

## **League of Women Voters Minutes for January 29, 2020**

Location: Skagit Valley Herald Building

( Meeting was held early to replace the February meeting and was also to replace the Voter Services committee meeting.)

**Members attending:** Barbara Larson, Patty Santangelo, Mary Ellen West, Ed West, Carol Sullivan, Edwyna, Speigel, Margaret Colony, Kathy Reim, Kathryn Longfellow, Don Wick, Wende Sanderson, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jane Golden.

**Welcome and guests:** No guests.

**Minutes** from January 4<sup>th</sup> meeting were amended and voted approved.

**Treasurer's report:** Treasurer Lory Lawson provided a print out of the January 29<sup>th</sup> report. Current Cash on hand: \$2805.44

U.S. Bank: \$2070.81

LWV-WA Education Fund: \$697.34

Petty Cash: \$37.29

The treasurer's report was accepted by members.

Lory reported we have 4 members that have not renewed for 2019 and we will be contacting those members to encourage them to continue as members. First quarter membership invoices will be going out in February.

During our meeting we discussed per-member payments to the State and National Leagues. Lory forwarded the information via email the next day to correct any misunderstandings.

LWV-WA Individual member - \$19.00

Household member - \$9.50

LWV-USA Individual member - \$32.00

Household member - \$16.00

Net total for Skagit – Individual member - \$11.00

Household member - \$5.50

### **Brief Discussion of our By-Laws committee requirements:**

The league requires that each unit elects officers to serve on the executive board consisting of a President/Chair man, a secretary and a treasurer. Our unit also has added a vice president.

The by-laws also say we need to have a 3 member nominating committee. That committee reports on their slate of officer options at the April meeting so that the members can vote at the May meeting. A motion was made, seconded and passed naming volunteers Margaret Colony, Lory Lawson, and Kathryn Longfellow as the nominating committee this year.

The by-laws call for standing committees: Nominating committee, membership committee, Newsletter committee, Program chair were the 4 committees offered as possible committees for our group.

Carol Sullivan chairs the membership committee welcoming members. Tasks that could be added would be find ways to promote membership. The newsletter committee is new

for us. That chair would put notices in paper of meeting times, publish a newsletter and post on the website. Program chair is also new. This chair would suggest speakers, coordinate forums and find leaders. Don Wick and Kathy Reim offered to work but not lead this committee. We now have a Voter Services Committee with Wende Sanderson chairing. She will not be able to continue chairing as she is now president. We will need to consider how and where that committee will fit in with the above listings plus we need a new chair.

We will continue to work on this part of the by-laws requirement at future meetings. Kathy Reim suggested that we provide a job description of each officers role. A suggestion was made that we update our calendar so that we update our by-laws every 5 years.

**Discussion of TRY formatting:** Ed West has provided two formats of the TRY. One is 3 single sheets stapled together or one sheet 11x17 and folded. Steve Johnson and Ed are working on updates

Ed will send out the latest version to each member and also publish it on the website.

We will provide copies for the No Place Like Home event and for the WE Ignite event.

### **Planning for other events:**

**WE Ignite:** February 6 & 7 – Our group will hold panel discussions. Morning of February 7 will be Ready to Run for Office with Lisa Janicki, Erin Moberg, Celia Ponce-Sanchez, and Iris Carias with Wende Sanderson as moderator. The second panel will be How to be an Informed Voter with Kate Bennett, Madisun Tobisch, Nicole Long with Doris Brevoort as moderator. There will also be a voter registration table and with League information available. Edwyna and Carol will man the registration table. Kathy Reim will be available to offer information on our civics book on Washington state. There is a dinner and a reception that costs \$75. Our group has tickets available for those of our members that are interested at no cost.

**No Place Like Home:** February 15<sup>th</sup> at the Lincoln Theater. Several speakers will present information, an art auction will take place at 6:30 p.m. And the readers theater on homelessness in our local area will begin at 7 p.m.

Other:

Margaret and Kathy are still in the planning stages for a welcome event for newly elected and ongoing local officials.

**Possible Suffrage movies:** Mary Jane Golden has two options she would like us to consider. One Woman, One Vote is 1 hour and 20 minutes. Shoulder to Shoulder is 2 DVDs each 120 minutes. We need to plan a time to view these and the may use them at another event. Mary Jane suggested we use the Womans Suffarage Cookbook as gifts to the members of the panels at the WE Ignite event. Mary Jane is going to look into buying copies.

**Possibilities:** An event on the Census/Redistricting. Perhaps invite Bobbi Krebs-McMullen or Mary Kay Becker as presenters.

Parking lot items: We voted/approved the members of the nominating committee. Carol Sullivan mentioned Fairvote Washington where they promote using ranked choice voting. This would be a meeting where we would learn just what that is. There are two bills in Olympia now that speak to this issue.

Next meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup> at the Skagit Valley Herald at 10:30 a.m.

Barbara Robinson , Secretary