

League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties

April 10, 2023 Board Meeting, 3:00 – 5:00 PM

Zoom, hosted by LWVOR

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

1. Minutes of March 13, 2023 were approved as read.
2. Financial reports. Tomika showed her sample Quarterly Operating Budget Report. Members agreed it looked fine. A second sheet will show check register and balance sheet.

Tomika brought up an important business item: Pioneer Bank needs a letter to approve a VISA debit card application, card to be used to pay bills. It would have a credit limit of \$1000 and an ATM limit of \$200. Board members could use the debit card number to pay bills, rather than issuing several cards.

A motion to approve the above terms of debit card terms and use and Tomika Dew as cardholder was moved by Amy, and seconded by Kathleen. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the proposal that LWVMPC member dues be raised to \$75 and \$40 for second household member for the next fiscal year, to be voted on by the members at Annual Meeting, June 3, 2023.

It is anticipated that that Oregon and National LWV per member payments will remain at the current level, as far as is known now.

Amy moved that the budget prepared by the Budget Committee be presented at June 3rd annual meeting, to be approved by members. Motion passed unanimously.

3. It was agreed that the topic of by-laws would be addressed at a separate meeting on Monday, April 24th, Zoom at 4 – 5 PM. But please bring up questions or changes before the meeting.

4. Social gatherings item not addressed this time.

5. Program Planning:

Discussion centered on ideas and/or speakers for the several major topics developed at the Program planning meeting in January, with an emphasis on engaging youth with these topics.

Youth Homelessness, graduation rates, drug use, mental health.

Ideas – Polk Count Mental Health team in Polk Schools.

Jeremy Gordon, Polk Commissioner, member Mid-Willamette Valley Community Action Agency – their support of youth in several ways.

Climate change- OR packaging law, alternative to plastics. Chips bill and agricultural land use.

Mis-information – How to teach discernment to youth and adults.

Plus other suggestions and ideas: ex: Voters Service – Involve high school youth in developing questions for candidates, interviewing candidates, or getting youth speakers on current issues.

PLEASE SEND IDEAS AND SPEAKER SUGGESTIONS TO BARBARA.

Meeting adjourned 5:00 PM

Submitted by Jean Sherbeck, Secretary