches. There will be future tech training for using new CCM equipment.

CCM doesn't want to do all the candidate coordination anymore, so Deanie will have to add that to her list of procedures.

April 18 is the release date of the interviews on CCM, YouTube, VOTE411.

In the fall there will be interviews of the candidates for the new Congressional Dist. 6. We have to be careful with FEC rules, so we will not do a debate; we'll do a forum.

Deanie is working with Cindy Burgess on publicity for Voter Service.

Deanie is trying to find PSA materials that CCM can broadcast. One PSA advertises VOTE 411.

She is working on collaboration with all the local Leagues and state LWV to clarify which races each will cover. Collaboration with other groups, such as neighborhood groups; didn't get much response, but contacting them is good publicity for LWV.

Coordinating forums with other groups isn't worth our effort as each group has different policies and practices, but soliciting questions and moderators is useful.

Deanie would like our programs to be advertised by other groups (as we advertise City Club's meetings on topics of LWV interest).

We need a statement in the invitation letters to candidates of recorded interviews that looks like a contract to include that there are no do-overs and they cannot pull their interview. (If the candidates were speaking in a live public forum, there would be no do-overs.)

Kathleen is waiting for the *Voters Guides* and has several people ready to distribute them.

May 9 board meeting will be at Deanie's home to honor Diana, who is moving in June.

Sally Hollemon, Secretary pro tem