

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

March 7, 2020 Meeting Minutes

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

**Members attending:** Jodi Dean, Wende Sanderson, Mike Travis-guest, Peggy Raterman, Lory Lawson, Trena Berton and Mari-guest, Doris Brevoort, Ed West, Margaret Colony, Mary Jane Golden, Kathryn Longfellow, Patti Santangelo, Edwyna Spiegel, Carol Sullivan, Barbara Robinson.

### **Opening:**

Wende Sanderson welcomed guests by having each member and guest introduce themselves.

### **Speaker:**

Wende introduced Karen Crowley of Speak Up Schools. Karen from the Snohomish League of Women Voters came today to present our group an opportunity to join the Speak Up Schools efforts. Karen mentioned that the census is going to drive many things which includes our mapping. The focus of the Speak Up schools is to be a part of the voices that influence that mapping. The league feels that to support the creation of "fair" maps many voices need to be heard. The goals of the schools will be to train people so that they can speak to compelling points when the independent commissions come to the local communities. The suggestion is that with better input we will have better maps and that the league would be able to do this, by representing our diverse local areas and by holding them accountable. Karen is suggesting our unit join perhaps with other units to do this. If we decide to do so it would be next year in the early spring. We will need to identify partners, time and dates plus select hosts, coaches then gather names of those willing to testify. The WA. State League has tools, talking points, plus will be offering grants for \$\$ to support local leagues. The commissioners will be appointed at the end of 2020.

**Minutes:** Minutes of the January 29<sup>th</sup> meeting were accepted by the members.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lory provided a written report.

Current Cash on Hand: \$3350.48

\$2615.85 U.S. Bank

\$ 697.34 LWV-WA Education Fund

\$ 37/29 Petty Cash

Lory detailed that we have a deposit of \$421.04 a special grant from LWV-WA Education Fund to purchase a projector. Lory moved and it was seconded , and approved by the members that we repay Wende Sanderson for the cost of the new projector. The members accepted the treasurers report.

**Membership Welcome Report:** Carol Sullivan suggested we revisit the issue of recruiting new members, that perhaps the cost is a negative for some people specially the younger members. We do have an Associate Membership available for people under age 18 at \$17.

**Nomination Committee:** Lory reports that they are in progress with some names ready for the next meeting.

**Report from the Voter Services/Program committee:**

A possible **redistricting forum** with Alison was discussed. It had been scheduled for March 31. The members agreed that we need to postpone it and talk to Alison about rescheduling.

Discussions were also held about **candidate forums**.

**Fair Vote WA** is scheduled for April 6 at the Skagit PUD building from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Carol Sullivan spoke to this option to the way we vote now.

Mary Jane Golden mentioned that there are some publishing rights that mean we cannot show the film 1 Woman 1 Vote so she has researched and found a replacement that we can use: **Courage in Corsets**. The plan is to show it at the Burlington Library May 23<sup>rd</sup> from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. With information and discussions to be a part of the program.

May 29-31 **LWV State Council:** Meeting to be in Yakima, WA

June 19-21 **Berry Dairy Days:** Table for voter registration

Our league walk in parade?

July 15 Ballots drop on July 15<sup>th</sup> for Primary. If we are doing a **primary Candidate Forum**, we should target Mid July/perhaps July 13<sup>th</sup> or late in June. We should plan to work with partners such as the Retirees' and PFLAG.

September 22, 2020: **National Voter Registration Day**. We have a plan to again staff libraries and other locations.

**Note:** There is an important list for all members to check out at the end of the Voter Services calendar of events that Wende provided via email to members. I encourage you all to check that out.

Also since the meeting has been held our whole world and the way we live in it has changed. So many of the dates above may be changed. Keep in touch via email with Wende and any other members if you have questions.

Barbara Robinson, Secretary