

Voter Services/Programs Subcommittee

Feb 17, 2021 - 1:00 PM

Minutes

Attendees: Carol Sullivan, Kathy Reim, Bev Austin, Susie Wilson, Nancy Jenny, Don Wick, Margaret Colony, Wende Sanderson

1. Confirmed/Scheduled programs
 - a. Speak Up School – all 3 modules. Sat 3/20/21 9:00 – 12N
 - i. Testimony Only – Mon 3/22/21 6:00 – 8PM
 - ii. Testifying Only—Thurs 3/25/21 6:00 – 7:30PM
 - iii. Data Lenses—Explore district maps—Tues. 3/23/21 6:00 – 7:30PM
 - b. Sat March 6th 10:30 AM– Skagit Home Trust Skagit LWV member Jodi Dean is our presenter. Member Sally Stern to introduce.

2. We discussed conducting a local study on Homelessness in Skagit County to review the current status of the crisis and our local responses to it. We'd be reviewing the State League's position on Homelessness and studies which have already been completed about the issue in Skagit County by various organizations. Margaret agreed to head up a local study if we have adequate volunteers to work with her. Wende and Don W have volunteered to be a part of this study group. Please contact Wende or Margaret if you are interest in this project.

3. We reviewed a LWV Calendar template that our Committee can use to help with ideas for timely events and tracking of programs we've conducted. The template was downloaded from LWVWA website, and is now housed on a Google Drive shared by Carol Sullivan and Wende Sanderson for updating.

4. Future Program ideas
 - a. The recording from Fri Feb 12th WE Ignite panel with 5 local judges on "Bridging the Gavel Gap" will be available for our League to present at a future meeting.
 - b. **Bev and Kathy R** are designing two programs on Community Policing/approaches to involving social and mental health workers—one highlighting MV Police Department's approach, the other highlighting the approach of Skagit County Sheriff's Mental Health work. Bev and Kathy will propose April and May dates to potential presenters, but we can adjust time/date around their availability .
 - c. **Susie Wilson and Barbara Robinson** will flesh out ideas for a program concerning Civics Education in our elementary schools. It was discussed that timing is probably not until late fall at the earliest for this program, due to COVID impact on teachers and school calendars.
 - d. Homelessness—possibility of a panel discussion regarding housing projects underway. Suggestions were Steve Sexton, Sarah Hinman (County Housing and Community Services Division Manager) and Anacortes Family Center representatives as possible panelists.