

League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties

March 13, 2023 Board Meeting, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Zoom, hosted by LWVOR

Present: Deanie Anderson, Tomika Dew, Alice LaViolette, Barbara Sellers-Young, Elsa Struble, Amy Vandergrift, Kathleen West, Jean Sherbeck

1. Minutes of February 13, 2023 Board Meeting were approved as read.
2. Oregon LWVOR Convention in Eugene, May 19 – 21. Deanie is committed to attending, and Amy is hoping to be able to attend. There are funds in the budget to help with expenses for 2 official delegates from LWVMPC. Unlimited observers may attend or watch via computer.
3. Added item. Discussion regarding change in dues amount. Raising dues to \$70 has been suggested, but the amount of \$75 was mentioned. No vote was taken, second family member to \$40. Ask what new member could pay if those amounts out of reach? Need to be very clear about the amount of dues for reporting purposes. Amy will ask about At-large members in our area. They may attend any League meetings. Should student and youth members be free? Portland League charges \$5.00.
4. Financial Report, Tomika Dew. Tomika mentioned that there need to be a budget committee appointed to plan the budget for 2023-2024 to be presented at annual meeting on June 3rd. Elsa and Tomika will be members of the committee, and suggestion that Roz would be a good experienced person to invite. Tomika is setting up EXCEL documents for all accounts. She would make monthly financial reports on WORD. Need to vote on signators for Pioneer Trust accounts; motion made to include Barbara Sellers-Young, Tomika Dew, Elsa Struble, Jean Sherbeck as signers. The motion was approved unanimously. AMY VANDEGRIFT PROPOSED THAT TOMIKA DEW BE APPOINTED TO THE POSITION OF ASSISTANT

TREASURER OF THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF MARION AND POLK COUNTIES AND BE APPORINTEED TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY DEANIE ANDERSON. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Tomika also asked for permission to be a signer on the Pay Pal account. Barbara will ask Sally how to add names and bring the signers list up to date. AMY PROPOSED THAT TOMIKA DEW AND ALICE LAVIOLETTE BE THE SIGNERS ON THE PAY PAL ACCOUNT. DEANIE SECONDED THE MOTION. THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Membership Report, Amy Vandergrift. Amy reported that she attended a LWVOR Membership meeting. Student membership rates were discussed. Amy mentioned that she and Marta had a table at Chemeketa Community College, whose main purpose was to recruit LWV members. Along the way, they answered a question, "Is Vote by Mail Safe?" Deanie mentioned that at these events, try to have a Voters Service member present, to ensure that information on voting would be accurate. Amy also mentioned that Diversity, Equity and Inclusion matters were brought up. In some areas, Hispanic folks are the more numerous minority people. How to include?
Re: Mock Elections – look for volunteers within the National Honor Society in schools. Re: World Beat festival in Salem, would it be possible to have a LWVMPC booth there?
6. Voter Education, Deanie Anderson. Deanie will send out a written report about plans for the next two years....Vote 411. School Board Candidates. Letters will go out to candidates in local school districts: Salem-Keizer, Woodburn, Dallas, ?. Ideas for future – What do Special distracts do?, 16 - year-olds voting, meet your governmental officials, ballot measures, etc.
7. Archives for LWVMPC, Alice LaViolette. Alice spent time at the State Library of Oregon (formerly OR State Library) looking to see what the library had for LWVMPC materials. She discovered old materials from the 50's, and a few old studies. What the library would like are Oregon and LWVMPC studies over the years – three paper copies of each. THANK YOU, ALICE!

8. Poll of Board for Most Important Issues for Future Units. Barbara S-Y asked each member present which was the most important issue to her in each of the three categories discussed at the Program Planning meeting. Results were:
 - Communication: mis-information and civics education.
 - Social Policy: homelessness and mental health, homelessness as related to economics.
 - Climate Change: clean water/plastics, climate justice.
 - Voter Education and Youth Engagement: ballot measures, civics for youth and adults.
9. Comments. Barbara asked us to make note of speakers who would be knowledgeable about the topics mentioned above. How about homelessness connected to other issues. Deanie suggested deciding on a theme for next year.
10. Next unit meeting: Wednesday, March 15, 7 – 9 PM Zoom. Open primaries and ranked choice voting.
11. Next Board Meeting, second Monday, April 10, 2023, 3 – 5 PM

Submitted by Jean Sherbeck, Secretary