

## **LWVMPC Board Meeting February 12, 2024**

**Attendees: Alice Laviolette, Meryl McKean, Amy Vandegrift, Barbara Sellers Young, Deanie Anderson, Tomika Dew**

The Board Meeting link for second Mondays is always the same.

1. Minutes: Amy Vandegrift moves to accept minutes from last meeting and Alice Laviolette seconds. The minutes are accepted unanimously.
2. Treasurer's report: Tomika has no changes from the submitted report discussed at the last Board meeting. A request for postage reimbursement is discussed and Tomika will issue a check. A new PayPal account is being created and the old one will be retired once the new account is up and running.
3. LWVOR Council Elks Lodge in Newport, OR from May 17-19, 2024. The national meeting is on the 27<sup>th</sup> of June in Washington DC. Two official voting representatives and others can attend.
4. Voter Service Update: Deanie reports, everything is scheduled with Capital Community Media. Candidate invitations and acceptance letters are going out. The races selected have 16 candidates at this time. Some Polk County races are included as well.
  - Deanie proposes that we have a voter service Marion/Polk brainstorming get-together. She would like February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024, by zoom. Kathleen will schedule for an hour.
  - Deanie will send out some details which would require some consensus and ideas for near future voter service events.
  - Youth engagement is going well. Deanie could use some volunteers. An engaging story to feature in Focus would be helpful and Deanie will do that. The Youth Council meeting in March could use some volunteers to house attendees.
5. 501c3 Report, Tomika liaison
6. Digital Archive/process of transmission.
  - Alice reports we have 14 GB of storage and we have only used 1 of that.
  - Barbara suggests that each board member create a thumb drive outlining the duties and responsibilities and knowledge that has been gained performing the duties of one's specific board position.
  - Tomika will digitize the Treasurer information she has and save it on flash drive, that will include 7 years' of information.
7. Informational Updates for Members and Board Meeting: Can anyone attend a board meeting? Answer is yes. Agreed that anyone interested in attending should ask a board member for the link as Focus directs.
8. Review Non-Voting Events. It would be beneficial to address upcoming events (outreach and potential events) that LWVMP could/should participate in, at each board meeting. This would keep these events in the forefront of our group consideration and make us less likely to overlook something. Discussion of the healthcare privatization issue. Agreed that the league should support national healthcare for all.

We move to make the decisions about individual suggestions/requests from other leagues to support an issue for national consideration be decided by the board. The board will make the decision for study consideration.

## 9. Land use (Alice)

LAND USE: COMPREHENSIVE PLAN (1973, 1976): The League supports the concept of the Salem Comprehensive Plan, urban growth policies and boundary.

Senate bill 1537 that would move our Urban Growth boundaries outward. The State league has 1995 (updated 2002) position statement with specifics about holding the boundary.

### CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FINANCING (1979)

1. The League of Women Voters of Marion and Polk Counties believes that capital improvement costs required by and specifically benefitting new growth areas should be primarily paid by the new development. Specifically, a form of development fee should be paid to the city by new growth.
2. The League believes that the responsibility for maintaining urban services in the existing developed area should be borne by the entire community through taxes and fees. The League recognizes that new growth impacts existing developed areas, affecting the quality of living in those areas and should share in funding capital improvements in the developed areas.

The League recognized that no one funding method satisfied all criteria. Specific options acceptable to members included the real estate transfer tax, systems development charge, income tax, business fees, users' fees and bonding in combinations which ensure that all elements of the community share the costs of capital improvements.

The League will take action for securing methods of financing capital improvements in the Salem urban area which are based on the benefits received and ability to pay, as well as the above positions.

Meeting is adjourned at 5:06