

LWV Skagit Board Meeting

July 29, 2020

Our Mission: Empower, Engage & Educate Voters

Attendees: Kathy Reim, Carol Sullivan, Andrea Doll, Wende Sanderson

Meeting called to order at 1:05PM. Minutes from July 1st Board meeting were approved as emailed.

Treasurers Reports: Lory's treasurers report dated July 11, 2020 was reviewed, with acknowledgement of the following additions since then:

- INCOME: A total of \$400 donation from PFLAG—half to be used toward Register to Vote Posters, the other half to be used toward printing of new TRY's after the election
- EXPENSES per Barbara Robinson:
 - \$193 for 1st printing of Register to Vote Posters
 - \$173 for printing of 2nd iteration of Register to Vote posters

Membership report: Carol reported that there are no new members since last Board meeting. A thank-you letter has been sent to PFLAG for their generous donations.

Voter Services Report: Kathy reported on success with poster placements—she is producing a list of all the location which currently are displaying posters. CAN YOU HELP? More posters will be available to pick up tomorrow from 1 – 3PM at Ristretto's for anyone who has locations who'd accept placement. (if you know popular spots that would have lots of visibility during later phases of re-opening, feel free to take posters now so you can place them when locations are re-opened!)

PLEASE NOTE: Deadline for Online registration for Primary election has now passed, so encourage people to register at the Elections Department between now and 8:00 PM August 4th.

Kathy pointed out there is urgency for getting info to voters about Vote411 NOW for the Primary election. Since we have the funds in our treasury, the board members present authorized Kathy to create Vote411 flyers. She will print about a dozen and Skagit LWV will reimburse the costs.

Important Decisions about candidate forums (or other educational events) related to the General Election will be discussed at next Voter Services Committee meeting, currently scheduled for August 19th.

Program Committe Report: Wende reported that Andrea Doll will be our speaker at the August 1st General membership meeting discussing Drexel University's Vision2020 program. If there is time, she will also share a

bit about her experience as a legislator in Alaska. During the August meeting, we will also have small group discussions to ask participants about their reasons and hopes for what being a part of the League means to them.

September General Membership meeting will be the play by Vicki Roberts-Gasler, past president of Snohomish County League of Women Voters, called Interview with our Formothers. Mary Jane Golden is producing and directing the play, and the author will be attending the September meeting so we can thank her and recognize her efforts!

No other reports were available at this meeting.

There was a general discussion about the number of viewers of the Candidates Forums and whether they were worth doing in the same way for the General Election. Some ideas/brainstorm items:

- Candidate's forums should be available within a day of people's receiving of ballots.
- Forums should be succinct—around 30 minutes?
- Perhaps an educational session about how to make good decisions on the ballot—what information is available to voters to learn about candidates and issues
- Would a session on Initiatives and Referendums be helpful? Could we get input from the community about what would be most helpful to them?
- Is there a way to incorporate the kids who won't be attending school in person—could there be a way to engage kids in finding out about one of the races—and have them involve their parents as part of the homework?

Meeting adjourned at 2:25PM