

LWV Skagit Board Meeting

July 1, 2020

1:00 PM

MINUTES

*The League of Women Voters of Skagit County is a registered non-profit, nonpartisan political organization. We encourage the informed and active participation of citizens in government. The League acts in support of, or in opposition to, selected governmental issues which its members have studied. We do not endorse candidates or political parties. Our mission is to **Empower Voters and Defend Democracy** and we welcome women and men who share our mission to join as members.*

Welcome and Check in

Wende

Attendees: Wende Sanderson, Lory Lawson, Mary Jane Golden, Margaret Colony, Kathleen Reim, Andera Doll, Edwyna Spiegel, Barbara Robinson, Kathryn Longfellow

This is the first official board meeting where we will do the general business of the league. The general meeting will be for programmatic content

Minutes from June 6 meeting were moved seconded and approved

Review of Treasurer's Report

Lory Lawson

A current balance sheet, and vendor transaction sheet was presented and accepted. We have several members who have not paid dues. It was suggested that they be contacted to see if they are willing to reengage in the league. Various attendees agreed to make contact.

Membership Report

Lory Lawson

We have three new members. Carol Sullivan has contacted them

Voter Services Activities Report

Kathy Reim

Forums for the PUD and Judge candidates have been completed. Mount Vernon provided technically proficient service as well as putting people at ease. The goal was to give an opportunity to candidates to have their voices heard and that happened. There will be many locations where the files can be accessed. The questions went out to the candidates prior to the forum for accommodation compliance. Whatcom county forums will not pre-submit the questions to the candidates. Island County forms will be made available via links. For our local races there are a total of 29 candidates in the primary. In the general election, there will be 10 candidates.

Fifty 11 x 17 laminated posters have been ordered to be posted around the Skagit County advertising the QR code that will allow individuals to be able to register to vote. Cost \$190. Lory Lawson will ask a general question of Skagit Valley Herald if some of our printing can be done there. 411 also has posters and perhaps we could print some and post at the same time as the Register to Vote posters are posted. The QR code on the posters tags our league so we can retrieve data on effectiveness.

Burlington Library has canceled the scheduled time for showing the movie, Courage and Corsets. Perhaps there is another method of viewing the movie.

Snohomish County League has a script for a discussion of suffragettes that can be done for the August program.

Other reports and Updates:

- By Laws committee - no report Lory
- Mission Statement/Statement of purpose: It was discussed to use the following language:
Mission statement: Empower, Engage & Educate Voters Kathryn
- Trena Berton sent a statement from Wa State Bar Exec committee noting action items. The letter will be sent to members for input on recommending to the state board to align with the action items noted.

For Consideration: Website transition may occur after research regarding a cloud-based application that would allow specified members to update. It would need to allow more functionality. Ed/Wende

Plans for General membership meeting on July 11—Guest Speaker from Thurston County on their program—BE A VOTER – We will then breakout to smaller groups to discuss actions our league can take to engage community members in voting.

Parking lot items and Good of the Order

LaConner Weekly would like to have articles on the 19th amendment – one in July and four in August. Andrea Doll indicated she would help. Other writers would be appreciated and welcomed.

Wende will be sending a guide to statewide forums regarding positions that impact Skagit County

Meeting adjourned.