

## **League of Women Voters of Skagit County**

January 4, 2020

Meeting Location: Skagit Valley Herald Building, Mount Vernon, WA

10:30 a.m. To 12:30 p.m.

**Members attending:** Wende Sanderson, Mary Jane Golden, Britt Wisniewski, Doris Brevoort, Barbara Robinson, Kathy Reim, Lory Lawson, Carole Sullivan, Don Wick, Patti Santangelo, Kathryn Longfellow, Iris Carias, Ed West, Mary Ellen West, Edwyna Spiegel, and Peggy Ratermann.

### **Homelessness and it's Impact on our Children and our School (continued)**

Wende Sanderson opened the meeting with an article from the La Conner newspaper about homelessness. She shared this because of the impact we sometimes forget we have or maybe do not see. The article mentioned the League and the Skagit, Island, San Juan School Retiree's event on Student Homelessness earlier in the year. That event sparked the Soroptimist International of La Conner to make a difference by contacting the La Conner Schools and now working with them to provide resources for the McKinney Vento students and to the teachers who work with those students.

**Minutes:** December 2019, minutes were emailed to members. Two changes were made then the amended minutes were approved.

**Treasurers Report:** Lory Lawson provided a written Year End report for members.

Current Cash on hand: \$2,187.06 US Bank

LWV-WA Education Fund: \$697.34

Petty Cash: \$33.00

Membership Dues Outstanding: #341.00

Accounts payable: \$100. KSVR-FM

\$ 245.34 Balance LWV-USA 2019-2020

\$ 218.50 Balance LWV-WA 2019-2020

Membership: First Quarter 2020 dues invoices to be mailed January 2020.

Members approved minutes.

### **Guest Speaker: Sara Bernardy Partnership Specialist from NW WA Community Partnership and Engagement Programs, U.S. Census Bureau.**

Sara speaks to many community organizations to inform about the importance of the census that is coming in 2020. These trusted organizations help get the word out about the census plus help ensure that all people are informed of the process. All people will receive an invitation in Mid-March. Census day is April 1, 2020. The invitation will provide information on the many ways one can respond. Some things to note: If your mailing address is a Post Office box you will not receive an invitation in the mail. If you live in a group residence like a retirement home, a dorm or other place where many people reside but are not related or living together, you will not receive an invitation. Those people will have a census person come to the residence to provide the census

information. Information questionnaires are available in other languages, and forms. This census is very important as we need an accurate count of the population to receive the monies to support the programs such as Head Start, Title 1 grants, Social Services, Crime Victim Assistance, Special Programs for the Aging and many many more. Sara provided folders with more information to the members. She is speaking all around the NW Corner of WA, to other groups. She is available for speaking and for more information if needed.

**Membership Welcome Report:** Carol Sullivan reported no new members.

**Our Election Process in 2020 Information Session:** January 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
Skagit PUD, 1415 Freeway Drive, Mount Vernon, WA 98273

Planning: Setup, Chairs, Pop-up banner: Lory Lawson, Kathryn Longfellow, etc

Sign- In, Welcome:

Refreshments: Coffee etc, cookies: Iris Carias, Peggy

Voter Registration table: Patti Santangelo

Green cups, napkins pickup and delivery: Ed and Mary Ellen West.

Name tags: Lory Lawson

Tear Down:

Press Release: (Online version) Kathy Reim and Wende Sanderson

Ed West will email a copy of the flyer so each member can share it. Copies were made today by Lory so members could take some today to put out in the community. There are other members taking on the above responsibilities whose names I did not get but we need all hands on deck to cover each and all the above jobs.

**We Ignite: February 6/7 at the Swinomish Casino and Hotel:**

The League will host two panels on the morning of the 7<sup>th</sup>. (1) Ready to Run for Office with panel members: Lisa Janicki, Erin Moberg, Celia Ponce Sanchez and Iris Carias.

(2) How to be an Informed Voter: Panel members to be determined. Several names were suggested. Wende Sanderson will moderate one panel and another moderator is needed,

**Reader's Theater: "No Place like Home"** 7 p.m. February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Theater, Mount Vernon, WA. Patti Santangelo and Kathy Reim offered services.

**Other possible events:**

Welcome event for newly elected legislators. Kathy and Margaret are working on this event.

Suffrage Movies: Mary Jane is working on this event.

**Parking lot items:**

Barbara Robinson mentioned that she is not going to be as active and will either

need to step down as secretary or have subs willing and ready when needed.

Carol Sullivan shared a notebook she is keeping for the members with position papers from the state LWV. She will report each meeting to update members.

Doris shared information from the Action Workshop.

**Next Meeting: February 1, 2020 at Firestation 3 on E. Division Street, Mount Vernon, WA. 10:30 a.m.**